

CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, September 20, 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 rejoice in the fact that all peoples and nations are called to worship God — including both us who gather today for that purpose and all His and our enemies — and that all will eventually be brought to that place, one way or another.

Psalm 66:1-4 ESV

- ¹ Shout for joy to God, all the earth;
² sing the glory of his name;
 give to him glorious praise!
³ Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!
 So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
⁴ All the earth worships you
 and sings praises to you;
 they sing praises to your name.”

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

*We call each other in this hymn to **shout**, and for good reason: Jesus has been crowned King of all the earth, and He is now in the process of expanding His Kingdom and putting all His enemies under His feet, so that all, whether Gentiles or Jews, acknowledge His rule and bow the knee to Him.*

“Shout, for the Blessed Jesus Reigns”

(Trinity Hymnal #369)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

We are never to be ashamed of Christ or His words, the heart of which is the “Gospel of God.” To be so will bring eventually disastrous consequences for those who are.

Mark 8:38 ESV

For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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

(RUF Tune)

*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

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

In contrast to being ashamed of those who are ashamed of Him, at His coming Jesus will confess (manifest His approval of) those who overcome through the power of the Gospel of God.

Revelation 3:5 *ESV*

The one who conquers will be clothed thus in white garments, and I will never blot his name out of the book of life. I will confess his name before my Father and before his angels.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

*The power of the gospel is the power of Jesus' **Name**, which is the totality of all that He is and all that He has done, and it is in that Name that we rejoice in celebrating the Gospel of God.*

“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)

**The Power of the Gospel: Romans I:
“The Gospel and the Kingdom” (Part II)**

* 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.

“Jesus Shall Reign”

(Trinity Hymnal #441)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

It is the power of God in the gospel which gives both the ability and the motivation to give to its cause.

II Corinthians 9:6-11 ESV

⁶ The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. ⁹ As it is written,

“He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever.”

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

“May the Mind of Christ My Savior”

(Trinity Hymnal #644)

Presentation of Offerings

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 life's 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 20, 2026

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

Romans I: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...

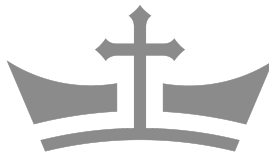
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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