



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 23, 2017

"...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ..."



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

Psalm 118 is an exuberant celebration of the salvation of God, which is the theme of our service today.

Psalm 118^{ESV}

Leader:

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever! ² Let Israel say,
Men: *“His steadfast love endures forever.”*

Leader: ³ Let the house of Aaron say,
Elders: *“His steadfast love endures forever.”*

Leader: ⁴ Let those who fear the LORD say,
Women: *“His steadfast love endures forever.”*

Leader:

⁵ Out of my distress I called on the LORD;
the LORD answered me and set me free.

⁶ The LORD is on my side; I will not fear.
What can man do to me?

⁷ The LORD is on my side as my helper;
I shall look in triumph on those who hate me.

⁸ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in man.

⁹ It is better to take refuge in the LORD
than to trust in princes.

¹⁰ All nations surrounded me;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹¹ They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹² They surrounded me like bees;
they went out like a fire among thorns;
in the name of the LORD I cut them off!

¹³ I was pushed hard, so that I was falling,
but the LORD helped me.

Congregation:

¹⁴ *The LORD is my strength and my song;
he has become my salvation.*

Leader:

¹⁵ Glad songs of salvation
are in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the LORD does valiantly,

¹⁶ the right hand of the LORD exalts,
the right hand of the LORD does valiantly!”

¹⁷ I shall not die, but I shall live,
and recount the deeds of the LORD.

Congregation:

*18 The LORD has disciplined me severely,
but he has not given me over to death.
19 Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.*

Leader:

*20 This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.
21 I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.
22 The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.
23 This is the LORD'S doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.
24 This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
25 Save us, we pray, O LORD!*

Men: O LORD, we pray, give us success!

Women: 26 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!

All: We bless you from the house of the LORD.

Leader:

*27 The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.
Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!*

Congregation:

*28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.*

All:

*29 Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

Hymn of Praise

Our opening hymn today is an invocation, a prayer that God would come and enable and empower us to praise Him for His merciful and gracious salvation.

* “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” (Trinity Hymnal #457)

We Acknowledge Our Sin

* Reading from the Law

The altar on which sacrifices are offered is not to be made with stones on which work has been performed by man, because man's work defiles the work of atonement, which is God's alone. We commit the same sin whenever we, by thought or deed, seek to add anything to the work which Christ has done to atone for our sins and achieve our forgiveness and acceptance before God.

Exodus 20:25 ^{ESV}

If you make me an altar of stone, you shall not build it of hewn stones, for if you wield your tool on it you profane it.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This confession leaves no doubt about the fact that we contribute nothing to our salvation, but instead are completely dependent upon the mercy and work of God if we are to be saved from our sin and misery.

O eternal God and merciful Father, we humble ourselves before Your great Majesty against which we have frequently and grievously sinned. We acknowledge that we deserve nothing less than eternal death. We are unclean before You and children of wrath. We continually transgress Your commandments; failing to do what You have commanded us, and doing that which You have expressly forbidden. We all like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his

own way. We acknowledge our waywardness, and are heartily sorry for all our sins. We confess to our humiliation and to the praise of Your mercy that our transgressions are innumerable, and that our debt is so great that we cannot even begin to repay. We are not worthy to be called Your children, nor to lift up our eyes heavenward to You in prayer.

Nevertheless, O Lord God and gracious Father, we know that You do not desire the death of the sinner, but rather that he should turn to You and live. We know that Your mercy toward those who turn to You is infinite, and so we take courage to call upon You from the depths of our hearts, trusting in our Mediator Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God Who takes away the sin of the world. Forgive all our sins for Christ's sake. Have compassion upon us in our infirmities. Wash us in the pure fountain of His blood, so that we may become clean and white as snow. Cover us with His innocence and righteousness, for the glory of Your Name. Deliver our understanding from all blindness, and our hearts from all willfulness and rebellion, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Salvation from sin comes simply by receiving what God has done, apart from anything we do, through simply trusting in His work on our behalf. This is good news indeed!

Romans 4:4-8 ESV

⁴ Now to the one who works, his wages are not counted as a gift but as his due. ⁵ And to the one who does not work but believes in him who justifies the ungodly, his faith is counted as righteousness, ⁶ just as David also speaks of the blessing of the one to whom God counts righteousness apart from works: ⁷ “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; ⁸ blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

* Hymn of Assurance

Meditation on the profound words of this great hymn are tonic for the soul, and an antidote to the sinful pride that would rob God of glory in the work of salvation. Do so as you sing, and rejoice that our hope for deliverance from sin is not in our tainted effort or work.

“Not What My Hands Have Done”

1. Not what my hands have done
Can save my guilty soul;
Not what my toiling flesh has borne
Can make my spirit whole.
Not what I feel or do
Can give me peace with God;
Not all my prayers, and sighs and tears
Can bear my awful load.
2. Thy work alone, O Christ,
Can ease this weight of sin
Thy blood alone O Lamb of God,
Can give me peace within.
Thy love to me O God,
Not mine, O Lord, to Thee
Can rid me of this dark unrest,
And set my spirit free!

3. Thy grace alone, O God,
To me can pardon speak;
Thy power alone O Son of God,
Can this sore bondage break.
No other work, save Thine,
No other blood will do,
No strength save that, which is divine,
Can bear me safely through.
4. I bless the Christ of God;
I rest on love divine;
And with unfaltering lip and heart,
I call this Savior mine.
His cross dispels each doubt,
I bury in His tomb
My unbelief, and all my fear,
Each lingering shade of gloom.
5. I praise the God of grace,
I trust His truth and might
He calls me His, I call Him mine,
My God, my joy, my light
'Tis He Who saveth me,
And freely pardon gives
I love because He loveth me,
I live because He lives!

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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

“Some Concluding Thoughts” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Jonah 2:8, 9 ^{ESV}

8 Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. 9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!”

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.

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art" (Trinity Hymnal #168)

We Respond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Naaman the Syrian is an example of the principle that an awareness of salvation by grace always produces the desire to offer something to God. Although in this instance Elisha did not accept any gift, so that the principle of grace might be firmly established in Naaman's mind, nevertheless he demonstrates the proper response to God's gracious salvation, one in which we participate formally as we present our tithes and offerings in worship today.

II Kings 5:15 ESV

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company, and he came and stood before him. And he said, "Behold, I know that there is no God in all the earth but in Israel; so accept now a present from your servant."

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 both celebrate the grand theme of our service today and remember the themes of Jonah in our final hymn, exhorting each other to “spread the tidings all around” that Jesus saves.

* “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” (Trinity Hymnal #448)

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)

Core Values (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

How can you be a part of all this?

SERMON NOTES

July 30, 2017

“What summary lessons can we glean from the book of Jonah?”

(Rev. Mike Biggs)

Jonah 2:8, 9

Introduction:

What spiritual condition leads to apathy toward the Great Commission?

- I. We must always acknowledge the sovereignty of God.
 - A. Rebellion is futile.

- B. Salvation belongs to the Lord.

- II. We must always remember the grace of God.
 - A. Grace dispels despair.

B. Salvation belongs to the Lord.

- III. We must always trust the wisdom of God.
 - A. His ways are not our ways.

B. Salvation belongs to the Lord.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: