

# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, October 22, 2023

"...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

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## Call to Worship

*We praise God for His righteousness, and for His commitment to and blessing of righteous persons.*

### **Psalm 97** *ESV*

- 1 The LORD reigns, let the earth rejoice;  
let the many coastlands be glad!
- 2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;  
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
- 3 Fire goes before him  
and burns up his adversaries all around.
- 4 His lightnings light up the world;  
the earth sees and trembles.
- 5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD,  
before the Lord of all the earth.
- 6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness,  
and all the peoples see his glory.
- 7 All worshipers of images are put to shame,  
who make their boast in worthless idols;  
worship him, all you gods!
- 8 Zion hears and is glad,  
and the daughters of Judah rejoice,  
because of your judgments, O LORD.
- 9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth;  
you are exalted far above all gods.
- 10 O you who love the LORD, hate evil!  
He preserves the lives of his saints;  
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
- 11 Light is sown for the righteous,  
and joy for the upright in heart.
- 12 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous,  
and give thanks to his holy name!

### **Prayer of Adoration and Invocation**

## \* Hymn of Praise

*Our God rules in heaven and on earth, which obligates us to obedience to Him in His wisdom.*

"O Father, You Are Sovereign"

(Trinity Hymnal #75)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*The attitude we should have toward God's law is indicated in Samuel's word to disobedient Saul after His excuse, which was rooted in the misconception that God cared more about sacrifices than about obedience.*

#### **I Samuel 15:22** ESV

And Samuel said,

"Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices,  
as in obeying the voice of the LORD?

Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice,  
and to listen than the fat of rams."

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*We confess both our weakness and our dependence upon and confidence in God to present us faultless before Him.*

#### **"Laden with Guilt and Full of Fears"**

- Laden with guilt and full of fears,  
I fly to Thee, my Lord,  
And not a glimpse of hope appears,  
But in Thy written Word  
The volumes of my Father's grace  
Does all my griefs assuage  
Here I behold my Savior's face  
In every page.

2. This is the field where, hidden, lies  
The pearl of price unknown  
That merchant is divinely wise  
Who makes the pearl his own  
Here consecrated water flows  
To quench my thirst of sin  
Here the fair tree of knowledge grows,  
No danger dwells within.
  
3. This is the judge that ends the strife,  
Where wit and reason fail  
My guide to everlasting life  
Through all this gloomy vale  
Oh may Thy counsels, mighty God,  
My roving feet command,  
Nor I forsake the happy road  
That leads to Thy right hand.

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## *WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS*

### Assurance of Pardoning Grace

*The Gospel is that God has atoned for our violations of His Law through the sacrifice of Jesus, but also that He gives us His Spirit to enable us to walk in new obedience to that Law.*

#### **Romans 8:1–4** ESV

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. <sup>2</sup> For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. <sup>3</sup> For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, <sup>4</sup> in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*We celebrate the enabling power of the Gospel of grace to empower us unto righteousness and willing obedience to His Law.*

### "Love Constraining to Obedience"

Chorus: To see the Law by Christ fulfilled,  
To hear His pardoning voice,  
Changes a slave into a child  
And duty into choice.

1. No strength of nature can suffice  
To serve the Lord aright  
And what she has, she misapplies,  
For want of clearer light.(Repeat chorus)
2. How long beneath the Law I lay  
In bondage and distress  
I toiled the precept to obey,  
But toiled without success.(Repeat chorus)
3. Then to abstain from outward sin  
Was more than I could do  
Now if I feel its power within  
I feel I hate it too.(Repeat chorus)
4. Then all my servile works were done,  
A righteousness to raise  
Now, freely chosen in the Son,  
I freely choose His ways.(Repeat chorus)

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## *WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER*

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### 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, and 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*

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Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"The Jesus You Can Know (VI)—'Is Jesus a Legalist?'"

\* Matthew 5:17–20

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God

# *WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD*

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

"Most Perfect Is the Law of God"

(Trinity Hymnal #153)

# *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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## Offering Meditation

*Just as Paul depended on the giving of the Roman church to support his missionary endeavors in Spain, so we depend upon the support of God's people to enable the carrying out of our part in the mission of the worldwide Church to make disciples.*

### **Romans 15:23–29** ESV

But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you,<sup>24</sup> I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while.<sup>25</sup> At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints.<sup>26</sup> For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem.<sup>27</sup> For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material blessings.<sup>28</sup> When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you.<sup>29</sup> I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

"O God, to Us Show Mercy"

*(Trinity Hymnal #437)*

Presentation of Offerings

*(See Communion)*

\* Doxology

*(Trinity Hymnal #731)*

Prayer of Dedication

# *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We depart today proclaiming our devotion to the One who gave all for us, to whom we owe our complete obedience and worship.*

"All for Jesus!"

*(Trinity Hymnal #565)*

Benediction



# — SERMON NOTES —

October 22, 2023

"The Jesus You Can Know (VI)—'Is Jesus a Legalist?'"

(Mike Biggs)

**Matthew 5:17–20**

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Introduction:

*How does Jesus relate to biblical Law?*

I. Jesus asserts the *permanent centrality* of the Law, vv. 17, 18.

A. This is not legalism.

B. This is life.

II. Jesus acclaims the fastidious proponents of the Law, v. 19.

A. This is not legalism.

B. This is wisdom.

III. Jesus affirms the mandatory obedience to the Law.

A. This is not legalism.

B. This is love.

# — FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study:

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# VISION

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**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...

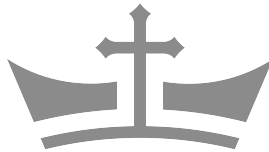
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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



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