



ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Alex Martinez (9:00 am)

Rev. Clay Holland (10:30 am)

Minister: Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised.

People: There is no end to his greatness.

Minister: One generation shall praise your works
to another and shall declare your power.

**People: All your works praise you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.**

❖ GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

FAITHFULNESS, Thomas O. Chisholm and William M. Runyan

Great is thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with thee
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not
As thou has been thou forever wilt be

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness

Morning by morning new mercies I see

All I have needed thy hand hath provided

Great is thy faithfulness Lord unto me

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love (*Ref*)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside (*Ref*)

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

All glory and honor be unto you, Lord God Almighty,
for in your sovereign and gracious design
you have not left us to ourselves
but have adopted us as your own
and called us to be a new people for your service
that we, the church, for whom Christ died,
might be a holy nation.

So work within us this day
that we might genuinely declare in our words and deeds
the praise of your glorious grace.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, 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 shall 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.

❖ 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*)

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Ada Habershon and Matt Merker

When I fear my faith will fail
Christ will hold me fast
When the tempter would prevail
He will hold me fast
I could never keep my hold
Through life's fearful path
For my love is often cold
He must hold me fast

Chorus:

*He will hold me fast, he will hold me fast
For my Savior loves me so, he will hold me fast*

Those he saves are his delight
Christ will hold me fast
Precious in his holy sight
He will hold me fast
He'll not let my soul be lost
His promises shall last
Bought by him at such a cost
He will hold me fast (*Ch*)

For my life he bled and died
Christ will hold me fast
Justice has been satisfied
He will hold me fast
Raised with him to endless life
He will hold me fast
'Till our faith is turned to sight
When he comes at last (*Ch 2x*)

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Heavenly Father, we confess that we are often paralyzed by fear.

You call us to love, yet we lack the courage to love.

We are afraid of so many things –
rejection, inconvenience, discomfort, pain.

Forgive us. With your perfect love, cast out our fear.

Work in us by the power of the Holy Spirit;
melt away fear and despair and fill us with courage and hope.
In Jesus' name, Amen.

Minister: For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!”

The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2:38-39
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

The Promise is For Your Children

Rev. John Trapp

Building Toward the Promise

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

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.

Prayer of Humble Access

I do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in my own goodness, but only in your righteousness credited to me. I am not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose manner is always to show mercy. Grant me, therefore, O Lord, the grace to commune now with Christ by faith, that I may evermore live in him and he in me. Amen.

BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE

Joe Deegan, John Trapp

Oh, the promise throughout the ages
Wonder from the heavens above
Jesus builds his holy temple
Through his Spirit, sent in love

Chorus:

*Christ our King, the risen savior
Seated at the father's right hand
Build your church as you have promised
For your children from every land*

Christ, the temple of your body
Spirit-risen on that third day
Cornerstone by man rejected
Ours, the rock, that will not decay (*Ch*)

Hail the risen branch of Jesse
David's son yet David's Lord
Sends his spirit as he promised
Faithful always to his word (*Ch*)

Oh the promise throughout the ages
Sealed by blood, delivered by grace
For ourselves and for our children
For his people far away (*Ch*)

MORE THAN WE KNOW

Joe Deegan

When we walk through the desert for forty years straight
It may feel like the Lord doesn't care
But the manna that feeds us day after day
Is the proof that he's always been there
It's the proof that he's always been there

Chorus:
The Lord loves his children more than we know
All that he does, he does to show
That he'll never forsake us, he'll never let go
The Lord loves his children more than we know

When we stare down that giant standing so tall
As he's marching toward us on the field
The Lord sends his champion to fight for us all
And his children need only be still
His children need only be still *(Ch)*

When the hour grows dark, he closes his eyes
And our Savior breathes his last breath
He pierces the darkness, he comes back to life
So his children don't have to fear death
His children don't have to fear death *(Ch)*

❖ BENEDICTION

Minister: As God parted the seas for his children,
be assured he will lead, guide and direct your path.

May the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and
Sustainer, be with you and remain with you always.

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

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDDTH, 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	
Tim Brown	keyboard	John Bard	video director
Conrad Guthrie	bass	Amy Curry	projections
Clay Holland	liturgy	Zach Day	audio
Luke Hubley	drums	Ozzie Fong	camera
Jonah Lou	guitar & vocals	Andrew Gill	camera
Natalie Mann	violin	Namath Naif	technical director
Alex Martinez	liturgy	Alex Martinez	Spanish translation
Scott Mochon	guitar	Alex Rollo	camera
Katie Reyes	vocals		
John Trapp	sermon		
Steven Wiggs	cello		
		CCLI# 1268735	

*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

Upcoming Events

Today	Membership Class	10:30 am - 12:30 pm	Room A300
10/5	The Traveling Table	12:00 - 2:00 pm	Bellrock Memorial
10/7	Men's Breakfast	6:30 - 7:30 am	The Great Hall
10/12	Student Ministry Sunday Night Live	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
10/16	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
10/17	Silber Road Fall Festival	5:30 - 7:30 pm	Christ the King
10/19	Preparation for Baptism Class	10:30 am	Room A300
10/22	Young Adults Fireside Chats	7:00 - 9:00 pm	10163 Hanka
10/26	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Great Hall



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.



Sign up for a Campaign Visit

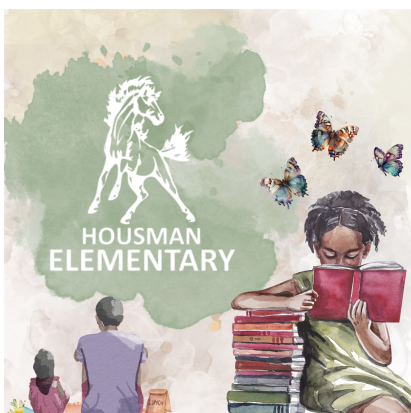
The Building Toward the Promise campaign isn't just about buildings—it's about relationships. That's why we want to meet with every person in our church family for a one-on-one visit. These conversations will give you a chance to hear the vision, celebrate what God is doing, ask questions, and pray together.



Men's Breakfast

October 7, 6:30 - 7:30 am, The Great Hall

Looking for a way to connect with other men at Christ the King? 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. The Men's Breakfast is a meaningful way to kick off your day. Bring a friend, neighbor, or coworker—and come join us!



Housman Reading Buddies and Mentoring Program

Monday - Friday (1x/week)

8:45 - 9:45 am, 6705 Housman

Housman Elementary needs volunteers to read with 2nd graders and mentor K–5 students. Just one hour a week can boost confidence, build literacy, and spark a love for learning. Both women and men are welcome—we especially need male role models. Sign up and make a lasting impact at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Silber Road Fall Festival

October 17, 5:30 - 7:30 pm, Christ the King

We're partnering with Cornerstone Family Ministries to host a festive evening for Cornerstone students and their families—and we need your help to make it happen! Christ the King individuals and families are invited to join in by serving, setting up, and helping create a welcoming atmosphere. Together, we'll share the joy of the season with fall-themed games, food, crafts, and plenty of fun. Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.



Agape's 20th Birthday Bash

November 1

Agape Development is celebrating 20 years of God's work in the OST/South Union neighborhood, and we have the opportunity to come alongside them to make this celebration a success! There are many ways to serve—both leading up to the event and on the day itself—and we'd love for our church family to be part of it. Join us in supporting this ministry and helping create a joyful day of celebration! Sign up at christtheking.com/serve-the-city.

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 & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2025 Ministry Budget	\$	6,488,151
Budgeted through 09/21	\$	4,651,882
Received as of 09/21	\$	4,142,572
Variance	\$	(509,310)

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.

