

CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, May 12, 2024

"...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 celebrate the authority of God, who rules with righteousness and justice.

Psalm 97:1, 2, 12 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.*
- ¹² Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

*We praise the God whose authority embraces every detail of His creation,
and is applied through His sovereign Word.*

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

(Trinity Hymnal #75)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God expects us to consult His Word, and to value its proclamations above any other source of information.

2 Kings 1:1–17 ESV

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our hope in our recognition of our guilt is found in God's Word, and its authoritative declaration concerning us.

Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears

Laden with guilt and full of fears,
I fly to Thee, my Lord,
And not a glimpse of hope appears,
But in Thy written Word
The volumes of my Father's grace
Does all my griefs assuage
Here I behold my Savior's face
In every page.

This is the field where, hidden, lies
The pearl of price unknown
That merchant is divinely wise
Who makes the pearl his own
Here consecrated water flows
To quench my thirst of sin
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,
No danger dwells within.

This is the judge that ends the strife,
Where wit and reason fail
My guide to everlasting life
Through all this gloomy vale
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,
My roving feet command,
Nor I forsake the happy road
That leads to Thy right hand.

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WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The Word of God is not only the means by which He created all things, but also the means by which He accomplishes the New Creation, the salvation of our souls.

Romans 8:33, 34 ESV

Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

The confidence to which this hymn points us is based in the reliability and truth of God's Word as it is expressed in His promises.

"Poor Sinner, Dejected with Fear"

Poor sinner, dejected with fear,
Unbosom thy mind to the Lamb;
No wrath on His brow He does wear,
Nor will He poor mourners condemn;
His arm of omnipotent grace
Is able and willing to save;
A sweet and a permanent peace
He'll freely and faithfully give.

Come just as thou art, with thy woe,
Fall down at the feet of the Lamb;
He will not, He cannot say, 'Go',
But surely will take out thy stain
A fountain is opened for sin,
And thousands its virtues have proved
He'll take thee, and plunge thee therein,
And wash thee from filth in His blood.

The soul that on Jesus relies,
He'll never, no never deceive;
He freely and faithfully gives
More blessings than we can conceive;
Yea, down to old age He will keep,
Nor will He forsake us at last;
He knows and is known by His sheep;
They're His, and He will hold them fast.

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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, 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)

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age—
‘The Confusion Concerning Biblical Authority’"

* Acts 17:10–12

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.

"Forever Settled in the Heavens"

(Trinity Hymnal #59)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God's Word of promise to bless those who obey His command to tithe is so reliable and authoritative that He challenges His people to test Him to see if it is true.

Malachi 3:10 ^{ESV}

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."

"O People Blest, Whose Sons in Youth"

(Trinity Hymnal #362)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

We conclude our service today praising God for the revelation and guidance He has provided through His Son, the Word, and the Scriptures, His written Word.

"O Word of God Incarnate"

(Trinity Hymnal #140)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

May 12, 2024

"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age— (Mike Biggs)
"The Confusion Concerning Biblical Authority"

Acts 17:10–12

Introduction:

"What is required to restore true biblical authority in the Church?"

I. Biblical authority requires *receptivity to all biblically based assertions.*

A. *Apostolicity establishes biblical authority.*

B. *Receptivity means teachability.*

II. *Biblical authority requires evaluation by one ultimate standard.*

A. *Almighty God is the ultimate authority in His world.*

B. *God's Word is the principal channel of His authority.*

III. Biblical authority requires *evaluation of all other authorities*.

A. Evaluation by individual Christians.

B. Evaluation including church authorities.

— 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...

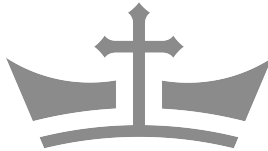
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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