

CHRIST
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The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 1, 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 are called to "rejoice in the LORD" and "give thanks to [Him]." Why? According to the psalmist, in summary, because God is righteous and just and thus puts idolaters to shame, preserves the lives of the holy, and gives them light and joy.

Psalm 97 *ESV*

1 The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice;
let the many coastlands be glad!

2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him
and burns up his adversaries all around.

4 His lightnings light up the world;
the earth sees and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax before the Lord,
before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.

7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!

8 Zion hears and is glad,
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.

9 For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

10 O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We rejoice in and praise the God who is not only a righteous judge, but a refuge for all who trust in Him.

"O Lord, Most High, with All My Heart" *(Trinity Hymnal #48)*

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

Our responsibility is not to judge God's actions or plan according to our limited human understanding and knowledge, but to focus on His revealed Word, His law, and on conforming our lives to it in trust and faith.

Deuteronomy 29:29 *ESV*

The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We confess our rationalistic self-reliance in this confession, and pray that God would do what He promised to all who appropriate the New Covenant (Jeremiah 31:33): to write His law on our hearts.

Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed

faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfector of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

We Rejoice in the Assurance of Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Those who are born of God (saved) obey God's commandments, not perfectly (yet!), but really, and from the heart. Why? Because faith, the means of justification, overcomes the world (cf. I John 2:15-17).

I John 5:1-5 *ESV*

1 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. 2 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. 4 For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. 5 Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

Leader: This is the gospel.
Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the fact that the God who reigns is also the One who "with healing balm…" our "sorrow stills…" and "as with a mother's tender hand… leads his own, his chosen band."

"All Praise to God Who Reigns Above" *(Trinity Hymnal #4)*

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 V:
"The Gospel in the Covenant of Grace"

*Romans 3:1-20

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, I Have Promised" *(Trinity Hymnal #654)*

We Respond to the Grace of the Lord

Offering Meditation

God commands offerings, but when are they worse than not giving at all? It is when they cease to be an expression of genuine love for and obedience to God, but instead mere ritual in the midst of blatant disobedience and disregard for God's ways. The antidote is repentance, and giving that expresses the love for God that only a repentant heart can produce.

Isaiah 1:9-17 *ESV*

9 If the Lord of hosts
had not left us a few survivors,
we should have been like Sodom,
and become like Gomorrah.
10 Hear the word of the Lord,
you rulers of Sodom!
Give ear to the teaching of our God,
you people of Gomorrah!
11 "What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices?
says the Lord;
I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams
and the fat of well-fed beasts;
I do not delight in the blood of bulls,
or of lambs, or of goats.
12 "When you come to appear before me,
who has required of you
this trampling of my courts?
13 Bring no more vain offerings;
incense is an abomination to me.
New moon and Sabbath and the calling of convocations—
I cannot endure iniquity and solemn assembly.
14 Your new moons and your appointed feasts
my soul hates;
they have become a burden to me;
I am weary of bearing them.
15 When you spread out your hands,
I will hide my eyes from you;
even though you make many prayers,
I will not listen;
your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;
remove the evil of your deeds from before my eyes;
cease to do evil,
17 learn to do good;
seek justice,
correct oppression;
bring justice to the fatherless,
plead the widow's cause.

"Savior, Teach Me, Day by Day" *(Trinity Hymnal #652)*

Presentation of Offerings

* Doxology (*Trinity Hymnal #731*)

Prayer of Dedication

We Respond to the Word

We close our worship with one of our congregation's (if not simply our pastor's) favorite hymns, in which we dedicate all that we have and all that we are to Jesus in response to His amazing grace to us in the Gospel, applying His law to every aspect of our lives.

"All for Jesus" *(Trinity Hymnal #565)*

Benediction

Sermon Notes

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The Power of the Gospel: Romans V:
"The Gospel in the Covenant of Grace"

Romans 3:1-20 *(Mike Biggs)*

Introduction:

How can the Covenant of Grace become a means to the accomplishment of the Gospel for us?

I. We must properly *appropriate the role of sin* in the Covenant, vv. 1-8.

A. The Covenant imparts blessing in multiple ways.

B. The Covenant always succeeds in its intent.

C. The Covenant upholds justice in its realization.

D. The Covenant opposes evil in its essence.

II. We must prudently *avoid the presumption of favoritism* in the Covenant, vv. 9-18.

A. Membership does not guarantee salvation.

B. Membership reveals accountability.

III. We must practically *acknowledge the revelation of guilt* in the Covenant, vv. 19, 20.

A. The law produces accountability for sin.

B. The law produces awareness of sin.

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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