

CHRIST -THE KING-



—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 heart of this psalm as it calls us to worship is verses 10 and 11, which proclaim that God delights in those who rely upon Him rather than those who are strong and impressive.

Psalm 147 ESV

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise God for the comfort and confidence we have in reliance upon Him and His power rather than ourselves, no matter what the challenges are that we face.

"God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength"

(Trinity Hymnal #40)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

This passage sets before us several aspects of the contrast we have been discussing in our biblical-theological study between self-reliance and faith in God and dependence upon His Spirit.

Proverbs 28:25-26^{ESV}

- ²⁵ A greedy man stirs up strife, but the one who trusts in the LORD will be enriched.
- ²⁶ Whoever trusts in his own mind is a fool, but he who walks in wisdom will be delivered.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This adaptation of Psalm 130, penned by Martin Luther, appropriately expresses an attitude of complete helplessness and reliance upon the grace and work of God to address our sinful need.

"Psalm 130 (From Depth of Woe)"

- I. From the depths of woe I raise to Thee
 - The voice of lamentation:
 - Lord, turn a gracious ear to me
 - And hear my supplication;
 - If Thou iniquities dost mark,
 - Our secret sins and misdeeds dark,
 - O who shall stand before Thee? (Who shall stand before Thee?)
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- 2. To wash away the crimson stain,
 - Grace, grace alone availeth;
 - Our works, alas! Are all in vain;
 - In much the best life faileth;
 - No man can glory in Thy sight,
 - All must alike confess Thy might,
 - And live alone by mercy(Live alone by mercy)
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- 3. Therefore my trust is in the Lord,
 - And not in mine own merit;
 - On Him my soul shall rest, His word
 - Upholds my fainting spirit;
 - His promised mercy is my fort,
 - My comfort and my sweet support;
 - I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)
 - I wait for it with patience(Wait for it with patience)
- 4. What though I wait the live-long night,
 - And 'til the dawn appeareth,
 - My heart still trusteth in His might;
 - It doubteth not nor feareth;
 - Do thus, O ye of Israel's seed,
 - Ye of the Spirit born indeed;
 - And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)
 - And wait 'til God appeareth(Wait 'til God appeareth)

5. Though great our sins and sore our woes His grace much more aboundeth; His helping love no limit knows, Our upmost need it soundeth. Our Shepherd good and true is He, Who will at last His Israel free

From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)
From all their sin and sorrow(All their sin and sorrow)

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Our sin made us helpless (dead!), but God reached down and lifted us up, even to Heaven! Salvation is by grace **alone**.

Ephesians 2:1-7 ESV

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins ² in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— ³ among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. ⁴ But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, ⁵ even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶ and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷ so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We praise God in celebration of His grace to us in our weakness in saving us and rescuing us from all our foes, the most significant of which are death, hell, and Satan.

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

(Trinity Hymnal #77)

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)

"Flesh versus Spirit" Part 9

* Galatians 3:1-5

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 lesus 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.

"Giver Reviving"

- I. Father for Thy, promised blessing, Still we plead before Thy throne For the times of, sweet refreshing, Which can come from Thee alone Blessed earnests, Thou hast given, But in these we would not rest Blessings still with, Thee are hidden, Pour them forth and make us blest!
- 2. Prayer ascendeth to Thee ever, Answer! Father, answer prayer Bless oh bless each, weak endeavor, Blood-bought pardon to declare Wake Thy slumbering, children wake them,

Bid them to Thy harvest go Blessings O our, Father make, Round their steps let blessings flow 3. Let no people be forgotten, Let Thy showers on all descend That in one loud blessed anthem, Millions may in triumph blend Give reviving, give refreshing, Give the looked-for Jubilee To Thyself may, crowds be pressing, Bringing glory unto Thee

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Jesus Christ embraced weakness (poverty) so as to make us strong (rich). This is the procedure of the Kingdom.

2 Corinthians 8:9 ESV

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

"Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode"

(Trinity Hymnal #668)

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

As we leave today we celebrate and rejoice in the confidence we have in the Savior on whom we depend, and who guides us and provides for us throughout our earthly pilgrimage.

"All the Way My Savior Leads Me"

(Trinity Hymnal #605)

Benediction

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):

- I. Knowing truth from God (Scripture)
- 2. Being right with God (Justification)
- 3. Living life for God (Sanctification)

Goals (what we seek to accomplish):

- 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

