

# CHRIST

## — THE KING —

The Lord's Day, Sunday, August 18, 2024

"...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

*This psalm calls us to worship on the basis of the contrast between the rule of fallen men, who are in reality expressions of the kingdom and rebellion of Satan, and the rule of God (which is also ultimately through redeemed mankind through Christ), which results in blessings of all kinds to human beings.*

### **Psalm 146** ESV

<sup>1</sup> Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup> I will praise the LORD as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

<sup>3</sup> Put not your trust in princes,

in a son of man, in whom there is no salvation.

<sup>4</sup> When his breath departs, he returns to the earth;

on that very day his plans perish.

<sup>5</sup> Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob,

whose hope is in the LORD his God,

<sup>6</sup> who made heaven and earth,

the sea, and all that is in them,

who keeps faith forever;

<sup>7</sup> who executes justice for the oppressed,

who gives food to the hungry.

The LORD sets the prisoners free;

<sup>8</sup> the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

the LORD loves the righteous.

<sup>9</sup> The LORD watches over the sojourners;

he upholds the widow and the fatherless,

but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

<sup>10</sup> The LORD will reign forever,

your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

## Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

## \* Hymn of Praise

*We praise the One who, because His victory has been accomplished in the work done in His first coming, rules now over all until He has subjugated all His (and our) enemies.*

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

(Trinity Hymnal #295)

## *WE ACKNOWLEDGE OUR SIN*

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### \* Reading from the Law

*Unbelief in God's promises and the resultant failure to possess what God has given His people in establishing His kingdom can result in the forfeiture of the blessings of the covenant, a fact that calls us to the obedience of faith (cf. Psalm 95:7c-11).*

**Numbers 14:1–38** <sup>ESV</sup>

### Silent Confession of Sin

### Corporate Confession of Sin

*Here we sing of our awareness of our guilt, and of our flight to the only One who offers us hope and can save us. But notice that the rest of the hymn sets forth the written Word of God avenue to our hope and that which leads us to Him and to Christ. This hymn then beautifully juxtaposes both our failure to seek God in His Word and the repentance wrought by His opening of our eyes which leads us to seek Him diligently in that same Word.*

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

- I. 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**

*It was the One of whom Psalm 2 asserts, "Blessed are all who take refuge in Him" who said, "The one who comes to me, I will in no wise cast out." This is the basis of the confidence and assurance before God of all who simply trust in Jesus and His work.*

#### **Psalm 2:12** ESV

"Kiss the Son,  
lest he be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for his wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in him."

Leader: This is the gospel.

**Congregation: Hallelujah!**

## \* Hymn of Assurance

*Our complete confidence in our salvation is affirmed as we meditate and sing of Jesus and His marvelous work on our behalf, looking in the last verse to the consummation of that work, and of His Kingdom.*

**"Rejoice, the Lord Is King"**

(Trinity Hymnal #310)

## ***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)

**"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age X — Dispensationalism Part I: 'Last Days Madness'" (Part 2)**

\* I Corinthians 15:20–28

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.*

"O God, Your Judgments Give the King"

(Trinity Hymnal #312)

## *WE RESPOND TO THE GRACE OF THE LORD*

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### Offering Meditation

*The wise men worshiped the baby King by presenting to Him gifts, and so should we.*

### Matthew 2:11 ESV

And going into the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they fell down and worshiped him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh.

"He Walks Among the Golden Lamps"

(Trinity Hymnal #315)

### Presentation of Offerings

\* Doxology

(Trinity Hymnal #731)

### Prayer of Dedication

## *WE RESPOND TO THE WORD*

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*We depart our service today singing of the glory of Christ's Kingdom, realizing that, although we are already in "Emmanuel's Land," our full experience of that reality in all its glory still awaits us as our hope.*

### **"The Sands of Time Are Sinking"**

*The sands of time are sinking,  
The dawn of heaven breaks;  
The summer morn I've sighed for -  
The fair, sweet morn awakes:  
Dark, dark had been the midnight  
But dayspring is at hand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.*

*The king there in His beauty,  
Without a veil is seen:  
It were a well-spent journey,  
Though seven deaths lay between:  
The Lamb with His fair army,  
Doth on Mount Zion stand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land*

*O Christ, He is the fountain,  
The deep, sweet well of love!  
The streams on earth I've tasted  
More deep I'll drink above:  
There to an ocean fullness  
His mercy doth expand,  
And glory, glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.*

*The bride eyes not her garment,  
But her dear Bridegroom's face;  
I will not gaze at glory  
But on my King of grace.  
Not at the crown He giveth  
But on His pierced hand;  
The Lamb is all the glory  
Of Emmanuel's land.*

*O I am my Beloved's  
And my Beloved is mine!  
He brings a poor vile sinner  
Into His house of wine  
I stand upon His merit -  
I know no other stand,  
Not e'en where glory dwelleth  
In Emmanuel's land.*

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### **Benediction**



# — SERMON NOTES —

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"Spiritual Deceptions of our Age X — Dispensationalism Part I:

"Last Days Madness" (Part 2)

(Mike Biggs)

## I Corinthians 15:20–28

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Introduction:

*How do popular conceptions of the “Last Days” lead to misunderstandings of the Kingdom?*

- I. Last Days errors distort our understanding of the *timing* of the Kingdom of God.

A. Its coming.

B. Its victory.

II. Last Days errors distort our understanding of the *nature* of the Kingdom of God.

A. Its extent.

B. Its program.

C. Our role.

III. Last Days errors distort our understanding of the *prospects* of the Kingdom of God.

A. Its progress.

B. Its apostasy(?).

## — 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...

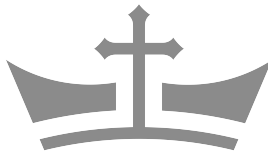
- adding people (incorporation)
- building people (edification)

**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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