



MARK

ORDER OF WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 20, 2026
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

from 1 Timothy 1

Minister: Let us praise our God and King!

**People: To the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only
God, be honor and glory for ever and ever!**

❖ IMMORTAL, INVISIBLE, GOD ONLY WISE

Walter Chalmers Smith

Immortal, invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting thou rulest in might
Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains, of goodness and love

All life comes through you Lord to both great and small
In all life you live Lord the true life of all
We blossom and flourish but quickly grow frail
We wither and perish but you never fail

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render; O help us to see
Tis only the splendor of light hideth thee

❖ PRAYER OF ADORATION

God of light and truth, you are beyond our grasp or conceiving.
Before the brightness of your presence the angels veil their faces.

With lowly reverence and adoring love we acclaim your glory and
sing your praise, for you have shown us your truth and love in
Jesus Christ, our Savior. 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.**

❖ GOD WITH US

David Ingram and Leslie Jordan

You've come to bring peace, to be love
To be nearer to us
And you've come to bring life, to be Light
To shine brighter in us
O Emmanuel, God with us

Chorus:

*Our Deliverer, you are Savior
In your presence we find our strength
Over everything our Redemption, God with us
You are God with us*

You've come to be hope to this world
For your honor and name
And you've come to take sin, to bear shame
And to conquer the grave
O Emmanuel, God with us (*Ch*)

You are here, you are holy
We are standing in your glory (3x)
You are here, you are holy
We are standing in your glory Lord

*Our Deliverer, you are Savior;
In your presence we find our strength
Over everything our Redemption, God with us (Repeat)
You are God with us (3x)*

PRAYER FOR CHRIST'S CHURCH AND THE WORLD

COME, YE SOULS BY SIN AFFLICTED

Kevin Twit and Joseph Swain

Come ye souls by sin afflicted
Bowed with fruitless sorrow down
By the broken law convicted
Through the cross behold the crown
Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

Take his easy yoke and wear it
Love will make your obedience sweet
Christ will give you strength to bear it
While his grace shall guide your feet
Safe to glory, safe to glory, safe to glory
Where his ransomed captives meet

Blessed are the eyes that see him
Blessed the ears that hear his voice
Blessed are the souls that trust him
And in him alone rejoice
His commandments, his commandments
His commandments
Then become their happy choice

Sweet as home to pilgrims weary
Light to newly opened eyes
Like full springs in deserts dreary
Is the rest the cross supplies
All who taste it, all who taste it, all who taste it
Shall to rest immortal rise

Look to Jesus, look to Jesus, look to Jesus
Mercy flows through him alone

✝ PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world – to reveal your love for us, and to redeem us as a people who walk in your light. But we have obscured the glory of your presence within us by sinning in thought, word, and deed. We have chosen often to walk in the darkness instead of your light.

In your mercy, fill us again with your Spirit, so that, forgiven and renewed, we may show forth the same glory that shines fully in the face of Jesus Christ. Amen.

❖ WORDS OF ASSURANCE & PEACE OF GOD

Minister: Because of the love of God the Father, in Christ, by the power of the Spirit, you are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!

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

People: And also with you!

THE OFFERING

ANCIENT OF DAYS

Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren, and Jesse Reeves

Emily Cagle, *vocals*
Sam Cornelius, *guitar*
Joe Deegan, *piano*

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON “The King in Desolate Places” Rev. John Trapp
Mark

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	Prayer of Belief
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.	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.

JESUS CAST A LOOK ON ME

Matthew Jones and John Berridge

Jesus cast a look on me
Give me sweet simplicity
Make me poor and keep me low
Seeking only thee to know

All that feeds my busy pride
Cast it evermore aside
Bid my will to thine submit
Lay me humbly at thy Feet

Make me like a little child
Of my strength and wisdom spoiled
Seeing only in thy light
Walking only in thy might

Leaning on thy loving breast
Where a weary soul can rest
Feeling well the peace of God
Flowing from thy precious blood

In this posture let me live
And hosannas daily give
In this temper let me die
And hosannas ever cry!

❖ HEAL US

William Cowper, Lucas Morton, and Kevin Twit

Chorus:
*Heal us, Emmanuel here we are
We long to feel thy touch
Deep wounded souls to thee we fly
O Savior hear our cry*

Our faith is feeble, we confess
We faintly trust thy Word
But will you pity us the less
Be that far from you Lord (*Ch*)

Remember him who once applied
With trembling for relief
Lord I believe with tears he cried
O help my unbelief (*Ch*)

She, too who touched you in the press
And healing virtue stole
Was answered, Daughter go in peace
Thy faith has made thee whole (*Ch*)

Like her with hopes and fears we come
To touch you if we may
O send us not despairing home
Send none unhealed away (*Ch 2x*)

❖ **BENEDICTION**

Minister: May the God of our salvation continue to restore us
 and heal us as we go forth to live and work in the
 power of the Holy Spirit.

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	
Charles Bacarisse	<i>prayer</i>	Maria Cavanaugh	<i>Spanish translation</i>
Tim Brown	<i>piano</i>	Amy Curry	<i>projections</i>
Emily Cagle	<i>vocals</i>	Ozzie Fong	<i>camera</i>
Joe Deegan	<i>guitar & vocals</i>	Madelyn Landis	<i>camera</i>
Conrad Guthrie	<i>bass</i>	Ryan Landis	<i>video director</i>
Michelle Hays	<i>violin</i>	Namath Naif	<i>technical director</i>
Travis Henthorn	<i>drums</i>	Alex Rollo	<i>camera</i>
Clay Holland	<i>liturgy</i>		
Scott Mochon	<i>guitar</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

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



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!



Preparing for Baptism Class

September 27, 10:30 am, Room A300

If you are considering baptism for your child, this class is a great opportunity to learn more about baptism at Christ the King, ask questions, and walk through the process. All parents are welcome, and the class is required before scheduling a baptism at CTK.



1st & 2nd Grade Family Lunch

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 and playground fun. We'll have pizza, drinks, and a sweet treat for everyone to enjoy.



Women's Ministry Secret Supper

October 8, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Sign up for dinner with other women at Christ the King! Small groups 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 share a meal and build relationships.

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	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 9/13	\$	5,507,111
Received as of 9/13	\$	3,502,541
Variance	\$	(2,004,570)

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.

