

CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 25, 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 key feature to this psalm is its constant reference to the fact that our only hope is to take refuge in God, but that this is a certain hope. This is why, in verse 2, the psalmist proclaims that his “boast is in the Lord (see Ephesians 2:9),” so that he can urge “the **humble**”(that is, those who realize their sin before God) to “be glad.”*

Psalm 34 ^{ESV}

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

*We are called to “love, and sing, and wonder,” because God Himself has “hushed the Law’s loud thunder” and “quenched Mt. Sinai’s flame” through the work of Christ, so that “**justice smiles and asks no more.**”*

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

(Trinity Hymnal #172)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

*The faith that saves is a faith that works. The presumption that works have nothing to do with salvation is a false doctrine. Works do not save; God saves, **through faith** (Ephesians 2:8, 9), but true faith always results in a measure of imperfect, but nevertheless righteous, works (James 2:14-26).*

Deuteronomy 5:31-33; Matthew 7:21-23 ^{ESV}

³¹ But you, stand here by me, and I will tell you the whole commandment and the statutes and the rules that you shall teach them, that they may do them in the land that I am giving them to possess.’ ³² You shall be careful therefore to do as the Lord your God has commanded you. You shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left. ³³ You shall walk in all the way that the Lord your God has commanded you, that you may live, and that it may go well with you, and that you may live long in the land that you shall possess.

²¹ “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² On

that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' ²³ And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

If we focus only on ourselves and our sin, we will be laden with guilt. The remedy, and the focus of true repentance, is turning to our only hope: the treasure of Christ Himself.

“Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears”

(RUF Tune)

*I. Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.*

*3. This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.*

*2. This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.*

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

If we belong to Christ as our Mediator, we are no longer under the condemnation of the Covenant of Works headed by Adam (this is the meaning here of being “under the law”), but under the Covenant of Grace, so that our standing with God is not determined by our imperfect righteousness, but instead by that of our representative, Jesus.

Galatians 5:17, 18 ^{ESV}

¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

True understanding of and reliance upon the Gospel produces a love that cannot but help to express itself in works of righteousness, which produce the joy of our salvation (Psalm 51:12).

“Love Constraining to Obedience”

(RUF Tune)

Chorus:

*To see the Law by Christ fulfilled,
To hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child
And duty into choice.*

*3. Then to abstain from outward sin
Was more than I could do
Now if I feel its power within
I feel I hate it too.
(Repeat chorus)*

*1. No strength of nature can suffice
To serve the Lord aright
And what she has, she misapplies,
For want of clearer light.
(Repeat chorus)*

*4. Then all my servile works were done,
A righteousness to raise
Now, freely chosen in the Son,
I freely choose His ways.
(Repeat chorus)*

*2. How long beneath the Law I lay
In bondage and distress
I toiled the precept to obey,
But toiled without success.
(Repeat chorus)*

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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 IV:
“The Law of God and Salvation”**

*Romans 2:12-29

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.

“Blessed Is the Man”

(Trinity Hymnal #564)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

How do we respond to the grace of God in salvation? At least one way, according to His Word, is to offer to Him tribute and thanksgiving in the context of public corporate worship, which we do now with our tithes and offerings.

Psalm 116:5, 6, 12, 17-19 ^{ESV}

⁵ Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

⁶ The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

¹² What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me?

¹⁷ I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.

¹⁸ I will pay my vows to the Lord
in the presence of all his people,

¹⁹ in the courts of the house of the Lord,
in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

“What Shall I Render to My God”

(Trinity Hymnal #637)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship with a prayer that God will work in us to live in such a way that He is pleased with our lives, which is a life of true freedom.

“Father, I Know That All My Life”

(Trinity Hymnal #559)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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The Power of the Gospel: Romans IV: “The Law of God and Salvation”

Romans 2:12-29

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

How does the law of God relate to our salvation?

I. All people are *judged according to* the law of God, vv. 12-16.

A. All people have access to the law.

B. All people are condemned by the law.

II. No one is *saved by* the law of God, vv. 17-24.

A. Mere awareness of the law is not a virtue.

B. Violation of the law is universal.

III. All those who are saved are *saved through* the law of God,
vv. 25-29

A. The law must be written on the heart.

B. The heart must be expressed in actions.

— 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...

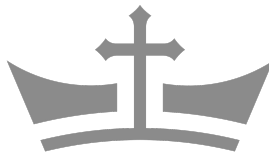
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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