

The Lord's Day, November 12, 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

#### Prelude

## Call to Worship

This Psalm calls us to give thanks to God because of his wondrous works. Psalm 105 highlights God's faithfulness to his covenant promises. It recounts how God rescued and provided for his covenant people, even delivering them from bondage to Egypt. It points us to the ultimate deliverance and salvation that is ours in Christ.

Psalm 105:1-6 ESV

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

People: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Pastor: Glory in his holy name;

let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

People: Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

All: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

We recognize that it is God who always initiates with sinners. This hymn highlights our need for grace and praises God for that grace. We recall his faithfulness. An "Ebenezer" is a "stone of help." It's a marker of God's grace in your life, when you have seen him come through. You mark it so you remember.

"Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing" (Trinity Hymnal #457)

## \* Reading from the Law

Before entering the Promised Land, Israel is reminded that God's love for them is grounded in His grace alone. They were in bondage in Egypt and it is because of steadfast love and faithfulness to his promises that they were rescued. God has called them to be a holy people and to obey his laws as a response to the love he has shown them. We often think that we earn God's love through obedience, but we are reminded that our obedience is a response to his love and grace in our lives.

## Deuteronomy 7:6-12 ESV

6"For you are a people holy to the Lord your God. The Lord your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. 7 lt was not because you were more in number than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, 8 but it is because the Lord loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. 9 Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations, 10 and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them. He will not be slack with one who hates him. He will repay him to his face. 11 You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment and the statutes and the rules that I command you today. 12 "And because you listen to these rules and keep and do them, the Lord your God will keep with you the covenant and the steadfast love that he swore to your fathers.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Rather than letting the gospel shape our lives, we seek ways to earn God's approval and justify ourselves. Our confession reminds us the good news of our salvation in Jesus and to live as God's chosen people for his glory as a response to his grace.

O God of grace, in my walk of faith, I am still in rags. My best prayers are stained with sin. I need to repent of my repentance. I need my tears to be washed. I am always going into the far country and always returning home as a prodigal; always saying 'Father, forgive me,' and you are always bringing forth the best robe. Grant me never to lose sight of the exceeding sinfulness of my sin and the exceeding wonder of your grace. Amen

## We rejoice in the AssurAnce of forgiveness

## Assurance of Pardoning Grace

We who were dead in our sins have been made alive because of Christ and Him alone. We have peace with God and now rejoice and are filled with hope

#### Colossians 2:13-14 ESV

13 And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, 14 by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross.

#### \* Hymn of Assurance

We celebrate our assurance by recognizing that our salvation is in Christ alone. We who were imprisoned in our sin have been made alive in Christ. Our sins have been forgiven and we are clothed in righteousness divine. Let us boldly praise God for His amazing love."

"And Can It Be That I Should Gain" (Trinity Hymnal #455)

## 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

"But God" (Rev. Matt Wiley)

\* Ephesians 2:1-10 ESV

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins 2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— 3 among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. 4 But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, 5 even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, 7 so that in the coming ages he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. 8 For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, 9 not a result of works, so that no one may boast. 10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

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.

"Not Unto Us, O Lord of Heaven" (Trinity Hymnal #67)

## Offering Meditation

The Lord has restored his people from slavish captivity, ultimately in Christ, so that they can be fruitful once again in the land. Investing in kingdom building and discipleship requires sacrifice, but the promised return is always worth it.

Psalm 126:1-6 ESV

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

<sup>2</sup>Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then they said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

3 The LORD has done great things for us; we are glad.

4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like streams in the Negeb!

5 Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy!

6 He who goes out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, bringing his sheaves with him.

## 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

## $\underline{W}$ e $\underline{r}$ eSpond to the $\underline{W}$ ord

John Newton was a slave trader and known as referred to himself as "one who sinned with a high hand." It was God's amazing grace that changed Newton's heart. This grace enables us to rejoice and gives us hope. We who have received this amazing grace can take this hope to a lost and broken world.

\* "Amazing Grace" (Trinity Hymnal #460)

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):

- 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**

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"But God" (Rev. Matt Wiley)	
Ephesians 2:1-10	

I. The Need For Rescue
A. Dead in Sin

Introduction:

B. Incurvatus in se

II. Salvation By Grace Alone A. A great exchange

# -For Your Personal Devotions -

Points of Application:	
Memorable Illustrations:	
Evaluation:	
Questions for Further Study:	