



# CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, June 3, 2018

“...taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ...”



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

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*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*

### *We Approach the Lord*

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Prelude

Call to Worship

*The fundamental prerequisite for the worship of God is the knowledge of who He is and that He is the Creator, the One who has formed us for Himself, and to look to Him as the Provider of all our needs.*

Psalm 100 <sup>ESV</sup>

- 1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!
- 2 Serve the LORD with gladness!  
Come into his presence with singing!
- 3 Know that the LORD, he is God!  
It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.
- 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!  
Give thanks to him; bless his name!
- 5 For the LORD is good;  
his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

\* Hymn of Praise

*We focus on God as the One from whom all good things we have in life flow, and declare to one another that the recognition of this is incumbent upon all of us, and is the very thing that gives us the capacity for enjoyment of them.*

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” (Trinity Hymnal #53)

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Our CovenAnt fAMiLy

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Instruction about Baptism

Questions to Parents and Congregation

Sacrament of Baptism

Prayer

\* Reading from the Law

*Forgetting God in the midst of the abundance which He lavishes upon us is always a temptation for the people of God, and it is essentially idolatry, which leads to destruction..*

Deuteronomy 8:11-20 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>11</sup> “Take care lest you forget the Lord your God by not keeping his commandments and his rules and his statutes, which I command you today, <sup>12</sup> lest, when you have eaten and are full and have built good houses and live in them, <sup>13</sup> and when your herds and flocks multiply and your silver and gold is multiplied and all that you have is multiplied, <sup>14</sup> then your heart be lifted up, and you forget the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, <sup>15</sup> who led you through the great and terrifying wilderness, with its fiery serpents and scorpions and thirsty ground where there was no water, who brought you water out of the flinty rock, <sup>16</sup> who fed you in the wilderness with manna that your fathers did not know, that he might humble you and test you, to do you good in the end. <sup>17</sup> Beware lest you say in your heart, ‘My power and the might of my hand have gotten me this wealth.’ <sup>18</sup> You shall remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you power to get wealth, that he may confirm his covenant that he swore to your fathers, as it is this day. <sup>19</sup> And if you forget the Lord your God and go after other gods and serve them and worship them, I solemnly warn you today that you shall surely perish. <sup>20</sup> Like the nations that the Lord makes to perish before you, so shall you perish, because you would not obey the voice of the Lord your God.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

*The emphasis in this confession addresses our tendency to forget God.*

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

*This passage shows how Christ, being the fullness of deity, can “fill” us, that is, give us the fullness of blessing found in all that He has made, because He is the only link to the God in and for whom all things exist and have their meaning. Seeking this in Christ is the opposite of seeking them in human tradition, which finds meaning in the creation itself, rather than in God, who made it. We thus become rulers over the creation in Him as we were meant to be, rather than servants to it.*

#### Colossians 2:8-15 ESV

<sup>8</sup>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. <sup>9</sup>For in him the whole fullness of deity dwells bodily, <sup>10</sup>and you have been filled in him, who is the head of all rule and authority. <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup> 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. <sup>13</sup> 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, <sup>14</sup> by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. <sup>15</sup> He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.

\* Hymn of Assurance

*We declare in this wonderful hymn what we have already seen:  
that all we need is in Jesus, and we stand complete in Him.*

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

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### Prayers of Intercession

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

## We heAr inStruction froM the Lord

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### Sermon

“Only One Life” (Rev. Mike Biggs)

\* Ecclesiastes 1-2 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>1</sup> The words of the Preacher, the son of David, king in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Preacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. <sup>3</sup> What does man gain by all the toil at which he toils under the

sun? <sup>4</sup> A generation goes, and a generation comes, but the earth

remains forever. <sup>5</sup> The sun rises, and the sun goes down, and hastens to the place where it rises. <sup>6</sup> The wind blows to the south and goes

around to the north; around and around goes the wind, and on its circuits the wind returns. <sup>7</sup> All streams run to the sea, but the sea is not full; to the place where the streams flow, there they flow again.

<sup>8</sup> All things are full of weariness; a man cannot utter it; the eye is not satisfied with seeing, nor the ear filled with hearing. <sup>9</sup> What has

been is what will be, and what has been done is what will be done, and there is nothing new under the sun. <sup>10</sup> Is there a thing of which

it is said, “See, this is new”? It has been already in the ages before us. <sup>11</sup> There is no remembrance of former things, nor will there be

any remembrance of later things yet to be among those who come after. <sup>12</sup> I the Preacher have been king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> And

I applied my heart to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven. It is an unhappy business that God has given to

the children of man to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I have seen everything that is done under the sun, and behold, all is vanity and a striving after

wind. <sup>15</sup>What is crooked cannot be made straight, and what is lacking cannot be counted. <sup>16</sup>I said in my heart, "I have acquired great wisdom, surpassing all who were over Jerusalem before me, and my heart has had great experience of wisdom and knowledge." <sup>17</sup>And I applied my heart to know wisdom and to know madness and folly. I perceived that this also is but a striving after wind. <sup>18</sup>For in much wisdom is much vexation, and he who increases knowledge increases sorrow. <sup>19</sup>I said in my heart, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure; enjoy yourself." But behold, this also was vanity. <sup>20</sup>I said of laughter, "It is mad," and of pleasure, "What use is it?" <sup>21</sup>I searched with my heart how to cheer my body with wine—my heart still guiding me with wisdom—and how to lay hold on folly, till I might see what was good for the children of man to do under heaven during the few days of their life. <sup>22</sup>I made great works. I built houses and planted vineyards for myself. <sup>23</sup>I made myself gardens and parks, and planted in them all kinds of fruit trees. <sup>24</sup>I made myself pools from which to water the forest of growing trees. <sup>25</sup>I bought male and female slaves, and had slaves who were born in my house. I had also great possessions of herds and flocks, more than any who had been before me in Jerusalem. <sup>26</sup>I also gathered for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I got singers, both men and women, and many concubines, the delight of the sons of man. <sup>27</sup>So I became great and surpassed all who were before me in Jerusalem. Also my wisdom remained with me. <sup>28</sup>And whatever my eyes desired I did not keep from them. I kept my heart from no pleasure, for my heart found pleasure in all my toil, and this was my reward for all my toil. <sup>29</sup>Then I considered all that my hands had done and the toil I had expended in doing it, and behold, all was vanity and a striving after wind, and there was nothing to be gained under the sun. <sup>30</sup>So I turned to consider wisdom and madness and folly. For what can the man do who comes after the king? Only what has already been done. <sup>31</sup>Then I saw that there is more gain in wisdom than in folly, as there is more gain in light than in darkness. <sup>32</sup>The wise person has his eyes in his head, but the fool walks in darkness. And yet I perceived that the same event happens to all of them. <sup>33</sup>Then I said in my heart, "What happens to the fool will happen to me also. Why then have I been so very wise?" And I said in my heart that this also is vanity. <sup>34</sup>For of the wise as of the fool there is no enduring remembrance, seeing that in the days to come all will have been long forgotten. How the wise dies just like the fool! <sup>35</sup>So I hated life, because what is done under the sun was grievous to me, for all is vanity and a striving after



wind. <sup>18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I toil under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to the man who will come after me, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or a fool? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned about and gave my heart up to despair over all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes a person who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave everything to be enjoyed by someone who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What has a man from all the toil and striving of heart with which he toils beneath the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all his days are full of sorrow, and his work is a vexation. Even in the night his heart does not rest. This also is vanity. <sup>24</sup> There is nothing better for a person than that he should eat and drink and find enjoyment in his toil. This also, I saw, is from the hand of God, <sup>25</sup> for apart from him who can eat or who can have enjoyment? <sup>26</sup> For to the one who pleases him God has given wisdom and knowledge and joy, but to the sinner he has given the business of gathering and collecting, only to give to one who pleases God. This also is vanity and a striving after wind.

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 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.*

“The Tender Love a Father Has” (Trinity Hymnal #93)

-To the tune of ‘All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name’

## We reSpond to the grAce of the Lord

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### Offering Meditation

*Understanding the primacy of our souls and of the Kingdom of God produces a willingness to give of our worldly resources to promote that Kingdom.*

Matthew 16:24-26 <sup>ESV</sup>

<sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?

### 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

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*What matters, in this life and the next, is the Kingdom of God.  
Focus on the last verse of this hymn as you leave today.*

\* “Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken” (Trinity Hymnal #345)

### Benediction

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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)

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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# SERMON NOTES

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Ecclesiastes 1-2

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Introduction:

*What principles do we need to understand to have a life orientation of joy?*

- I. Creation and its activities cannot generate meaning.
  - A. Wisdom/knowledge.
  
  - B. Pleasure.
  
  - C. Work/achievement.
  
  - D. Wealth.
  
  - E. Morality.

- II. Secularism is a trap.
  - A. No one escapes.

B. Nothing is absolute.

III. God is the meaning of all existence.

A. The goodness of creation.

B. The indispensability of God.

C. The importance of eternity.

# ~~For Your Personal Devotions~~

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: