

# CHRIST

## — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 18, 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*

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## Call to Worship

*This call to worship reminds us that God has made this Lord's Day for us and that it is our duty and delight to rejoice and be glad in the Lord on his day. Let us rejoice and be glad that he has provided a way of salvation through the grace of his Son.*

## Psalm 118:24 <sup>ESV</sup>

*This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

### \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise God in celebration of His free gift of salvation in Christ, remembering that his blood alone, not our works, can remove our sin and guilt.*

### “Not What My Hands Have Done”

(Trinity Hymnal #461)

# *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Are you so focused on the shortcomings of others that you are unable to see the filth in your own soul? May God's word discern our thoughts and the intentions of our hearts as we confess to him how we have disobeyed his commandments.*

## Proverbs 30:12-13; Matthew 7:1-5 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>12</sup> *There are those who are clean in their own eyes  
but are not washed of their filth.*

<sup>13</sup> *There are those—how lofty are their eyes,  
how high their eyelids lift!*

<sup>1</sup> Judge not, that you be not judged. <sup>2</sup> For with the judgment you pronounce you will be judged, and with the measure you use it will be measured to you. <sup>3</sup> Why do you see the speck that is in your brother's eye, but do not notice the log that is in your own eye? <sup>4</sup> Or how can you say to your brother, 'Let me take the speck out of your eye,' when there is the log in your own eye? <sup>5</sup> You hypocrite, first take the log out of your own eye, and then you will see clearly to take the speck out of your brother's eye.

## Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Along with King David in the Old Testament and the Tax Collector in Christ's parable, let us confess our sinfulness and our sins and cast ourselves on the mercy of God.*

**"God, Be Merciful to Me"**

(Trinity Hymnal #486)

## ***WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS***

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### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The good news is that God has given his people, who are natural-born lawbreakers, an alien righteousness, his own righteousness, which is received through faith in Christ alone, apart from the law. Praise be to God that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus!*

### **Romans 3:21-26** ESV

<sup>21</sup> But now the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law, although the Law and the Prophets bear witness to it— <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction: <sup>23</sup> for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, <sup>24</sup> and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith. This was to show God's righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over former sins. <sup>26</sup> It was to show his righteousness at the present time, so that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*Our assurance of salvation rests entirely on the active obedience of Christ (his perfect obedience to the law) and the passive obedience of Christ (his obedient death on the cross). The righteousness of Christ, imputed to us through faith, is the ground of our acceptance before God. This gospel of grace frees us to rejoice in the Lord and walk in obedience.*

## “Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness”

(Trinity Hymnal #520)

## 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*

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### Sermon

(Jeremy Sexton)

### “Be Propitiated Toward Me”: The Sinner's Prayer

\* Luke 18:9-14

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*The gospel is that our Lord Jesus Christ, though infinitely rich, became poor for our sake, so that we might partake of his riches. We cannot out give God, but the sacrifice of our Savior encourages us to give of our wealth for the sake of Christ and the gospel.*

## 2 Corinthians 8:9 <sup>ESV</sup>

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

**“By Grace I’m Saved, Grace Free & Boundless”**(Trinity Hymnal #456)

**Presentation of Offerings**

**\* Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

**Prayer of Dedication**

## ***WE RESPOND TO THE WORD***

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*We close our worship with an admonition to ourselves and to each other to pursue the righteousness which blesses us and overcome the sin that curses us, through the power and provision of God.*

**“Arise, My Soul, Arise”**

(Trinity Hymnal #305)

**Benediction**

# **SERMON NOTES**

October 18, 2026

## **“Be Propitiated Toward Me”: The Sinner's Prayer**

**Luke 18:9-14**

*(Jeremy Sexton)*

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Introduction:

*God declares us righteous in his sight when we abandon self-righteousness, acknowledge our sin, and plead for God's mercy in Christ.*

I. The shape of self-righteousness (v. 9)

A. Trusting in yourself

B. Treating others with contempt

II. The tale of two prayers (vv. 10-13)

III. The sinner's prayer (v. 13)

IV. Who goes home justified? (v. 14)

## — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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# VISION

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**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...

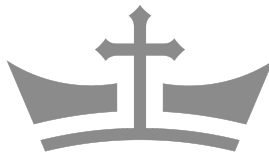
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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