



CHRIST

— THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, November 27, 2022

"...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

Our call to worship today again calls our attention to God's covenant, rehearsing His faithfulness to His commitment to His people, in spite of their constant unfaithfulness, thus emphasizing the grace of the Covenant of Grace. We end by blessing the Lord through our "Amen."

Psalm 106 ESV

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

Our hymn of praise springs from the history we have just read in our call to worship, expressing our thanks for both the grace and the justice of God.

"How Good It Is to Thank the Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #635)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

It is possible to think that we are holy and righteous because we are keeping a set of rules that in our minds define holiness, when in reality we are deeply unholy because of the way we treat and relate to people. Jesus here sets us straight, and thus reveals our need of grace.

Matthew 22: 34–40 ESV

But when the Pharisees heard that he had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together. ³⁵ And one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. ³⁶ "Teacher, which is the great commandment in the Law?" ³⁷ And he said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. ³⁸

This is the great and first commandment.

³⁹ And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

⁴⁰ On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets."

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession embodies the principles of today's sermon, in moving from the acknowledgement of sin and appeal for forgiveness and grace, to the end purpose of grace not only to grant us the imputed righteousness of Christ, but also to produce in us righteous lives before Him.

Lord God! Eternal and Almighty Father, we acknowledge and confess before Your holy Majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of ourselves to do any good, who, by reason of our depravity, transgress without end Your holy commandments. Therefore, we have drawn upon ourselves, by Your just sentence, condemnation and death. But, Oh Lord! With heartfelt sorrow, we repent and deplore our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true repentance beseeching that Your grace may relieve our distress.

Be pleased to have compassion on us, O most gracious God, Father of all mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt and our pollution, grant us the daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, that acknowledging from our inmost heart our own unrighteousness, we may be touched with sorrow that shall work true repentance, and that Your Spirit, mortifying all sin within us, may produce the fruits of holiness, righteousness, and new life well pleasing in Your sight. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The grace of God, which has appeared to all categories of persons, purifies us and gives us the blessings of righteousness promised in His covenant, by actually making us righteous.

Titus 2:11–14 ^{ESV}

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people, ¹² training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, ¹³ waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all lawlessness and to purify for himself a people for his own possession who are zealous for good works.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

We express the devotion that the grace of Christ has earned from us, offering ourselves to Him in gratitude and thanks, and praying for His continued grace, to enable us to live faithfully (that is, faith-FULL-y!).

"Savior, Thy Dying Love Thou Gavest Me" (Trinity Hymnal #638)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

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. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Challenge of Freedom"

* Galatians 5:1–15

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

Inasmuch as our giving is an expression of love to God, we see in this brief verse the supreme motivation for that giving love: the love of God which He gave before we even could love Him.

I John 4:19 ^{ESV}

"We love because he first loved us."

"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

(Trinity Hymnal #648)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We close our worship today affirming a central theme of our worship: the offering of our lives to God in response to His undeserved favor to us (Romans 12:1, 2).

"What Shall I Render to My God"

(Trinity Hymnal #637)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

November 27, 2022

"The Challenge of Freedom"

(Mike Biggs)

Galatians 5:1–15

Introduction:

How does one live in Gospel freedom?

I. Gospel freedom is experienced through *faith in the grace of God, w. 2-5.*

A. In redemptive history.

B. In personal history.

II. Gospel freedom is *maintained through resistance to the legalism of the world, vv.7-12.*

A. The contagiousness of sin.

B. The offense of the Gospel.

III. Gospel freedom is expressed through conformity to the law of love, vv. 13-15.

A. The purpose of freedom.

B. The pattern of freedom.

— 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)

CoreValues (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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