



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, May 7, 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.

** Indicated congregational standing*

Prelude

Call to Worship

The faithfulness of the Lord, proclaimed in this call to worship, is ample cause not only to praise Him, but also to continue to trust Him and rely upon Him.

Psalm 117^{ESV}

- ¹ Praise the LORD, all nations!
Extol him, all peoples!
² For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.
Praise the LORD!

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

* Hymn of Praise

We praise the One whose name has the power to justify, heal, cleanse, and sanctify His people, because He has ascended to the throne as Savior (Priest) and King.

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!” (Trinity Hymnal #296)

* Reading from the Law

The Colossians, like the congregation addressed in the book of Hebrews, were being tempted to fall back into observing the ceremonial law as an end in itself, rather than realizing that its purpose was to point to a reality that had now come, that is, Christ, and that it had been fulfilled in Him. To observe it outwardly was to deny Christ, and to transform its significance into a legalistic basis for salvation, one that would replace Christ rather than point to Him. The sin of many professing Christians is similar: replacing Christ as our hope with all sorts of religious forms, rituals, and practices.

Colossians 2:16-23 ^{ESV}

¹⁶ Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath. ¹⁷ These are a shadow of the things to come, but the substance belongs to Christ. ¹⁸ Let no one disqualify you, insisting on asceticism and worship of angels, going on in detail about visions, puffed up without reason by his sensuous mind, ¹⁹ and not holding fast to the Head, from whom the whole body, nourished and knit together through its joints and ligaments, grows with a growth that is from God. ²⁰ If with Christ you died to the elemental spirits of the world, why, as if you were still alive in the world, do you submit to regulations— ²¹ “Do not handle, Do not taste, Do not touch” ²² (referring to things that all perish as they are used)—according to human precepts and teachings? ²³ These have indeed an appearance of wisdom in promoting self-made religion and asceticism and severity to the body, but they are of no value in stopping the indulgence of the flesh.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

Our refuge is found in God alone, not in anything we can do, or any religious ritual or act.

“Dear Refuge of My Weary Soul”

1. Dear refuge of my weary soul,
On Thee, when sorrows rise
On Thee, when waves of trouble roll,
My fainting hope relies
To Thee I tell each rising grief,
For Thou alone canst heal
Thy Word can bring a sweet relief,
For every pain I feel
2. But oh! When gloomy doubts prevail,
I fear to call Thee mine
The springs of comfort seem to fail,
And all my hopes decline
Yet gracious God, where shall I flee?
Thou art my only trust
And still my soul would cleave to Thee
Though prostrate in the dust
3. Hast Thou not bid me seek Thy face,
And shall I seek in vain?
And can the ear of sovereign grace,
Be deaf when I complain?
No still the ear of sovereign grace,
Attends the mourner’s prayer
Oh may I ever find access,
To breathe my sorrows there
4. Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet,
Thy mercy seat is open still,
Here let my soul retreat
With humble hope attend Thy will,
And wait beneath Thy feet.

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Christ has secured our forgiveness and cleansing through His taking of the curse upon Himself (His “circumcision”). He has fulfilled all of the law on our behalf to make us right with God. There is nothing left for us to do except to respond in repentance, faith, and obedience.

Colossians 2:8-15 ESV

⁸ See to it that no one takes you captive by philosophy and empty deceit, according to human tradition, according to the elemental spirits of the world, and not according to Christ. ⁹ For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, ¹⁰ and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. ¹¹ In him also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, ¹² having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. 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. ¹⁵ He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

* Hymn of Assurance

Jesus is all we need, a truth we now proclaim with joyful and grateful hearts.

Jesus, the Lord, My Savior

1. Jesus, the Lord, my Savior is,
My Shepherd, and my God;
My light, my strength, my joy, my bliss;
And I His grace record.
 2. Whate'er I need in Jesus dwells,
And there it dwells for me;
'Tis Christ my earthen vessel fills
With treasures rich and free.
- CH: Mercy and truth and righteousness,
And peace, most richly meet
In Jesus Christ, the King of grace,
In Whom I stand complete.*
3. As through the wilderness I roam,
His mercies I'll proclaim;
And when I safely reach my home,
I'll still adore His name.
 4. "Worthy the Lamb," shall be my song,
"For He for me was slain;"
And me with all the heavenly throng
Shall join, and say, "Amen."

