

CHRIST
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The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 15, 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 enjoined to rejoice in the Lord and give thanks to Him, because He is a God of justice. It is the "righteous" who are called to such expressions of joy, and we will see today how such a righteousness is obtained, which is all-important.

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 call each other to "praise the Savior's name," since, if our faith is in Christ, "justice smiles and asks no more!"

"Let Us Love, and Sing, and Wonder" *(Trinity Hymnal #172)*

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

God reveals, in striking language — calling His people "rulers of Sodom" and "people of Gomorrah" — that religious activities do not constitute righteousness, but actually righteous deeds motivated by love, such as caring for orphans and widows.

Isaiah 1:9-17 *ESV*

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*We use this hymn frequently to express confession, repentance, and help from God to deal with "all that feeds **our busy pride**."*

"Jesus, Cast a Look on Me" *(RUF Tune)*

1. Jesus cast a look on me,
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low,
Seeking only Thee to know

2. All that feeds my busy pride,
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to Thine submit,
Lay me humbly at Thy feet

3. Make me like a little child,
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in Thy light,
Walking only in Thy might

4. Leaning on Thy loving breast,
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God,
Flowing from His precious blood

5. In this posture let me live,
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die,
And hosannas ever cry!

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We Rejoice in the Assurance of Forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Immediately following the stinging indictment of the previous verses, God provides the remedy: His promise of cleansing and justification, which are received through ***repentance*** *and faith (cf. the next two verses).*

Isaiah 1:18 *ESV*

Come now, let us reason together, says the Lord:
though your sins are like scarlet,
they shall be as white as snow;
though they are red like crimson,
they shall become like wool.

Leader: This is the gospel.
Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We call our souls to "arise" in joy because of the work of Christ on our behalf.

"Arise, My Soul, Arise" *(RUF Tune)*

1. Arise, my soul, arise,
shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice,
in my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.

Chorus: Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise (arise), arise (arise), arise
Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise

2. He ever lives above,
for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love,
His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3. Five bleeding wounds He bears;
received on Calvary;
They pour effectual prayers;
they strongly plead for me:
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4. The Father hears Him pray,
His dear anointed One;
He cannot turn away
the presence of His Son;
The Spirit answers to the blood,
The Spirit answers to the blood
And tells me I am born of God.

5. My God is reconciled;
His pardoning voice I hear;
He owns me for His child;
I can no longer fear
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

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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 VI: "The 'Rightness' of the Gospel"
*Romans 3:21-31

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, Thy Blood and Righteousness" *(Trinity Hymnal #520)*

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Right offerings to God are the response of the hearts of people who have been saved from their guilt through God's grace, and such are we, if our faith is in Christ alone.

Psalm 51:12-19 *ESV*

12 Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.
13 Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.
14 Deliver me from blood guiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.
15 O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.
16 For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.
17 The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.
18 Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;
19 then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.

"Not What My Hands Have Done" *(Trinity Hymnal #461 vv. 4 & 5)*

Presentation of Offerings

*** Doxology** *(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

We Respond to the Word

We leave today pondering and expressing our response to the grace of God in the Gospel: the offering of ourselves and our lives to Him in lived out righteousness.

"What Shall I Render to My God" *(Trinity Hymnal #637)*

Benediction

Sermon Notes

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The Power of the Gospel: Romans VI:
"The 'Rightness' of the Gospel"

Romans 3:21-31 *(Mike Biggs)*

Introduction:

What key concepts must we understand in order to live out the Gospel of God?

I. We must grapple with the idea of *righteousness*, vv. 21-24a.

A. Man cannot obtain righteousness through his own efforts.

B. God must provide righteousness through His grace.

II. We must grapple with the idea of *justice*, vv. 24b-26.

A. God's gift is accomplished through *redemption*.

B. God's gift is made possible by *propitiation*.

III. We must grapple with the idea of *pride*, vv. 27-31.

A. Faith, not religiosity, distinguishes gospel life.

B. Gospel life upholds the law.

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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