



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 23, 2026

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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— ORDER OF WORSHIP —

Thank you for joining us this morning! At Christ the King, our worship is a divine-human dialogue, in accordance with Scriptural example and precedent, alternatively hearing God's Word and responding in prayer, song, or meditation. The boxes throughout the bulletin were written to aid each worshipper in thoughtful and meaningful participation in this dialogue. Please prepare your heart by reading through the bulletin, praying for those leading and worshipping around you, and silencing all communication devices.

** Indicates congregational standing*

WE APPROACH THE LORD

Call to Worship

We note the rationale in this psalm for the worship of God: that God is King over all the earth and reigns over the nations, and that He has subdued peoples and nations under the feet of His people, and has incorporated their princes into the company of His people.

Psalm 47 ^{ESV}

- ¹ *Clap your hands, all peoples!
Shout to God with loud songs of joy!*
- ² *For the Lord, the Most High, is to be feared,
a great king over all the earth.*
- ³ *He subdued peoples under us,
and nations under our feet.*
- ⁴ *He chose our heritage for us,
the pride of Jacob whom he loves. Selah*
- ⁵ *God has gone up with a shout,
the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.*
- ⁶ *Sing praises to God, sing praises!
Sing praises to our King, sing praises!*
- ⁷ *For God is the King of all the earth;
sing praises with a psalm!*
- ⁸ *God reigns over the nations;
God sits on his holy throne.*
- ⁹ *The princes of the peoples gather
as the people of the God of Abraham.
For the shields of the earth belong to God;
he is highly exalted!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We rejoice that “the prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for Him...for lo, his doom is sure; one little Word shall fell him.”

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

(Trinity Hymnal #92)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

As in the time of Elisha, kings within the Kingdom of God must be submissive to the Word of God, and see human adversaries not so much as enemies, but as those who have been taken captive, first by Satan and hopefully by Christ, and treat them with kindness as part of winning them to the truth.

2 Kings 6:15-23 ESV

¹⁵ When the servant of the man of God rose early in the morning and went out, behold, an army with horses and chariots was all around the city. And the servant said, "Alas, my master! What shall we do?" ¹⁶ He said, "Do not be afraid, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them." ¹⁷ Then Elisha prayed and said, "O Lord, please open his eyes that he may see." So the Lord opened the eyes of the young man, and he saw, and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha. ¹⁸ And when the Syrians came down against him, Elisha prayed to the Lord and said, "Please strike this people with blindness." So he struck them with blindness in accordance with the prayer of Elisha. ¹⁹ And Elisha said to them, "This is not the way, and this is not the city. Follow me, and I will bring you to the man whom you seek." And he led them to Samaria.

²⁰ As soon as they entered Samaria, Elisha said, "O Lord, open the eyes of these men, that they may see." So the Lord opened their eyes and they saw, and behold, they were in the midst of Samaria. ²¹ As soon as the king of Israel saw them, he said to Elisha, "My father, shall I strike them down? Shall I strike them down?" ²² He answered, "You shall not strike them down. Would you strike down those whom you have taken captive with your sword and with your bow? Set bread and water before them, that they may eat and drink and go to their master." ²³ So he prepared for them a great feast, and when they had eaten and drunk, he sent them away, and they went to their master. And the Syrians did not come again on raids into the land of Israel.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our responsibility before a watching world is to live in such a way that they desire our King to be theirs as well. As His Word instructs us, it is His kindness that leads people to repentance.

O Most gracious and loving Heavenly Father, who gave your only begotten Son to save the world, and who has privileged us to be your ambassadors and representatives in this world, we confess that we have often failed to live up to our calling, sinning publicly and privately, and poorly reflecting your holiness to a watching world. Like Israel of old, we have behaved in such a way that your Name is blasphemed among unbelievers rather than honored. We have sought our own comfort and satisfaction more than your glory. We have dishonored you by cherishing idols in our hearts more than you. The remembrance of these things brings sorrow to our hearts. We earnestly repent of these our misdoings, in thought, word, and deed, and seek not only forgiveness, but grace to mortify these and all remaining sins within us, as we seek you and you alone as our Great Reward, in the Name and power and for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Joshua, as the high priest, represented all the people of God at the time of the return from exile, but God's final answer to Satan was yet to be uttered. Joshua was only a sign of the Branch, the One to come who would remove the iniquity of His people once for all in a single day.

Zechariah 3:1-10 ESV

¹ Then he showed me Joshua the high priest standing before the angel of the Lord, and Satan standing at his right hand to accuse him. ² And the Lord said to Satan, "The Lord rebuke you, O Satan! The Lord who has chosen Jerusalem rebuke you! Is not this a brand plucked from the fire?" ³ Now Joshua was standing before the angel, clothed with filthy garments. ⁴ And the angel said to those who were standing before him, "Remove the filthy garments from him." And to him he said, "Behold, I have taken your iniquity away from you, and I will clothe you with pure vestments." ⁵ And I said, "Let them put a clean turban on his head." So they put a clean turban on his head and clothed him with garments. And the angel of the Lord was standing by.

⁶ And the angel of the Lord solemnly assured Joshua, ⁷ “Thus says the Lord of hosts: If you will walk in my ways and keep my charge, then you shall rule my house and have charge of my courts, and I will give you the right of access among those who are standing here. ⁸ Hear now, O Joshua the high priest, you and your friends who sit before you, for they are men who are a sign: behold, I will bring my servant the Branch. ⁹ For behold, on the stone that I have set before Joshua, on a single stone with seven eyes, I will engrave its inscription, declares the Lord of hosts, and I will remove the iniquity of this land in a single day. ¹⁰ In that day, declares the Lord of hosts, every one of you will invite his neighbor to come under his vine and under his fig tree.”

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

Only Jesus can give us rest from the curse of the Fall, because He is the only One who has dealt with sin, so as to say with finality, “It is finished!”

“My Faith Has Found a Resting Place”

(Trinity Hymnal #468)

Prayers of Intercession

During this time the elders will be in the back of the room, ready to take personal prayer requests from and pray with all who want this, and these will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer in this way will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with the words, “We offer these our prayers,” followed by a brief silent prayer from each individual.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

Kingdom Musings III: “The Battle with Satan’s Kingdom”

* Luke 11:14-26

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

Communion Meditation

Words of Institution

Prayer of Consecration

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. (*or universal)

Distribution of Elements

Because we believe that wine was used in the Last Supper and is thus more in accord with the fullness of symbolism intended by God in the Lord's Supper, we offer and encourage wine for those who take part in Communion. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles.

“O Lord, I Love You, My Shield, My Tower” (Trinity Hymnal #620)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

As we have seen in today's sermon, in leading “a host of captives,” Jesus rescued His people from Satan's kingdom, and gave them gifts, the most cherished of which was the Holy Spirit. We respond in worship by presenting gifts to Him in response.

Ephesians 4:7-10 ESV

⁷ But grace was given to each one of us according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore it says,

*"When he ascended on high he led a host of captives,
and he gave gifts to men."*

⁹ (In saying, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower regions, the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is the one who also ascended far above all the heavens, that he might fill all things.)

"See, The Conqueror Mounts in Triumph" (Trinity Hymnal #291 v.1 & 3)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

The battle between the kingdom of Satan and the Kingdom of God proceeds, and we are footsoldiers in God's army. But we know who "must win the battle," as we sang at the beginning of our service. And so we end it.

"Onward, Christian Soldiers"

(Trinity Hymnal #572)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

August 23, 2026

Kingdom Musings III: “The Battle with Satan’s Kingdom”

Luke 11:14-26

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How do Satan’s kingdom and God’s kingdom relate to each other?

I. Satan’s kingdom *involves a sphere of authority.*

A. Satan controls demons.

B. Satan controls unredeemed mankind.

II. God's kingdom *restores the authority of mankind.*

A. Manifestation of God's authority.

B. Freedom from Satan's tyranny.

III. Both kingdoms *involve a submission to authority*.

A. There is no such thing as freedom from authority.

B. Recognition of authority defines kingdom membership.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

VISION

Purpose (our reason for existence): to reverse the effects of rebellion against God (sin)

Mission (what we are called to do): to build the Kingdom of God, by...

- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

Core Values (our fundamental commitments):

1. *Knowing* truth from God (Scripture)
2. *Being* right with God (Justification)
3. *Living* life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

1. *Worship*—People experiencing and being attracted to and trained in the enjoyment of God
2. *Fellowship*—People displaying and enjoying genuinely loving and giving relationships/Christian community
3. *Christian Education*—People being confronted with and oriented to the whole truth of God
4. *Outreach*—People being drawn to the Church and trained to draw others
5. *Mercy*—People caring about and meeting the material needs of both non-Christians and other Christians



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