

CHRIST

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The Lord's Day, February 7, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

The rationale for this psalm's call to praise is the implied fact that God judges the wicked and preserves, blesses, and protects those who love and obey His commandments.

Psalm 112 ^{ESV}

¹ Praise the LORD!

Blessed is the man who fears the LORD,
who greatly delights in his commandments!

² His offspring will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.

³ Wealth and riches are in his house,
and his righteousness endures forever.

⁴ Light dawns in the darkness for the upright;
he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.

⁵ It is well with the man who deals generously and lends;
who conducts his affairs with justice.

⁶ For the righteous will never be moved;
he will be remembered forever.

⁷ He is not afraid of bad news;
his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.

⁸ His heart is steady; he will not be afraid,
until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.

⁹ He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor;
his righteousness endures forever;
his horn is exalted in honor.

¹⁰ The wicked man sees it and is angry;
he gnashes his teeth and melts away;
the desire of the wicked will perish!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

As exhorted in our call to worship, we praise God for His judgment of the wicked and His preservation of those who trust in Him.

"O Lord, Most High, with All My Heart"

(Trinity Hymnal #48)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

God's people are commanded to listen to the True Prophet in the line of Moses: Jesus Christ, and to discern between those who rightly represent Him and those who are false prophets.

Deuteronomy 18:15–22 ^{ESV}

"The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers it is to him you shall listen¹⁶ just as you desired of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, 'Let me not hear again the voice of the LORD my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.'¹⁷ And the LORD said to me, 'They are right in what they have spoken.¹⁸ I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.¹⁹ And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him.²⁰ But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.'²¹ And if you say in your heart, 'How may we know the word that the LORD has not spoken?'²² when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

The focus of this confession is the failure to know, cherish, and promote God's truth in all of our spheres of influence, as well as publicly oppose all that is against it.

Almighty Father, Who by your will and for your glory formed us and everything else in all creation, Who upholds all things by the power of your Word, and Who has graciously and lovingly preserved your people and provided for our needs, we confess our constant failure to trust You and rely upon your goodness. Instead of leaning wholly upon You, we have thought and acted upon the meager understanding afforded by our limited human perspectives. Rather than acknowledging You in all our ways, we have forgotten You and turned to our own way, the way that seems right unto a man, but leads to death. We have failed to take seriously and oppose the challenges to your truth and Word which we have experienced in our culture, thus either tacitly acceding to them or allowing them to flourish by our silence. We have sinned against You constantly by presuming to own ourselves and our ways, in violation of your holy command to trust You with all of our hearts. With renewed faith we cast ourselves upon Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, Who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness. In abject sorrow we confess our unbelief, and in heartfelt and sincere repentance ask You for the grace of faith, wrought by your Holy Spirit, which You have promised to give your people Israel. Write your law on our hearts, that we may adopt your heart and mind, and evermore walk in the light, as You are in the light, through Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Amen.

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

"Walking in the light," a scriptural way of referring to living according to God's revealed truth, is an indication that the atoning blood of Jesus applies to us, as well as being the basis for fellowship with others who are united to Him by faith.

I John 1:5–7 ESV

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶ If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷ But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

* Hymn of Assurance

As we sing, pay special attention to verse 3, in which we affirm the truth that Jesus works holiness in all that He saves, a fact that is one of the bases of our assurance.

"I Know That My Redeemer Lives"

(Trinity Hymnal #690)

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 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

"Challenges to the Church Part I: The Enemy Within" (Mike Biggs)

* II Peter 2

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.

"The Church's One Foundation"

(verses 1,3,4,5)

*1. The church's one foundation
Is Jesus Christ her Lord,
She is His new creation
By water and the Word.
From heaven He came and sought her
To be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her,
And for her life He died.*

*3. Though with a scornful wonder
Men see her sore oppressed,
By schisms rent asunder,
By heresies distressed,
Yet saints their watch are keeping;
Their cry goes up, "How long?"
And soon the night of weeping
Shall be the morn of song.*

*4. The church shall never perish,
Her dear Lord to defend
To guide, sustain and cherish,
Is with her to the end
Though there be those that hate her,
And false sons in her pale
Against a foe or traitor,
She ever shall prevail*

5. Mid toil and tribulation,
And tumult of her war,
She waits the consummation
Of peace forevermore;
'Til, with the vision glorious,
Her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious
Shall be the church at rest.

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WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

Our giving is a demonstration of the genuineness of our love, both for God and for His people.

2 Corinthians 8:7, 8 ^{ESV}

But as you excel in everything in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in our love for you see that you excel in this act of grace also.

⁸ I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine.

"Be Thou My Vision"

(Trinity Hymnal #642, verse 3)

*Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
be thou my dignity, thou my delight,
thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;
raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.*

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 celebrate as we conclude our worship the ultimate triumph of the Word of God and His truth, in spite of the "devils" with which this world is filled.

"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

(Trinity Hymnal #92)

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):

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

— SERMON NOTES —

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“Challenges to the Church Part I: The Enemy Within”

(Mike Biggs)

II Peter 2

Introduction:

What must believers understand about false teachers to meet the challenges they present?

I. We must understand *the inevitability* of false teachers, vv. 1-3.

A. The pattern.

B. The reason.

C. The effects.

II. We must understand *God's response* to false teachers, vv. 4-10.

A. Temporal judgment.

B. Temporal preservation.

III. We must understand *the marks* of false teachers, vv. 11-22.

A. Arrogance.

B. Greed.

C. Immorality.

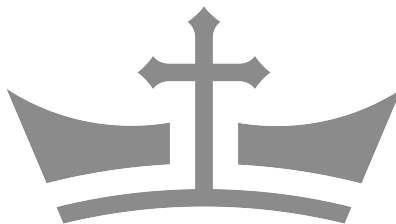
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Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:



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