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We prAy for eAch Other

Prayers of Intercession

(The minister will lead us in prayer, taking requests from individuals.)

Sermon

“Hold On: Persevering in Jesus” (Rev. Scott Morris)

* Hebrews 8 ESV

¹ Now the point in what we are saying is this: we have such a high priest, one who is seated at the right hand of the throne of the Majesty in heaven, ² a minister in the holy places, in the true tent that the Lord set up, not man. ³ For every high priest is appointed to offer gifts and sacrifices; thus it is necessary for this priest also to have something to offer. ⁴ Now if he were on earth, he would not be a priest at all, since there are priests who offer gifts according to the law. ⁵ They serve a copy and shadow of the heavenly things. For when Moses was about to erect the tent, he was instructed by God, saying, “See that you make everything according to the pattern that was shown you on the mountain.” ⁶ But as it is, Christ has obtained a ministry that is as much more excellent than the old as the covenant he mediates is better, since it is enacted on better promises. ⁷ For if that first covenant had been faultless, there would have been no occasion to look for a second. ⁸ For he finds fault with them when he says: “Behold, the days are coming, declares the Lord, when I will establish a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah, ⁹ not like the covenant that I made with their fathers on the day when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt. For they did not continue in my covenant, and so I showed no concern for them, declares the Lord. ¹⁰ For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord: I will put my laws into their minds, and write them on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. ¹¹ And they shall not teach, each one his neighbor and each one his brother, saying, ‘Know the Lord,’ for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest. ¹² For I will be merciful toward their iniquities, and I will remember their sins no more.” ¹³ In speaking of a new covenant, he makes the first one obsolete. And what is becoming obsolete and growing old is ready to vanish away.

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.

Hark the Voice of Love and Mercy (It Is Finished)

1. Hark, the voice of love and mercy
Sounds aloud from Calvary
See, it rends the rocks asunder
Shakes the earth and veils the sky
“It is finished, it is finished,” hear the dying Savior cry
“It is finished, it is finished,” hear the dying Savior cry
2. “It is finished,” O what pleasure
Do these charming words afford
Heavenly blessings, without measure
Flow to us from Christ the Lord
“It is finished, it is finished,” saints the dying words record
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3. Finished all the types and shadows
Of the ceremonial law
Finished all that God had promised
Death and hell no more shall awe
“It is finished, it is finished,” saints from hence your comfort draw
“It is finished, it is finished,” saints from hence your comfort draw
4. Tune your harps, anew, ye seraphs
Join to sing the pleasing theme
Saints on earth and all in heaven
Join to praise Immanuel’s name
Hallelujah, hallelujah Glory to the bleeding lamb!
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“Jehovah’s Perfect Law” (Trinity Hymnal #151) vv. 1-3

We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

Offering Meditation

God's will is that those who have profited spiritually from the ministry of the Word of God should share God's blessings with those who have taught him, thus displaying gratitude for the grace of God. Tithes and offerings are the principal way we obey this command.

Galatians 6:6 ^{ESV}

Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches.

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 have seen how Jesus is our great High Priest who sympathizes with us in our weakness and offers the perfect sacrifice of Himself for us. Now we proclaim this goodness as we leave today. May this proclamation inspire our service to Him until we meet again.

* "Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners" (Trinity Hymnal #498)

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

May 7, 2017

“Hold On: Persevering in Jesus” (Rev. Scott Morris)

Hebrews 8

Introduction:

Why should we keep trusting in Christ?

I. We have been rescued by Jesus, vv. 1-6.

II. We have been renovated by Jesus, vv. 7-13.

— **For Your Personal Devotions** —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: