



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 7, 2025
THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Stacey Croft

Minister: To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by
his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God
and Father,

People: To him be glory and dominion forever and ever.

Minister: Come, let us worship the Alpha and the Omega,

People: Who was and is and is to come, the Lord Almighty!

❖ GOD IS FOR US

Ferguson, Tealy, Reeves, Robinson, Farren, Thompson, and Tranter

We won't fear the battle, we won't fear the night
We will walk the valley with you by our side
You will go before us, you will lead the way
We have found a refuge only you can save

Chorus:

Sing with joy now, our God is for us

The Father's love is a strong and mighty fortress

Raise your voice now, no love is greater

Who can stand against us if our God is for us

Even when I stumble, even when I fall
Even when I turn back still your love is sure
You will not abandon, you will not forsake
You will cheer me onward with never ending grace (*Ch*)

Neither height nor depth can separate us
Hell and death will not defeat us
He who gave his Son to free us
Holds me in his love (*Repeat*) (*Ch 2x*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

You, O Lord, are glorious beyond measure. You are holy and righteous. Were it not for your love, we would perish forever. We praise you, Father, that you have rescued us from the dominion of darkness and have brought us into the kingdom of the Son whom you love, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. Thank you for opening for us a door into eternal fellowship with you through the mystery of Christ our Lord. Holy Spirit, we humbly ask you to make Jesus more real to us this day that we might love him more dearly and follow him more nearly throughout the week. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 86

Minister: What is faith in Jesus Christ?

People: Faith in Jesus Christ is a saving grace, whereby we receive and rest upon him alone for salvation, as he is offered to us in the gospel.

❖ SING OVER US

Joe Deegan

There will be no sun for he will be our light
Out of the tomb these broken bones shall mend and rise
The former things will pass away
Death will never see the light of day
But we will see our Jesus face to face

Chorus:

And he will sing over us, he will sing over us

We will see the face of our first love

And he will sing over us

With his own hands he'll wipe the tears
That stained our cheeks
And when we lift our gaze our eyes at last shall see
The former things shall pass away
Every bitter sorrow, every pain
Will come undone when we behold his face (*Chorus*)

The Lord our God is in our midst, the Lord has come

He will quiet us with his steadfast love (*Repeat*)

With his steadfast love (*Chorus 2x*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00 am

John Dale Berkey

Covenant child of Alexandra and Blake Berkey

Nathan Wells Dailey

Covenant child of Sarah and Andrew Dailey

Cameron Wyatt Schorken

Covenant child of Kate and Erik Schorken

10:30 am

Claire Gardner Britt

Covenant child of Kristin and Harris Britt

Hannah Elizabeth Casteel

Covenant child of Lucy and Wynne Casteel

Olivia Kate Frazier

Wyatt Evans Frazier

Profession of Faith

Bowen Walker Frazier

Millie Grace Frazier

Covenant children of Sarah and Travis Frazier

Shepherd Johnson Frazier

Covenant child of Jordan and Jay Frazier

Delilah Grace Zelaya

Covenant child of Nancy and Andrés Zelaya

✦ PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, we confess that often we have failed to be obedient: we have not done your will; we have broken your law; we have rebelled against your love; we have not loved our neighbors; we have not heard the cry of the poor and needy.

Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

2 Corinthians 5:21

Minister: For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

Paul Brennan, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING

1 Peter 1:13-2:3
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“Living as God's Children”

Rev. John Trapp

1 Peter

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

10:30 am

Olivia Kate Frazier

Wyatt Evans Frazier

Communion is an opportunity for all of us to seek the Lord. It is an occasion for baptized Christians to be strengthened by our Savior. All who trust alone in Christ as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing of a church that embraces the gospel, live at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully are welcome to come forward to partake. If you are not a Christian, have not been admitted to the Lord's table, or choose not to partake you are welcome to come forward with your arms crossed in front of your body to receive a blessing.

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up unto the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING & WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.
Come and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

*During communion, wine and grape juice are served.
Grape juice, in a purple cup, is available upon request.
All communion bread is gluten-free.
Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward.*

Prayer of Seeking Truth

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth and the life. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you, I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior. Amen.

THE CHURCH'S ONE FOUNDATION

Brian Moss and Samuel John Stone

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord
She is his new creation by water and the Word
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride
With his own blood he bought her and for her life he died

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food
And to one hope she presses, with every grace endured

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war
She waits the consummation of peace forevermore
Till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blessed,
And the great church victorious shall be the church at rest

Yet she on earth hath union with God the three in one,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy, Lord give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly on high may dwell with thee

AMAZING GRACE

AMAZING GRACE, Traditional American melody, John Newton

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost but now am found
Was blind but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

When we've been there ten thousand years
Bright shining as the sun
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun

*We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun*

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: Go in peace, in the knowledge of God’s power.
 Go in confidence, in the knowledge of God’s strength.
 Go in joy, in the knowledge of God’s love.

People: **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDETH, Louis Bourgeois’s Genevan Psalter, Thomas Ken

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

Worship Leaders		Audio/Visual Team	
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>	Zach Day	<i>audio</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Samuel Hunniford	<i>video director</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	TBD	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>	Pook Saudale	<i>camera</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>	Joe Bill Whittenburg	<i>camera</i>
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>		

*Welcome! We are so glad you are with us today.
For a full list of upcoming events,
please visit christtheking.com.*

Sunday Morning at Christ the King

9:00 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - PreK

Children's Worship
K-2nd grade
Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(Room A300, 3rd Floor)

10:30 am
Worship Service

Nursery Care
8 weeks - 1 year

Sunday School
2 - 4 years old (1st floor)
K - 3rd grade (2nd floor)
Code 45 - 4th & 5th grade
(Through the Great Hall,
and up the stairs)

Student Ministry
Sunday Mornings
6th - 12th grade
(3rd floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class
(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Classes

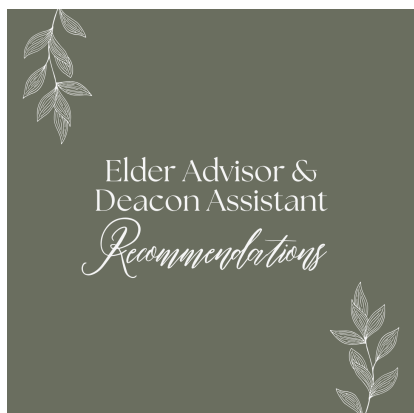
All are welcome! No registration necessary. Classes meet on the 3rd floor.

