

CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 9, 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

The rationale for worshipping God presented here, His majesty, is all the more important when we remember what He did to humble Himself in the Person of His Son.

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 celebrate the fact that the one who is "Creator of the rolling sphere, ineffably sublime" is also the "Lord of Love," whose wounds are glorified above.

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #295)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*What God is requiring of all, especially those with any authority, is nothing other than what He Himself exemplified in Christ, **though He was and is God.***

Philippians 2:1-11 ESV

¹ So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, ² complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. ⁵ Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, ⁶ who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, ⁷ but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. ⁸ And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. ⁹ Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, ¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, ¹¹ and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We use this hymn from time to time as a confession, to focus on the “busy pride” that so easily leads us away from intimacy with God, and to pray for the humility with which He identifies and which He blesses with His presence.

“Jesus, Cast a Look on Me”

(RUF Tune)

1. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
The voice of lamentation;
Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
And hear my supplication;
If Thou iniquities dost mark,
Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)
O who shall stand before Thee?
(Who shall stand before Thee?)

2. To wash away the crimson stain,
Grace, grace alone availeth;
Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
In much the best life faileth;
No man can glory in Thy sight,
All must alike confess Thy might,
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)
And live alone by mercy
(Live alone by mercy)

3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
And not in mine own merit;
On Him my soul shall rest, His word
Upholds my fainting spirit;
His promised mercy is my fort,
My comfort and my sweet support;
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)
I wait for it with patience
(Wait for it with patience)

4. What though I wait the live-long night,
And til the dawn appeareth,
My heart still trusteth in His might;
It doubteth not nor feareth;
Do thus, O ye of Israels seed,
Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
And wait til God appeareth
(Wait til God appeareth)
And wait til God appeareth
(Wait til God appeareth)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes
His grace much more aboundeth;
His helping love no limit knows,
Our upmost need it soundeth.
Our Shepherd good and true is He,
Who will at last His Israel free
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow
(All their sin and sorrow)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel of the Kingdom proclaims that, although we fell into a drastic status before God in Adam, God in His mercy has raised us up to a glorious status in Christ.

Ephesians 2:1-7 *ESV*

¹ And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the flesh and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

It is the name of Jesus, into which we have been baptized, that contains the power to save all those who trust in Him to the uttermost, not only delivering from the guilt of sin, but also restoring kingship and stewardship over all which He has regained authority (Matthew 28:16-20).

“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!”

(Trinity Hymnal #296)

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, I:

“The Kingdom Significance of the “Son of God”” (continued)

*Luke 1:26-56

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.

“Lord, Our Lord, Thy Glorious Name”

(Trinity Hymnal #144)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is in the context of worship that God's people, represented by the 24 elders here, give to the Lamb a token of all that He is worthy to receive, of which our tithes and offerings are certainly a part.

Revelation 5:1-14 ESV

¹ Then I saw in the right hand of him who was seated on the throne a scroll written within and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² And I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it, ⁴ and I began to weep loudly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. ⁵ And one of the elders said to me, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals."

⁶ And between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders I saw a Lamb standing, as though it had been slain, with seven horns and with seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ And he went and took the scroll from the right hand of him who was seated on the throne. ⁸ And when he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each holding a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying,

"Worthy are you to take the scroll
and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,

¹⁰ and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."

¹¹ Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, ¹² saying with a loud voice,

"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!"

¹³ And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

*"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"*

¹⁴ And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshiped.

"Look, Ye Saints, the Sight is Glorious"

(Trinity Hymnal #299)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we depart today, we pray to the "high King of Heaven" to bring to fruition all of the aspirations of our hearts as children of God in a spirit of humility, recognizing that only He can bring this to pass, but knowing that the victory is already won by Him who is even now on the throne.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

August 9, 2026

Kingdom Musings, I:

“The Kingdom Significance of the ‘Son of God’”

Luke 1:26-56

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How does God’s promise to Mary illustrate the full meaning of “Son of God?”

I. The Son of God is a *divine* figure.

A. Divine origin.

B. Divine nature.

II. The Son of God is a *sovereign* figure.

A. Son of David.

B. Son of Abraham.

III. The Son of God is a *humble* figure.

A. Assuming humility.

B. Exalting humility.

— 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...

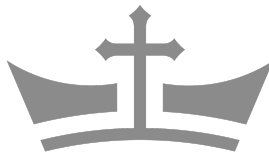
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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