



MARK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 27, 2026
THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 103

Minister: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**People: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his
benefits!**

Minister: He forgives your iniquity, heals your diseases,
redeems your life from the pit, and crowns you with
steadfast love and mercy.

**People: Bless the LORD, all his works, in all places of his
dominion. Bless the LORD, O my soul!**

❖ ARISE, MY SOUL, ARISE

Kevin Twit and Charles Wesley

Arise, my soul, arise; shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears.
Before the throne my Surety stands;
Before the throne my Surety stands;
My name is written on his hands.

Chorus:

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise!

Arise, arise, arise, arise my soul, arise!

Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, his precious blood to plead.
His blood atoned for every race;
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace. *(Ch)*

My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear.
He owns me for his child; I can no longer fear.
With confidence I now draw nigh,
With confidence I now draw nigh,
And, "Father, Abba, Father," cry. *(Ch 2x)*

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

Praise be to you, God the Father: You created all things by your power and wisdom and so loved the world that you gave your Son to be our Savior. Praise be to you, God the Son: You became like us in all things, except sin, died for our offenses, and rose again for our justification. Praise be to you, God the Holy Spirit: You lead us into all truth and spread the love of God in our hearts.

All praise and glory be to you, our God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for ever and ever. 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.

❖ NOTHING BUT THE BLOOD OF JESUS

Robert Lowry

What can wash away my sin
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
What can make me whole again
Nothing but the blood of Jesus

Chorus:

*Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus*

This is all my hope and peace
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
This is all my righteousness
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Ch*)

Now by this I'll overcome
Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Now by this I'll reach my home
Nothing but the blood of Jesus (*Ch*)

*Nothing but the blood of Jesus
Nothing but the blood of Jesus*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

+ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD Lamentations 3:22-23

Minister: The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is his faithfulness! In Christ you are forgiven!

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

BUILDING TOWARD THE PROMISE

THE OFFERING

I SURRENDER ALL

W.S. Weeden, arr. Christopher Alexander and Kelsei Peppers

Michelle Hays, *violin*
Jenny Yang, *piano*

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 2:1-12
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Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

“The King’s Pardon”
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.

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.

JESUS, I COME

Greg Thompson and William Sleeper

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into thy freedom, gladness, and light
Jesus I come to thee
Out of my sickness into thy health
Out of my wanting and into thy wealth
Out of my sin and into thyself
Jesus I come to thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the glorious gain of thy cross
Jesus I come to thee
Out of earth's sorrows into thy balm
Out of life's storms and into thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant song
Jesus I come to thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into thy blessed will to abide
Jesus I come to thee
Out of myself to dwell in thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus I come to thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus I come, Jesus I come
Into the joy and light of thy home
Jesus I come to thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of thy sheltering fold
Ever thy glorious face to behold
Jesus I come to thee

❖ 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

Refrain:

*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 *(Ref)*

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

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

❖ **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 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	
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Pook Saudale	<i>camera</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Arjan Voogt	<i>projections</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>	Natalie Voogt	<i>video director</i>
Katie Reyes	<i>vocals</i>	Joe Bill Whittenburg	<i>camera</i>
John Trapp	<i>sermon</i>		
Steven Wiggs	<i>cello</i>		
Jenny Yang	<i>piano</i>		
Andrés Zelaya	<i>liturgy</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.

10:30 am

Worship Service

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

(Room A301, 3rd Floor)

Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Young Adult Sunday Morning Class

(The Redeemer Room, 3rd Floor)

Upcoming Events

Today	Preparing for Baptism Class	10:30 - 11:30 am	Room A300
10/2	Building Toward the Promise Day of Prayer and Fasting		
10/4	1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch	11:45 am	The Playgrounds
10/6	Men's Breakfast	6:30 am	The Great Hall
10/8	Women's Ministry Secret Supper	6:00 - 8:00 pm	Various Locations
10/10	Bloom Counseling Workshop	10:00 am - 12:00 pm	The Barnabas Center
10/15	Made with Love Meal Prep	9:30 am or 6:30 pm	The Kitchen
10/16	Middle School Mystery Trip		



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 christtheking.com/care. Recommendations will be accepted through September 30.

1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch



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October 4, 11:45 am, The Playgrounds

Come play, eat, and connect! 1st and 2nd graders and their families are invited to join us after church for pizza on the playground.



Men's Breakfast

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

Join us for breakfast and time in God's Word. Invite a friend, neighbor, or coworker and join us!

Secret Supper



Women's Ministry Secret Supper

October 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Small groups of women will gather in homes around Houston for an evening of dinner and conversation. Your destination and dining companions will remain a secret until the day before. Come enjoy this fun opportunity to build relationships.



Middle School Mystery Trip

October 16-17

Get ready for an exciting adventure! We're taking our middle school students on an overnight Mystery Trip filled with fun surprises.

Capital Campaign



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
Clay Holland
Alex Martinez
John Trapp
Andrés Zelaya

Pastor, Adult Ministry
Pastor, Family Ministry
Pastor, Latino Ministry
Senior Pastor
Pastor of the Latino Initiative & Church Plant Resident

Ministry Budget Update

2026 Ministry Budget	\$	7,888,564
Budgeted through 9/20	\$	5,655,952
Received as of 9/20	\$	3,698,637
Variance	\$	(1,957,314)

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/give.



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.

