



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, October 16, 2016

"...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 that the congregation stands during this element of worship.*

We Approach the Lord

Prelude

Call to Worship

The fact that God has all things under control, especially the activity of the wicked, should be a great comfort to us and is ample reason to praise and worship Him.

Psalm 37 ^{ESV}

- 1 Fret not yourself because of evildoers;
be not envious of wrongdoers!
- 2 For they will soon fade like the grass
and wither like the green herb.
- 3 Trust in the LORD, and do good;
dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness.
- 4 Delight yourself in the LORD,
and he will give you the desires of your heart.
- 5 Commit your way to the LORD;
trust in him, and he will act.
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light,
and your justice as the noonday.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

The God of Abraham gave him (and us!) grand promises that were tied up in a seed (a child) that he also promised, and which He miraculously delivered. He eventually commanded Abraham to sacrifice that child to Him, knowing that He would provide a substitute that would make that sacrifice unnecessary, and in so doing make the same sacrifice (the life of His only Son) the making of which He had spared Abraham. This is truly a God of wonders!

“The God of Abraham Praise” (Trinity Hymnal #34)

W e A c k n o w L e d g e O u r S i n

* Reading from the Law

An altar made of stones on which man's work has been done defiles the altar because man's work can contribute nothing to his atonement, and that is what is accomplished on an altar. How have you compromised the free grace of God by relying on your own effort to make you acceptable before Him?

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 hits right at the heart of the theme of our service today, as David confesses that his sin has made him deaf and mute, insensitive to his own sin and helplessness, and concludes with the declaration that the Lord is his salvation.

¹ O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
nor discipline me in your wrath!

² For your arrows have sunk into me,
and your hand has come down on me.

³ There is no soundness in my flesh
because of your indignation;
there is no health in my bones
because of my sin.

⁴ For my iniquities have gone over my head;
like a heavy burden, they are too heavy for me.

⁵ My wounds stink and fester
because of my foolishness,

⁶ I am utterly bowed down and prostrate;
all the day I go about mourning.

⁷ For my sides are filled with burning,
and there is no soundness in my flesh.

⁸ I am feeble and crushed;
I groan because of the tumult of my heart.

⁹ O Lord, all my longing is before you;
my sighing is not hidden from you.

¹⁰ My heart throbs; my strength fails me,
and the light of my eyes—it also has gone from me.

¹¹ My friends and companions stand aloof from my plague,
and my nearest kin stand far off.

¹² Those who seek my life lay their snares;
those who seek my hurt speak of ruin
and meditate treachery all day long.

¹³ But I am like a deaf man; I do not hear,
like a mute man who does not open his mouth.
¹⁴ I have become like a man who does not hear,
and in whose mouth are no rebukes.
¹⁵ But for you, O LORD, do I wait;
it is you, O Lord my God, who will answer.
¹⁶ For I said, "Only let them not rejoice over me,
who boast against me when my foot slips!"
¹⁷ For I am ready to fall,
and my pain is ever before me.
¹⁸ I confess my iniquity;
I am sorry for my sin.
¹⁹ But my foes are vigorous, they are mighty,
and many are those who hate me wrongfully.
²⁰ Those who render me evil for good
accuse me because I follow after good.
²¹ Do not forsake me, O LORD!
O my God, be not far from me!
²² Make haste to help me,
O Lord, my salvation!

We Rejoice in the ASSurAnce of fOrgiveneSS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

The path to salvation lies in abandoning our own work and trusting the God who performs wonders (miracles, things only God can do) on our behalf.

Romans 4:1-8 ESV

¹ What then shall we say was gained by Abraham, our forefather according to the flesh? ² For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³ For what does the Scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was counted to him as righteousness." 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; ⁸blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.”

* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate the God who performs wonders (miracles), especially the miracles of His grace which rescue us from bondage to sin and death.

“Great God Of Wonders”

1. Great God of wonders!
All Thy ways are matchless,
Godlike and divine;
But the fair glories of Thy grace
More Godlike and unrivalled shine.

Refrain: Who’s a pardoning God like Thee?
Who has grace so rich and free?
Who’s a pardoning God like Thee?
Great God of Wonders

2. Crimes of such horror to forgive
Such guilty, daring worms to spare
This is Thine grand prerogative
And none shall in the honor share!
(Refrain)

3. In wonder lost, in trembling joy,
We take the pardon of our God:
Pardon for crimes of deepest dye,
A pardon bought with Jesus’ blood.
(Refrain)

4. O may this strange,
this matchless grace,
This Godlike miracle of love,
Fill the wide earth with grateful praise,
And all the angelic chorus above.
(Refrain)

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

“The God of Wonders” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

* Judges 13:1-25 ESV

¹ And the people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, so the LORD gave them into the hand of the Philistines for forty years. ² There was a certain man of Zorah, of the tribe of the Danites, whose name was Manoah. And his wife was barren and had no children. ³ And the angel of the LORD appeared to the woman and said to her, “Behold, you are barren and have not borne children, but you shall conceive and bear a son. ⁴ Therefore be careful and drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, ⁵ for behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. No razor shall come upon his head, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb, and he shall begin to save Israel from the hand of the Philistines.” ⁶ Then the woman came and told her husband, “A man of God came to me, and his appearance was like the appearance of the angel of God, very awesome. I did not ask him where he was from, and he did not tell me his name, ⁷ but he said to me, ‘Behold, you shall conceive and bear a son. So then drink no wine or strong drink, and eat nothing unclean, for the child shall be a Nazirite to God from the womb to the day of his death.’” ⁸ Then Manoah prayed to the LORD and said, “O Lord, please let the man of God whom you sent come again to us and teach us what we are to do with the child who will be born.” ⁹ And God listened to the voice

of Manoah, and the angel of God came again to the woman as she sat in the field. But Manoah her husband was not with her. ¹⁰ So the woman ran quickly and told her husband, "Behold, the man who came to me the other day has appeared to me." ¹¹ And Manoah arose and went after his wife and came to the man and said to him, "Are you the man who spoke to this woman?" And he said, "I am." ¹² And Manoah said, "Now when your words come true, what is to be the child's manner of life, and what is his mission?" ¹³ And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "Of all that I said to the woman let her be careful. ¹⁴ She may not eat of anything that comes from the vine, neither let her drink wine or strong drink, or eat any unclean thing. All that I commanded her let her observe." ¹⁵ Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "Please let us detain you and prepare a young goat for you." ¹⁶ And the angel of the LORD said to Manoah, "If you detain me, I will not eat of your food. But if you prepare a burnt offering, then offer it to the LORD." (For Manoah did not know that he was the angel of the LORD.) ¹⁷ And Manoah said to the angel of the LORD, "What is your name, so that, when your words come true, we may honor you?" ¹⁸ And the angel of the LORD said to him, "Why do you ask my name, seeing it is wonderful?" ¹⁹ So Manoah took the young goat with the grain offering, and offered it on the rock to the LORD, to the one who works wonders, and Manoah and his wife were watching. ²⁰ And when the flame went up toward heaven from the altar, the angel of the LORD went up in the flame of the altar. Now Manoah and his wife were watching, and they fell on their faces to the ground. ²¹ The angel of the LORD appeared no more to Manoah and to his wife. Then Manoah knew that he was the angel of the LORD. ²² And Manoah said to his wife, "We shall surely die, for we have seen God." ²³ But his wife said to him, "If the LORD had meant to kill us, he would not have accepted a burnt offering and a grain offering at our hands, or shown us all these things, or now announced to us such things as these." ²⁴ And the woman bore a son and called his name Samson. And the young man grew, and the LORD blessed him. ²⁵ And the Spirit of the LORD began to stir him in Mahaneh-dan, between Zorah and Eshtaol.

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.

“Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder”

- I. Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

2. Let us love the Lord Who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God
3. Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord, our strong salvation,
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood,
Soon will bring us home to God
4. Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
He Who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God
5. Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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“Gloria Patri” (Trinity Hymnal #735)

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

As we saw at this point in the service last week, it is God who enables us to give by providing both the resources and the motivation, thus producing thanksgiving to Him for the gifts.

II Corinthians 9:11 ESV

You will be enriched in every way to be generous in every way, which through us will produce thanksgiving to God.

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 our worship celebrating the greatest wonder of all: that the almighty, perfect, and ever-blessed God would give His life and offer Himself as a sacrifice for the sins of His people.

* “And Can It Be That I Should Gain” (Trinity Hymnal #455)

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?