Joshua

Joshua is a powerful story of conquest and promise, as God leads Israel into the land he has prepared for them. Through its pages, we'll explore remarkable accounts of God's faithfulness and his mighty work on behalf of his people. We'll trace the redemptive thread from Joshua—whose name means “the Lord saves”—to Jesus, who fulfills that promise fully. Join us as we discover how “the Lord saves” throughout the story of redemption.

Upcoming Events

Tonight	3D Back to School Party	5:30 - 6:45 pm	3D Room
Tonight	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Redeemer Room
9/9	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
9/14	Something Big to Celebrate!	9:00 am	Christ the King
9/18	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
9/18	Young Adults Seasonal Supper	7:00 - 9:00 pm	13714 Queensbury
9/21-10/5	Membership Class	10:30 - 11:30 am	Room A300
9/25	Men's Pickleball	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Pickleball Social



Elder Advisor & Deacon Assistant Recommendations

Elder Advisors and Deacon Assistants are lay members, primarily women, who come alongside our Elders and Deacons to provide support in shepherding and care. They also offer valuable wisdom, insight, and perspective to the work of the Session and Diaconate. If you know women in our church who are gifted for this kind of service, please recommend them using the QR code.



Fall Group Openings

The Barnabas Center is excited to offer several counseling support groups this fall. These groups are a safe place for you to explore and work through shared struggles while building connections with peers. Each group will be led by Leslie Peacock, MAC, LPC, Director of Counseling. Visit our website for group descriptions and to sign up.



Men's Breakfast

September 9, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Start your morning with breakfast, powerful stories of how God is at work, and a room full of guys who want to grow in faith and friendship. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and come join us!



Membership Class

September 21 - October 5, 10:30 am - 12:30 pm, Christ the King

If you're ready to learn more about becoming a member of Christ the King, we invite you to join our next Membership Class. Attending does not obligate you to join, but it is the first step toward membership. The class is a great opportunity to hear about the vision and direction of the church, ask questions, and begin building relationships with church leadership and fellow participants. Please sign up at christtheking.com/membership.

Care at Christ the King

Congregational Prayers

Can we pray for you? Let us know at christtheking.com/care or contact catherine.duffin@christtheking.com.

Deacons at Christ the King

The deacons come alongside our church body to assist with needs like encouragement and prayer, budgeting and financial coaching, and helping widows and elderly. If you have a need, or know of a need, please email them at deacons@christtheking.com.

The Barnabas Center

We are honored to help you find healing, understanding, and hope in your life and current circumstances through Christ-centered professional counseling. Please visit our website at barnabascenterhou.com for more information and to connect with a counselor.

Pastors at Christ the King

Our staff is excited to come alongside you as you grow in your worship of Christ and your love and care for one another. Please contact any of us with questions or needs.

You can find contact information for all of our staff and pastors at christtheking.com/staff.

Stacey Croft	Pastor, Adult Ministry
Clay Holland	Pastor, Family Ministry
Alex Martinez	Pastor, Latino Ministry
John Trapp	Senior Pastor
Andrés Zelaya	Pastor of the Latino Initiative

Ministry Budget Update

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 08/31	\$	4,284,628
Received as of 08/31	\$	3,561,232
Variance	\$	(723,396)

Giving to Christ the King

It is by your consistent generosity that we are able to support our Mission Partners in Houston and around the world and continue life changing ministry here at Christ the King. You can give today by placing checks or cash in the offering plate as it comes by. And you can always give at christtheking.com/giving.



SOMETHING **BIG** TO *celebrate*

Something Big to Celebrate!

Next Sunday, September 14, we'll gather for one BIG worship service! With nearly 1,000 people expected, it's going to be a powerful morning of worship, community, and celebration—plus we'll share some very exciting news and a special gift just for you. Here are a few things to know as you plan your morning:

- **Arrive at 9:00 am** to allow time for parking, tacos, coffee, childcare check-in, and to get settled.
- **Parking & Shuttle:** With such a large crowd, we'll have offsite parking and a shuttle running (plenty of signage will show you the way). Please help us by coming in **one car per household** if possible.
- **Childcare:** Available for children 4 and under, first come first served.
- **The service will begin at 9:45 am**, we will only have one worship service that morning.
- **Dress for the weather:** We'll step outside for a short portion toward the end of the service, so plan for the Texas heat (or rain!).

We can't wait to worship together and celebrate all that God is doing at Christ the King. This is a morning you won't want to miss!

We'd Love to See You in the Directory!

The Church Center App



With our church continuing to grow, staying connected matters—and sometimes that starts with something as simple as recognizing one another. If you haven't already, we'd love for you to upload a photo to the church directory. It's a small step that makes a big difference—especially for new people learning names and faces. Scan the QR code to get started.

1. Once you are logged in, tap on “Hello, (Your Name)”
2. Select the “Contact and Profile Information” section
3. Tap “Update Photo” under your initials
4. Select whether to take your photo and upload it, or select a picture from the saved photos on your phone
5. Make sure you select “Update” to save your changes