



CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 27, 2023

"...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

*God commands us to **shout** as we worship, because, as opposed to timidity and self-consciousness, our praise should be characterized by passion and unrestrained joy.*

Psalm 66:1–4 ESV

- 1 Shout for joy to God, all the earth; [Leader]
2 sing the glory of his name;
give to him glorious praise!
3 Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!
So great is your power that your enemies come cringing to you.
4 **All the earth worships you** [Congregation]
and sings praises to you;
they sing praises to your name."

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise Christ, our Savior, and the foundation and cornerstone of the Church, the true Temple and dwelling place of God.

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

(Trinity Hymnal #342)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

It is likely that a good number of the people of Israel thought that God's method of capturing Jericho was foolish, and they might have felt so while marching around the city blowing trumpets and then simply shouting. But "the walls came tumbling down", and the rest is history. Detailed obedience to God's instructions for the Church is the key to victory over the world

Joshua 6:1–16, 20 ESV

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We use the Ten Commandments, the summary of God's Law, as our guide in confession today.

Almighty, eternal, merciful God and Father, we poor sinners confess that we have sinned in many ways against You and your commandments:

We confess that we have not believed in You, our one God and Father, but have put our faith and trust more in creatures than in You, our God and Creator;

We confess that we have erected idols in our hearts, and bowed down and served them;

We confess that we have misused Your Name, that we have sworn falsely or lightly by it, and have not professed it or kept it holy as we ought;

We confess that we have not kept the Sabbath holy, nor have we rejoiced in the work of six days but have grumbled against Your day and been negligent in our work;

We confess that we have not honored our parents, and have been disobedient to them and to all those to whom we owe honor and obedience;

We confess that we have not respected life, but have murdered in our hearts, venting our anger against our neighbors whom we are to love;

We confess that we have been unchaste; we acknowledge all our sins of the flesh and all the excess and extravagance of our whole lives in eating, drinking, clothing, and other things, and our intemperance in our thinking, seeing, hearing, and speaking;

We confess that we have stolen. We acknowledge our greed; We admit our love of the world and the things of the world; we have dishonestly gained and kept what we have, and greedily held what belongs to others;

We confess that we have borne false witness, that we have been untrue and unfaithful toward our neighbor; that we have

shaded, twisted, and denied the truth;

We confess that we have coveted the possessions and spouses of others; we acknowledge in summary that our whole life is nothing else than sin and transgression of your holy commandments and an inclination toward all evil.

Therefore we beg of you, I heavenly Father, that you would graciously forgive us these and all our sins. Keep and preserve us henceforth that we may walk only in Your ways and live according to Your will; through Jesus Christ, your dear Son, our Savior. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The gospel includes not only the message of good news, but also the fact that it cannot be thwarted in its mission, which is committed to us. Its message is precious and must not be compromised, since it is the power of God for the salvation of all who believe (Romans 1:16).

2 Corinthians 2:14–17; 5:14–21; 10:3–5 ^{ESV}

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

We rejoice in our salvation and that of all the Church, through the Lord of the Church, Jesus Christ.

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"

(Trinity Hymnal #353)

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)

"How God Builds His Dwelling Place through Us"

* Exodus 35–40 [Read Ephesians 4:4–16]

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.

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

(Trinity Hymnal #345)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

God has given to us sufficiently to enable us to support the work of the Church. We need not feel as if we should give more than we can, nor that we do not have enough to contribute what we should to the building of God's dwelling place.

2 Corinthians 9:7–11 ESV

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.⁸ And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.⁹ As it is written,

*"He has distributed freely, he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever."*

¹⁰ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. ¹¹ You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

"We Give Thee But Thine Own"

(Trinity Hymnal #432)

Presentation of Offerings

(See Communion)

*** Doxology**

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

Prayer of Dedication

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD

As we leave today, we affirm our identity as the people and dwelling place of God, and our love for Him and for each other.

"We Are God's People"

(Trinity Hymnal #355)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

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"How God Builds His Dwelling Place through Us"

(Mike Biggs)

Exodus 35–40 [Read Ephesians 4:4–16]

Introduction:

How does God use His people to build the Church?

I. We build the Church through willing contributions drawn from *spiritually allocated resources*.

A. God's provision.

B. Our participation.

II. We build the Church through *skilled ministries guided by spiritually gifted leaders.*

A. It takes wise equipping.

B. It takes a village (really!).

III. We build the Church through fastidious obedience informed by *spiritually inspired instructions*.

A. The "Church Growth" mentality.

B. The sufficiency of Scripture.

— 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...

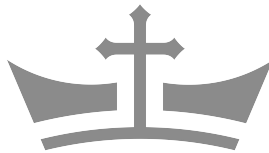
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

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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