



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 4 , 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

This call to worship has as its rationale the contrast between idols, which are not worthy of worship but receive it, and the LORD, who is abundantly worthy. It anticipates both the immediately following hymn of praise and today's passage from the Law, which contains the same emphasis.

Psalm 115 ESV

*¹ Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory,
for the sake of your steadfast love and your faithfulness!*

**² Why should the nations say,
“Where is their God?”**

**³ Our God is in the heavens;
he does all that he pleases.**

*⁴ Their idols are silver and gold,
the work of human hands.*

*⁵ They have mouths, but do not speak;
eyes, but do not see.*

*⁶ They have ears, but do not hear;
noses, but do not smell.*

*⁷ They have hands, but do not feel;
feet, but do not walk;
and they do not make a sound in their throat.*

*⁸ Those who make them become like them;
so do all who trust in them.*

*⁹ O Israel, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.*

*¹⁰ O house of Aaron, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.*

*¹¹ You who fear the Lord, trust in the Lord!
He is their help and their shield.*

**¹² The Lord has remembered us; he will bless us;
he will bless the house of Israel;
he will bless the house of Aaron;**

**¹³ he will bless those who fear the Lord,
both the small and the great.**

*¹⁴ May the Lord give you increase,
you and your children!*

¹⁵ May you be blessed by the Lord,

who made heaven and earth!

- 16 The heavens are the Lord's heavens,
but the earth he has given to the children of man.
17 The dead do not praise the Lord,
nor do any who go down into silence.
18 But we will bless the Lord
from this time forth and forevermore.

Praise the Lord!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

As we praise the only true God, we call each other to tread all idols under our feet (verse 5), declaring our intention to give to God what is due to Him alone.

“All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”

(Trinity Hymnal #4)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God eloquently commands His people here, in this stirring and stunning passage, to remember the vast difference between the One True God and idols (behind which are real demonic spirits), who would rob God of His glory.

Isaiah 44:6-28 ^{ESV}

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The confession in this psalm is implicit; because we know that all men (other than Jesus) have remaining sin, the expression of a determination to be “blameless” before God is an expression of repentance, of which confession is the initial part. It is significant that part of this intent is not to “...set before [my] eyes any vile thing,” a reference to physical idols and the false worship of them.

Responsive reading, Psalm 101

(Trinity Hymnal p. 821)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Peter reminds his audience that they once were captive to futile ways inherited from their forefathers (pagan idolatry), but were ransomed by God from this futility through faith in the blood of Christ, a faith that was imparted as a gift, so that our faith is not in our faith, but in God, who is responsible for it. He has thus done what no idol could ever do: change the hearts of those He saves.

I Peter 1:17-21 ESV

¹⁷ And if you call on him as Father who judges impartially according to each one's deeds, conduct yourselves with fear throughout the time of your exile, ¹⁸ knowing that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot. ²⁰ He was foreknown before the foundation of the world but was made manifest in the last times for the sake of you ²¹ who through him are believers in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are in God.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We exult in the work of the only One who could save us, proclaiming our response of love to the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

“O Savior, Precious Savior”

(Trinity Hymnal #159)

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 II: “Saved from What?”

* Romans I:18-32

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.

“Jehovah Reigns, Let Earth Be Glad”

(Trinity Hymnal #63)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our giving as part of our worship is actually, in part, a declaration to our commitment to God as our God, as we dedicate a portion of what He has graciously given to us as a token of the dedication of our whole selves (Romans 12:1).

Matthew 6:19-24 ^{ESV}

¹⁹ “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, ²⁰ but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. ²¹ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

²² “The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, ²³ but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!

²⁴ “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

“Take My Life and Let It Be”

(Trinity Hymnal #585 v 1, 5, & 6)

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we did last week, we close our worship today with the prayer that God will, by His mercy, deliver us from all of the effects of sin that we have seen in today's service.

“By Thy Mercy”

(RUF Tune)

1. Jesus, Lord of life and glory,
Bend from heaven thy gracious ear;
While our waiting souls adore thee,
Friend of helpless sinners, hear:

2. From the depth of nature's blindness,
From the hardening power of sin,
From all malice and unkindness,
From the pride that lurks within,

Refrain: By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord
By thy mercy, O deliver us, good Lord, good Lord.

3. When temptation sorely presses,
In the day of Satan's power,
In our times of deep distresses,
In each dark and trying hour.

4. When the world around is smiling,
In the time of wealth and ease,
Earthly joys our hearts beguiling,
In the day of health and peace. Refrain

5. In the weary hours of sickness,
In the times of grief and pain,
When we feel our mortal weakness,
When all human help is vain.

6. In the solemn hour of dying,
In the awful judgment day,
May our souls, on thee relying,
Find thee still our Rock and Stay. Refrain

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Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

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The Power of the Gospel: Romans II: “Saved from What?”

Romans I:18-32

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

From what should we seek to be “saved” by the Gospel of God?

- I. We must pursue deliverance from *willful ignorance* through the Gospel, vv. 18-20.

A. The fact of the wrath of God.

B. The justice of the wrath of God.

II. We must pursue deliverance from servile *futility* through the Gospel, vv. 21-25.

A. The exchange of dominion.

B. The futility of idolatry.

III. We must pursue deliverance from *miserable corruption* through the Gospel, vv. 26-32.

A. Corruption destroys order:

B. Corruption produces misery.

— 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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