

The Lord's Day, October 21, 2018



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 gray 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.

We encourage parents to involve children as soon as possible in the worship service. In consideration of other worshippers, we request parents with children not yet ready for unobtrusive participation in worship to utilize the nursery or, if necessary, the cry room. A nursery is available for children ages 3 months to 3 years during all Sunday morning activities.

* Indicates congregational standing

We ApproAch the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

The call to worship in this psalm celebrates the fact that God has extended His salvation to the whole earth: Jew and Gentile nations.

Psalm 98:6 ESV

With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We call all people everywhere, from all nations, to praise their Creator, as He has ordained will certainly happen (Philippians 2:9-11).

"From All That Dwell below the Skies" (Trinity Hymnal #7)

We AcknoWLedge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

This passage represents a veiled prophecy of the impartation of the Holy Spirit in the New Covenant to all of God's people. One of the implications of this is that we should prophesy in the power of the Spirit, that is, proclaim God's Word before the nations, which is precisely what the Great Commission enjoins us to do.

Numbers 11:24-30 ESV

24 So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord. And he gathered seventy men of the elders of the people and placed them around the tent. 25 Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the Spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders. And as soon as the Spirit rested on them, they prophesied. But they did not continue doing it. 26 Now two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the Spirit rested on them. They were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. 27 And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." 28 And Joshua the son of Nun, the assistant of Moses from his youth, said, "My lord Moses, stop them." 29 But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, that the Lord would put his Spirit on them!" 30 And Moses and the elders of Israel returned to the camp.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The most relevant part of this hymn of confession is the second verse, in which we confess and repent of our timidity, especially in speaking the truth of God's Word and testifying to the Gospel.

"A Sinner's Cry"

Hear, gracious God, a sinner's cry
For I have nowhere else to fly
My hope, my only hope's in Thee
O God, be merciful to me
To Thee I come, a sinner poor
And wait for mercy at Thy door
Indeed, I've nowhere else to flee
O God, be merciful to me

- To Thee I come, a sinner weak
 And scarce know how to pray or speak
 From fear and weakness set me free
 O God, be merciful to me!
 To Thee I come, a sinner vile
 Upon me, Lord, vouchsafe to smile;
 Mercy, through blood, I make my plea
 O God, be merciful to me
- 3. To Thee I come, a sinner great
 And well Thou knowest all my state
 Yet full forgiveness is with Thee
 O God, be merciful to me
 To Thee I come, a sinner lost
 Nor have I aught wherein to trust
 But where Thou art, Lord, I would be
 O God be merciful to me
- 4. To glory bring me, Lord, at last
 And there, when all my fears are past
 With all Thy saints, then, I'll agree
 God has been merciful to me
 God has been merciful to me

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We rejoice in the AssurAnce of forgiveness

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The promise of God to Christians, alluded to here, is that, because we are united to Christ, we are counted by God as Israelites, sons of Abraham, and heirs to all the promises of blessing given to that people, because through faith we are now the children and people of God.

Psalm 87: 1-7; Galatians 3:27-29 ESV

1 On the holy mount stands the city he founded; 2 the LORD loves the gates of Zion more than all the dwelling places of Jacob. 3 Glorious things of you are spoken, O city of God. Selah 4 Among those who know me I mention Rahab and Babylon; behold, Philistia and Tyre, with Cush—"This one was born there," they say. 5 And of Zion it shall be said, "This one and that one were born in her"; for the Most High himself will establish her. 6 The LORD records as he registers the peoples, "This one was born there." Selah 7 Singers and dancers alike say, "All my springs are in you."

²⁷ For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ. ²⁸ There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither slave nor free, there is no male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you are Christ's, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to promise.

* Hymn of Assurance

We exhort one another to abandon our fears in the light of the Gospel of grace, not only our fears of punishment, but also our fears of the consequences of obedience, particularly as witnesses of Jesus Christ.

"Give To The Winds Thy Fears"

- Give to the winds thy fears,
 Hope and be undismayed.
 God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears,
 God will lift up,
 God will lift up
 God will lift up thy head
- 2. Leave to His sovereign sway
 To choose and to command;
 Then shalt thou, wandering, own His way,
 How wise, how strong,
 how wise, how strong
 How wise, how strong His hand.

- Far, far above thy thought,
 His counsel shall appear
 When fully He the work hath wrought
 That caused thy need,
 that caused thy need
 That caused thy needless fear
- 4. Through waves and clouds and storms, He gently clears the way; Wait thou His time; so shall this night Soon end in joy, soon end in joy Soon end in joyous day.

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We pray for each Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

We hear instruction from the Lord

Sermon

"What Baptism Is Really All About" (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Acts 19:1-10 ESV

And it happened that while Apollos was at Corinth, Paul passed through the inland country and came to Ephesus. There he found some disciples. 2 And he said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?" And they said, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." 3 And he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They said, "Into John's baptism." 4 And Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, Jesus." 5 On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. 6 And when Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came on them, and they began speaking in tongues and prophesying. 7 There were about twelve men in all. 8 And he entered the synagogue and for three months spoke boldly, reasoning and persuading them about the kingdom of God. 9 But when some became stubborn and continued in unbelief, speaking evil of the Way before the congregation, he withdrew from them and took the disciples with him, reasoning daily in the hall of Tyrannus. 10 This continued for two years, so that all the residents of Asia heard the word of the Lord, both Jews and Greeks.

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 wine and encourage those who take part in Communion to take this. For those with conscientious convictions against the use of wine, however, we offer the option of grape juice, which is contained in the inner circle of the communion trays. The cups containing wine are in the outer circles of the trays.

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

- Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
 He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode;
 On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose?
 With salvation's walls surrounded, Thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
- See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove: Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thrist t' assuage? Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, Never fails from age to age.
- Round each habitation hov'ring, See the cloud and fire appear
 For a glory and a cov'ring, Showing that the Lord is near:
 Thus deriving from their banner Light by night and shade by day,
 Safe they feed upon the manna Which he gives them when they pray.
- 4. Saviour, if of Zion's city I, through grace, a member am, Let the world deride or pity, I will glory in the Name: Fading is the worlding's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show; Solid joys and lasting treasure None but Zion's children know.

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"Together" - Psalm 133

CH: 1Look, how good and pleasant it is When brothers dwell together When brothers dwell together In unity! (x2)

- On the head and flowing down To the hair of Aaron's beard, To the corner of his robes.
- 2 3 It is like Mount Hermon's dew On Zion's mountain flowing down, For that is where the LORD commanded the blessing, Life forevermore!

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We respond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Since we are all united to Christ, we all have a share in the gospel. Paul recognized the share the Philippians had with his ministry through their material support of him, and so we share in the ministry of the gospel as we give tithes and offerings as part of our worship.

Philippians 1:3-5 ESV

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

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 today by celebrating the glory with which God has endowed the Church, and with a prayer that, as members of Zion's City, we would glory in the Name of Christ alone, seeking the "solid joys and lasting treasure" available only to those united to Him.

* "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" (Trinity Hymnal #345)

Benediction

SERMON NOTES

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"What Baptism Is Really All About" (Rev. Mike Biggs) Acts 19:1-10
Introduction:
What can we learn from this passage about the significance of baptism?
Christian bantism is a sign of the Holy Spirit vy 1 2 6

A. Significant confusion.

B. Covenant fulfillment.

II. Christian baptism is a means of incorporation, vv. 3-5, 7. A. Into the Church.

B. Into Christ.

III. Christian baptism is the path to unity, vv. 8-10.A. The source of division.

B. The plan of God.

For Your Personal Devotions

Points of Application:
Memorable Illustrations:
Evaluation:
Questions for Further Study: