



CHRIST

- THE KING -

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 8, 2021

"...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

Prelude

Call to Worship

*This psalm celebrates the power of God's Word (the "voice" of God). It therefore rightly begins by enjoining us to express His image in us by using **our** speech to glorify Him in worship.*

Psalm 29:1–10 ESV

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- ² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name;
worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD, over many waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is full of majesty.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon to skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD flashes forth flames of fire.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness;
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD makes the deer give birth
and strips the forests bare,
and in his temple all cry, "Glory!"
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD sits enthroned as king forever.

Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

*** Hymn of Praise**

We begin our worship by exhorting one another, and indeed the angels, to express adoration of God and bless Him with our speech.

"Praise the Lord:Ye Heavens Adore Him"

(Trinity Hymnal #17)

WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN

* Reading from the Law

These laws governing witness in courts impress upon us both the seriousness of our speech before God and the potential harm that it can impose, meriting severe judgment from God.

Deuteronomy 19:15–21 ^{ESV}

"A single witness shall not suffice against a person for any crime or for any wrong in connection with any offense that he has committed. Only on the evidence of two witnesses or of three witnesses shall a charge be established. ¹⁶ If a malicious witness arises to accuse a person of wrongdoing, ¹⁷ then both parties to the dispute shall appear before the LORD, before the priests and the judges who are in office in those days. ¹⁸ The judges shall inquire diligently, and if the witness is a false witness and has accused his brother falsely, ¹⁹ then you shall do to him as he had meant to do to his brother. So you shall purge the evil from your midst. ²⁰ And the rest shall hear and fear, and shall never again commit any such evil among you. ²¹ Your eye shall not pity. It shall be life for life, eye for eye, tooth for tooth, hand for hand, foot for foot.

Silent Confession of Sin

Corporate Confession of Sin

This psalm of confession emphasizes the act of "crying" with one's "voice" to the Lord in repentant prayer, and gives as a rationale for God's merciful response the fact that it will produce the ability and the motivation to "praise [God's] name."

"Responsive reading, Psalm 142"

(Trinity Hymnal p. 837)

WE REJOICE IN THE ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Assurance of Pardoning Grace

Here we see the promise of the gospel: how God says He will respond when His people "take with [them] words" and express confession and repentance to Him. This is one example of blessed and godly speech which we need to take to heart.

Hosea 14:1–9 ESV

¹ Return, O Israel, to the LORD your God,
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

² Take with you words
and return to the LORD;
say to him,

"Take away all iniquity;
accept what is good,
and we will pay with bulls
the vows of our lips.

³ Assyria shall not save us;
we will not ride on horses;
and we will say no more, 'Our God,'
to the work of our hands.

In you the orphan finds mercy."

⁴ I will heal their apostasy;
I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.

⁵ I will be like the dew to Israel;
he shall blossom like the lily;
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;

⁶ his shoots shall spread out;
his beauty shall be like the olive,
and his fragrance like Lebanon.

⁷ They shall return and dwell beneath my shadow;
they shall flourish like the grain;
they shall blossom like the vine;
their fame shall be like the wine of Lebanon.

⁸ O Ephraim, what have I to do with idols?
It is I who answer and look after you.

I am like an evergreen cypress;
from me comes your fruit.

⁹ Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;
whoever is discerning, let him know them;
for the ways of the LORD are right,
and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in them.

Leader: This is the gospel.

Congregation: Hallelujah!

*** Hymn of Assurance**

*The assurance of the gospel becomes the source of the story we tell
and the song we sing in constant praise of our Savior with our tongues.*

"Blessed Assurance"

(Trinity Hymnal #693)

WE PRAY FOR EACH OTHER

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. These will be confidential if desired. Everyone who is not receiving prayer will participate in corporate prayer as the worship leader mentions a list of topics. As each item is mentioned, the congregation should respond with, "We offer these our prayers," followed by a brief silent, individual prayer.

WE HEAR INSTRUCTION FROM THE LORD

Sermon

(Mike Biggs)

"A Restless Evil"

* James 3:1–12

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

Congregation: Thanks be to God!

WE COMMUNE WITH OUR LORD

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.

"Lord, Speak to Me that I May Speak"

(Trinity Hymnal #561)

WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD

Offering Meditation

The giving of God's people to the Church is now, as it was for the Philippians in their support of Paul, a "partnership in the gospel," because it finances and enables the verbal proclamation of God's truth to a needy world.

Philippians 1:3–5 ^{ESV}

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴ always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵ because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now.

"Blest Be the Tie that Binds"

(Trinity Hymnal #359)

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

*It is no accident that, at the heart of this prayer of commitment of all of life to God, is a prayer for God to take our **lips** and **voice**, and fill them with praise for Him and wisdom from Him. By this we serve God and bless His world.*

"Take My Life, and Let It Be"

(Trinity Hymnal #585)

Benediction

— SERMON NOTES —

August 8, 2021

"A Restless Evil"

James 3:1–12

(Mike Biggs)

Introduction:

Why should we give particular attention to controlling our speech?

I. Controlling speech is a tool to regulate the whole of life, vv. 1–5a.

A. The seriousness of speech.

B. The centrality of speech.

II. Controlling speech is a way to avoid the misery of sin, vv. 5b–8.

A. The centrality of speech.

B. The futility of control.

C. The lesson of futility.

III. Controlling speech is a means to address the impurity of heart, vv. 9-12.

A. What speech exposes.

B. What speech enables.

— FOR YOUR PERSONAL DEVOTION —

Points of Application:

Memorable Illustrations:

Evaluation:

Questions for Further Study: