



MARK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 13, 2026
THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Lift up your heads, O you gates; be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.

People: **Who is this King of glory? The LORD strong and mighty, the LORD mighty in battle.**

Minister: Who is he, this King of glory?

People: **The LORD Almighty – he is the King of glory!**

❖ ALL CREATURES OF OUR GOD AND KING

LASST UNS ERFREUEN, Francis of Assisi

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All ye who are of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part,
O sing ye, alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and on him cast your care,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness, O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, three in one,
O praise him, O praise him, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Almighty Lord God, you gave your Son, Jesus Christ, to be the light of the world:

We praise and magnify your holy name that in him you have revealed the wonder of your saving love to all people. With those of old who brought their tribute to his feet, confessing him king of heaven and earth, we now present the worship of our grateful hearts, asking you to give us grace to give ourselves to you, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

❖ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Westminster Shorter Catechism, Question 26

Minister: How does Christ execute the office of a King?

All: Christ executes the office of a king, in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us, and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.

❖ ALL GLORY BE TO CHRIST

Dustin Kensrue

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus:

*All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ*

His will be done, his kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is himself our daily bread
Praise him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ (*Ch*)

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ (*Ch 2x*)

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

9:00 am

Emma Kathleen Clack
Covenant child of Julie and Andy

Margaret Ann Stoakes
Covenant child of Jesse and Daniel

Theron Carlo Trifone
Covenant child of Audrey and Mark

Link Rui Xian Utecht
Covenant child of Cixi and Matthew

10:30 am

Fallon Ivey Dunn
Covenant child of Reese and Joey

Augustus James Mackay
Covenant child of Paige and Blake

Jonathan Thomas Shah
Covenant child of Bethany and Prerak

Sadie Caroline Van Buskirk
Covenant child of Loribeth and Palmer

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

✦ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus, we come to you repenting of our sins. You can make the lame walk; you can heal the eyes of the blind; you can release prisoners; you have the authority to forgive sin.

Forgive our sins. We look to you alone for life. We pray this in your name, Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Acts 4:12

Minister: In the name of Jesus there is forgiveness of sin and new life for all who repent and believe.

People: **There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among men by which we must be saved.**

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

People: **And also with you!**

THE OFFERING

Paul Brennan

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:21-34
page 836

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“The King’s Authority”
Mark

Rev. John Trapp

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.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Christopher Miner and William W. How

For all the saints who from their labors rest
To thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy Name O Jesus be forever blessed
Alleluia, allelu...

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might
Thou Lord their captain in the well fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light
Alleluia, allelu...

The golden evening brightens in the west
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed
Alleluia, allelu...

But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of Glory passes on his way
Alleluia, allelu...

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost
Alleluia, alleluia
Alleluia, alleluia

ONLY A HOLY GOD

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Dustin Smith, and Michael Farren

Who else commands all the hosts of heaven
Who else can make every king bow down
Who else can whisper and darkness trembles
Only a holy God

What other beauty demands such praises
What other splendor outshines the sun
What other majesty rules with justice
Only a holy God

Chorus:

*Come and behold him, the one and the only
Cry out, sing holy, forever a holy God
Come and worship the holy God*

What other glory consumes like fire
What other power can raise the dead
What other name remains undefeated
Only a holy God (*Ch 2x*)

Who else could rescue me from my failing
Who else would offer his only Son
Who else invites me to call him Father
Only a holy God, only my holy God (*Ch 2x*)

❖ BENEDICTION

1 Timothy 1:17

Minister: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only God,
be honor and glory forever and ever.

People: Praise be to our God and King.

Minister: May the Lord bless you and keep you.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

❖ DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH, 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	
Paul Brennan	<i>piano</i>	John Bard	<i>video director</i>
Sam Cornelius	<i>guitar</i>	Kyunghee Kim	<i>projections</i>
Stacey Croft	<i>liturgy</i>	Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Ryan Landis	<i>camera</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Pook Saudale	<i>camera</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>		
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>		
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>		
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
		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 - 4 years

Children's Worship

PreK-2nd grade

Children will be dismissed from
the worship service.

Adult Sunday Morning Class

(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

10:30 am

Worship Service

Live Spanish Translation Available

Nursery Care

8 weeks - 4 years

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)

Upcoming Events

Today	Kindergarten Family Lunch	11:45 am - 1:00 pm	The Playgrounds
Tonight	Student Ministry Fall Kickoff & Parent Meeting	5:30 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/17	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
9/20	Membership Class	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King
9/24	Men's Ministry Pickleball	7:00 - 9:00 pm	Pickleball Social
9/26	High School Dinner & a Mystery	5:30 - 8:00 pm	Christ the King
9/27	Baptism Class	10:30 - 11:30 am	Room A300
9/27	Membership Class	4:00 - 7:00 pm	Christ the King



See what's coming up at Christ the King! Visit christtheking.com/events or scan the QR code to explore upcoming events and register.

Elder Advisor and Deacon Assistant Recommendations

Elder Advisors and Deacon Assistants are lay members—primarily women—who serve alongside our Elders and Deacons in the shepherding and care of our church. They also bring valuable wisdom, insight, and perspective to the Session and Diaconate.

If you know women in our church who are gifted for this kind of service, please recommend them at chrittheking.com/care. Recommendations will be accepted through September 30.



Student Ministry Kickoff

September 13, 5:30 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Parents and students are invited to kick off the fall together! We will have dinner and worship, followed by a meeting for parents and games and fun for students. Join us as we start a new year of Student Ministry and look ahead to what's coming this fall.



Made with Love Meal Prep

September 17, 9:30 am or 6:30 pm

Huddle up in the kitchen for Made with Love meal preparation. Children are welcome to join the team when accompanied by an adult, and no cooking experience is necessary. Whether you're a kitchen rookie or a seasoned pro, there's a place for you on the team.



Membership Class

September 20 & 27, 4:00 - 7:00 pm, Christ the King

Join us as we dive deeper into the mission, vision and values of Christ the King. You'll meet some of the pastors, elders, leaders, and staff members who are eager to walk alongside you on your spiritual journey.



Men's Ministry Pickleball

September 24, 7:00 - 9:00 pm, Pickleball Social

Kick off the ministry year with an evening of pickleball, friendly competition, and time together with other men at Christ the King. Whether you play regularly or are just looking for a fun way to connect, come and join us!

Capital Campaign



You've probably been hearing a lot about our capital campaign—and for good reason! We're hoping to meet with every household in the church as we step together into what God has ahead for Christ the King. Meeting with us is simply an opportunity to learn more about the campaign, not a commitment to make a pledge. If you already know you'd like to participate, making your pledge now helps us plan wisely for the exciting future God is building here at CTK.

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

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 9/06	\$	5,358,270
Received as of 9/06	\$	3,411,584
Variance	\$	(1,946,686)

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.



PRAY. GO. SERVE.

Where is God inviting you to love our city this year?

AGAPE DEVELOPMENT

- Backyard Bible Club After School Assistant (K-5th grade)-Spend one afternoon a week helping with homework, at chapel, and with other activities.

CORNERSTONE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM @ CHRIST THE KING

- After School Enrichment Program (K-5th grade)-Volunteer one afternoon at Christ the King to help with homework, projects, and games.

HOUSMAN READING BUDDIES/MENTORING (SBISD)

- Read to a 2nd grade student once a week (Mondays or Tuesdays).
- Enjoy lunch with a K-5th grade student once a week.

HOUSTON WELCOMES REFUGEES

- Join a Welcome Team
- Deliver Emergency Groceries (time flexible)

MEMORIAL ASSISTANCE MINISTRIES @ CHRIST THE KING

- ESL Instructor- 2 needed for Monday & Wednesday evenings and 3 needed for Tuesday & Thursday evenings at Christ the King (6:30-8:30pm, training & materials provided)

PRESTIGE LEARNING INSTITUTE

- Volunteer for Fall programming including ESL Instructor/Assistant, Men's & Women's Community Gatherings and the After-School Program

STAR OF HOPE

- Serve a meal at the Men's or the Women and Family Center (flexible)

WORK FAITH

- Help with mock interviews (can be done in person or from a computer. Training and scripts are provided.) (Thursdays, 12:30-2:00pm)

YELLOWSTONE SCHOOLS

- Lunch Buddy-Enjoy lunch with a student once a week
- Tutor-Support students with their school work once a week

There are many ways to love and serve our city this fall, with opportunities for every age. Together, we can live out our mission of **reaching Houston for Christ and renewing lives by grace** as we serve our neighbors and care for our city.

Visit our website to learn more about our Mission Partners.

