



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, July 8, 2018

“...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*

Prelude

Call to Worship

We praise God as we begin our worship today for the fact that His ways are above our ways, and beyond finding out. Such a conviction is the very basis of faith.

Romans 11:33-36 ^{ESV}

³³ Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable are his judgments and how inscrutable his ways! ³⁴ “For who has known the mind of the Lord, or who has been his counselor?” ³⁵ “Or who has given a gift to him that he might be repaid?” ³⁶ For from him and through him and to him are all things. To him be glory forever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We declare in this hymn of praise that we do not always understand God’s ways, but that they all ultimately contribute to the good of His people.

“God Moves in a Mysterious Way” (Trinity Hymnal #128)

* Reading from the Law

God allows difficult things into the lives of His people to test and train (discipline) them for their good (cf Hebrews 12:3-14).

Deuteronomy 8:2-6 ^{ESV}

² And you shall remember the whole way that the Lord your God has led you these forty years in the wilderness, that he might humble you, testing you to know what was in your heart, whether you would keep his commandments or not. ³ And he humbled you and let you hunger and fed you with manna, which you did not know, nor did your fathers know, that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the Lord. ⁴ Your clothing did not wear out on you and your foot did not swell these forty years. ⁵ Know then in your heart that, as a man disciplines his son, the Lord your God disciplines you. ⁶ So you shall keep the commandments of the Lord your God by walking in his ways and by fearing him.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

We cannot create our own meaning, though modern man is constantly trying to do so, and we are ever influenced by our culture in this direction. Here we express repentance and ask for help as we seek to mortify this sin.

Corporate Confession: O Most merciful Father, Who gives life to everything that breathes and Whose eyes are too pure to gaze upon iniquity, we lay before You our sin and uncleanness in utter shame and humiliation. In direct defiance of our continuing debt to live unto You, acknowledge You, serve You and obey You, we have turned into ourselves and to our own way, pursuing our own ends as if we could create our own meaning, so rendering ourselves liable to Your just wrath and the penalty of death. We despise our ways, but confess that we are utterly powerless to change them or to please You truly to any degree. But we remember that You have declared Yourself to be the

gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love and faithfulness. We thus cast ourselves upon Your mercy, believing Your precious promise that those who come to You, You will in no wise cast out. We know and trust that, for the sake of Your dear Son, our Savior, You will not only forgive both our sins and our sin, but also grant us power like unto that by which You raised Him from the dead to walk in newness of life, not for the sake of any merit which we obtain thereby, but solely for the glory of the Name which is above every name, in which we offer this our prayer. Amen.

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of forgiveNeSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

God is always willing to forgive the sins of those who continue to bring them before Him.

1 John 1:9 ESV

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate both the ability and the willingness of God to forgive us for the sake of Christ in this wonderful hymn, which we sing from the hymnal today.

“Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Wretched” (Trinity Hymnal #472)

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

“This Inscrutable Life” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Ecclesiastes 7:1-8:1 ESV

¹ A good name is better than precious ointment, and the day of death than the day of birth. ² It is better to go to the house of mourning than to go to the house of feasting, for this is the end of all mankind, and the living will lay it to heart. ³ Sorrow is better than laughter, for by sadness of face the heart is made glad. ⁴ The heart of the wise is in the house of mourning, but the heart of fools is in the house of mirth. ⁵ It is better for a man to hear the rebuke of the wise than to hear the song of fools. ⁶ For as the crackling of thorns under a pot, so is the laughter of the fools; this also is vanity. ⁷ Surely oppression drives the wise into madness, and a bribe corrupts the heart. ⁸ Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit. ⁹ Be not quick in your spirit to become angry, for anger lodges in the heart of fools. ¹⁰ Say not,

“Why were the former days better than these?” For it is not from wisdom that you ask this. ¹¹ Wisdom is good with an inheritance, an advantage to those who see the sun. ¹² For the protection of wisdom is like the protection of money, and the advantage of knowledge is that wisdom preserves the life of him who has it. ¹³ Consider the work of God: who can make straight what he has made crooked? ¹⁴ In the day of prosperity be joyful, and in the day of adversity consider: God has made the one as well as the other, so that man may not find out anything that will be after him. ¹⁵ In my vain life I have seen everything. There is a righteous man who perishes in his righteousness, and there is a wicked man who prolongs his life in his evildoing. ¹⁶ Be not overly righteous, and do not make yourself too wise. Why should you destroy yourself? ¹⁷ Be not overly wicked, neither be a fool. Why should you die before your time? ¹⁸ It is good that you should take hold of this, and from that withhold not your hand, for the one who fears God shall come out from both of them. ¹⁹ Wisdom gives strength to the wise man more than ten rulers who are in a city. ²⁰ Surely there is not a righteous man on earth who does good and never sins. ²¹ Do not take to heart all the things that people say, lest you hear your servant cursing you. ²² Your heart knows that many times you yourself have cursed others. ²³ All this I have tested by wisdom. I said, “I will be wise,” but it was far from me. ²⁴ That which has been is far off, and deep, very deep; who can find it out? ²⁵ I turned my heart to know and to search out and to seek wisdom and the scheme of things, and to know the wickedness of folly and the foolishness that is madness. ²⁶ And I find something more bitter than death: the woman whose heart is snares and nets, and whose hands are fetters. He who pleases God escapes her, but the sinner is taken by her. ²⁷ Behold, this is what I found, says the Preacher, while adding one thing to another to find the scheme of things— ²⁸ which my soul has sought repeatedly, but I have not found. One man among a thousand I found, but a woman among all these I have not found. ²⁹ See, this alone I found, that God made man upright, but they have sought out many schemes. ¹ Who is like the wise? And who knows the interpretation of a thing? A man’s wisdom makes his face shine, and the hardness of his face is changed.

Leader:

This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation:

Thanks be to God!

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.

“Psalm 73”

1. Surely God is good
To all the pure in heart
But as for me, my feet had almost slipped
I nearly lost my grip
For I envied, the arrogant
They are free, from my burdens

2. Surely I, in vain,
Have kept my, my heart pure
And surely they are strong and free from trials
While I am so confused
Then I entered Your holy place
Then I saw their destiny

3. Surely, they're cast down
As those on slippery ground
As dreams fade when we wake, so they become
Completely swept away
In my heart I was arrogant
Like a beast before You

4. Yet always You are near
You guide me by Your Word
And always, my Lord God, You are my strength
My portion You will be
You're my refuge, my Sovereign Lord
I will sing of Your awesome deeds

*Tag: You're my refuge, my Sovereign Lord
I will sing of Your awesome deeds*

“My Maker and My King”

1. My Maker and my King,
To Thee my all I owe;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow;
Thy sovereign bounty is the spring
Whence all my blessings flow.
2. The creature of Thy hand
On Thee alone I live;
My God, Thy benefits demand
More praise than I can give.
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More praise than I can give.

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We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

Giving all one has is a function of surrender to the fact that God is in control of all things and that He will take care of us. This should not be an irresponsible resignation but a faithful willingness to trust His provision when He prompts us to give.

Luke 21:1-4 ^{ESV}

¹Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, ²and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. ³And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. ⁴For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

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 depart our worship today leaving all of our lives in God's hands, which is at it should be.

* "Whate'er My God Ordains Is Right" (Trinity Hymnal #108)

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?

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COMMUNITY

Next Meeting of the Session

Tuesday, August 7, 2018

The Session (the board of elders governing and shepherding our church) ordinarily holds stated meetings on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, barring any unavoidable conflicts, beginning at 7:30 pm at the Taylor home. Other called meetings as needed are scheduled at various times. Anyone is welcome to attend stated meetings (advance notice of attendance is appreciated). For attendance at called meetings advance request of at least two days is required by emailing the church office at office@ctknorman.org. The minutes of Session meetings are available for review at the church office upon request.

CE and small groups will be on break after May 20. They will start again on September 9th.

Christian Education • 9:00 am

- Pre-K & Kindergarten – Ann Taylor
- 1st - 3rd grade – Chelsey Meissner
- 4th - 6th grade – Vicki Bates
- Junior high – Mike Biggs
- Senior high – Mike Biggs
- adult – Mike Biggs and Dewayne Taylor

Sunday Worship Service • 10:30 am - 12:00 pm (times are approximate)

Youth Group • Sundays at 5:00 pm

Contact Mike Biggs for details (405.928.3288)

Men's Bible Study • Wednesday mornings at 6:30 am

Meets at Ozzie's at the airport; contact Mike Biggs for details

Small Groups

Weekly smaller gatherings for study, fellowship, prayer, and ministry in a more intimate setting. See previous page for details.

NEWS

Quote of the Week

A wise man may look ridiculous in the company of fools.

—*Thomas Fuller*

Announcements

- Upcoming Events
- August 5 Mercy Ministry Offering
- September 9 CE Resumes
- Church Volunteers. Looking for an opportunity to serve? Please talk to the following people if you can help:
 - Building Tony Sawyer (405.321.7741, anthony_sawyer@hotmail.com)
 - Music Tyler Cowden (816.419.4227)
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