

CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 13, 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

Our call to worship today highlights the realities of our true need and hunger: for God Himself, and reminds us that He is faithful to be present where two or more are gathered in His name.

Psalm 42:2, 11 ESV

Leader: Let us now meet with God in worship and praise!

Congregation: My soul thirsts for God,
for the living God.
When shall I come and appear before God?

Leader: The presence of God is with us, even as He promised!

Congregation: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you in turmoil within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,
my salvation and my God.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We celebrate and adore the One who came to earth as David's Son, and leads His children on to be crowned, embody His rule, and enjoy Him forever.

“Once in Royal David’s City”

(Trinity Hymnal #225)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

As always, it is dependence upon God and not upon our own resources that is the key to victory over the enemies of the Kingdom, and, as always dependence upon God is manifested in obedience to His Word and devotion to Him alone.

Joshua 7:1-5 ESV

¹ But the people of Israel broke faith in regard to the devoted things, for Achan the son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, of the tribe of Judah, took some of the devoted things. And the anger of the Lord burned against the people of Israel.

² Joshua sent men from Jericho to Ai, which is near Beth-aven, east of Bethel, and said to them, "Go up and spy out the land." And the men went up and spied out Ai. ³ And they returned to Joshua and said to him, "Do not have all the people go up, but let about two or three thousand men go up and attack Ai. Do not make the whole people toil up there, for they are few." ⁴ So about three thousand men went up there from the people. And they fled before the men of Ai, ⁵ and the men of Ai killed about thirty-six of their men and chased them before the gate as far as Shebarim and struck them at the descent. And the hearts of the people melted and became as water.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession highlights one of the themes of our service today: the need for humble faith and dependence upon God and His mercy.

"A Sinner's Cry"

(RUFTune)

*1. Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope's in Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner poor
And wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee
O God, be merciful to me*

*3. To Thee I come, a sinner great
And well Thou knowest all my state
Yet full forgiveness is with Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner lost
Nor have I aught wherein to trust
But where Thou art, Lord, I would be
O God be merciful to me*

*2. To Thee I come, a sinner weak
And scarce know how to pray or speak
From fear and weakness set me free
O God, be merciful to me!
To Thee I come, a sinner vile
Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
Mercy, through blood, I make my plea
O God, be merciful to me*

*4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last
And there, when all my fears are past
With all Thy saints, then, I'll agree
God has been merciful to me*

TAG: God has been merciful to me

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*Christ died for the weak, who know they are weak, and thus through His strength made manifest in voluntary weakness, delivered those who **trust** in Him from the wrath of God.*

Romans 5:6-9 ESV

⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die— ⁸ but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. ⁹ Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We celebrate the fact that every blessing we have, especially salvation, is received by the grace of God in His mercy through Jesus Christ, the Fount of every blessing (II Corinthians 2:20), and Him alone.

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

(Trinity Hymnal #457)

(Sing this verse after verse 3 in the Trinity Hymnal)

*O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face;
Clothed then in blood washed linen How I'll sing Thy sovereign grace;
Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, Take my ransomed soul away;
Send thine angels now to carry Me to realms of endless day.*

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)

The Power of the Gospel: Romans 1: “The Gospel and the Kingdom”

* Romans 1:1-17

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.

“Unto My Lord Jehovah Said”

(Trinity Hymnal #313)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Mirroring the worship of God in Heaven, we “cast our crowns before the throne” as we present our tithes and offerings to the King of kings and Lord of lords.

Revelation 4:9-11 ESV

⁹ And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, ¹⁰ the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

*¹¹ “Worthy are you, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honor and power,
for you created all things,
and by your will they existed and were created.”*

“Sing to the Lord, Sing His Praise”

(Trinity Hymnal #62)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today expressing our total dependence upon Jesus, the Lover of our souls, who have opened the way to love and life to all who will trust in Him.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

(RUF Tune)

*1. Jesus, lover of my soul,
Let me to Thy bosom fly,
While the nearer waters roll,
While the tempest still is high.
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,
Til lifes storm is past;
Safe into the haven guide;
Receive my soul at last.*

*2. Other refuge have I none,
I helpless, hang on Thee;
Leave, oh leave me not alone,
Support and comfort me.
All my trust on Thee is stayed,
All help from Thee I bring;
Cover my defenseless head
In the shadow of Thy wing.*

*3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,
Here more than all I find;
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is Thy Name,
I am all unrighteousness;
False and full of sin I am;
Thou art full of truth and grace.*

*4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,
Grace to cover all my sin;
Let the healing streams abound;
Make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art,
Let me take of Thee;
Spring Thou up within my heart;
For all eternity.*

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

September 13, 2026

The Power of the Gospel: Romans I: “The Gospel and the Kingdom”

Romans 1:1-17

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How is the “Gospel of God” (v. 1) actually the “Gospel of the Kingdom” (Matthew 3:2; 4:17)?

- I. The Gospel of God centralizes the *Lord* of the Kingdom, vv. 1-7.
 - A. Christ as Son of David.
 - B. Christ as Son of God.
 - C. Christ as reigning King.
 - D. Christ as source of salvation.

II. The Gospel of God necessitates the *growth* of the Kingdom, vv. 8-15.

A. Extensive growth.

B. Intensive growth.

III. The Gospel of God elucidates the *power* of the Kingdom,
vv. 16, 17.

A. The source of the power.

B. The goal of the power.

C. The avenue to the power.

D. The function of the power.

— 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...

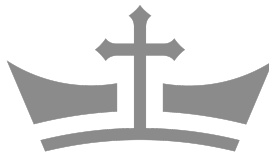
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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