This Week at Christ the King Church

Sunday, November 16
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Justice Advocacy Event, RVC courtyard
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC courtyard
9:45 a.m. Annual Meeting Part 1, parish hall
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, RVC nave
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
12:15 p.m. Luther League Meeting, RVC 2nd floor youth room
2:00 p.m. Interfaith Potluck, offsite

Monday, November 17
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

Tuesday, November 18
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, RVC
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite

Wednesday, November 19
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Memorial Drive, Luther Room
12:00 p.m. Godly Play Network Meeting, RVC 3rd floor conference room
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, RVC Music Suite
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Rehearsal, RVC parish hall
7:00 p.m. Prayers Shawl Knitters, online
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, music suite

Thursday, November 20
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, RVC 3rd floor conference room
5:45 p.m. Houston Boychoir Rehearsal, RVC music suite & Nave

Friday, November 21
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, RVC in person, 2nd floor youth room and online
6:30 p.m. CTK Festival, RVC parish hall

Saturday, November 22
10:00 a.m. Jr. League Gathering, Nerf Capture the Flag, Memorial Drive
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, RVC nave

Christ the King Day Sunday
Sunday, November 23
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC courtyard
9:30 a.m. Music Gathering, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, RVC
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, RVC nave
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
12:15 p.m. Luther League Meeting, RVC 2nd floor youth room

Thank you for joining CTK in worship today. To help us connect with you, please scan the QR code to complete our visitor information form.

King's Breakfast Krewe

Enjoy Breakfast every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., between the services. Scan the QR code to volunteer to help out the King's Breakfast Krewe. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Oliver Doolin or Ron Siemers.

Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m. We invite you to grab some breakfast from our Breakfast Krewe and join us in the parish hall for meaningful and fun forums and events.

Upcoming Topics:

November 16: Part One of Annual Meeting to vote on budget and new council members
November 23: RIC Conversation about Trans day of Remembrance
November 30: Advent Wreath Workshop, Courtyard

Justice Advocacy Event: Sunday, November 16 at 9:00 a.m. – 1 p.m.

The Justice Advocacy Ministry at Christ the King invites you to advocate in the courtyard. You'll find a variety of justice issues on which you can "speak up." Contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com with any questions.

Annual Meeting – Part One: Sunday, November 16 at 9:45 a.m. | RVC parish hall

Members of Christ the King are requested to attend as we elect new council members and present the budget for 2026 year. Breakfast will be provided by King's Breakfast Krewe and childcare will be offered for children under 4. Sunday School Classes will be cancelled for teachers to participate.

Bible Studies at Christ the King Church: Led by Pastor Derr

Wednesday's at 10:00 a.m.– Memorial Drive, Luther room
Jesus and the New Age," on the Gospel according to Luke. (No Bible study on Nov. 26)
Friday's at 10:00 a.m. – Rice Village Campus, 2nd floor youth room and online
"Overview of Matthew: the Gospel readings for 2026." (No Bible study on Nov. 28)

Seafarer Shoebox Collection: November 1-30, 2025

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. We encourage members and friends to fill a shoe-box FULL with items (list can be found online at www.ctkelc.org**).** Please bring your shoebox to church by Sunday, November 30.

Christ the King Festival 2025 – Deeply Rooted, Always Growing

Join us **Friday, November 21 at 6:30 p.m**. to celebrate 80 years of Christ the King Lutheran Church with food, fun, including Dinner, Auction, Raffles, Wine-Pull, and more! Tickets ($25) will be available for sale after worship services on November 16. To volunteer, contact Terri Koehler (theresa.m.koehler@uth.tmc.edu) or sign up online. All proceeds benefit our 2025 Mission Partners. Visit the CTK website or scan the QR code for all Festival details, ticket purchases, and to volunteer.

Help raise funds to give Thanksgiving Baskets to St. James families

We are planning to provide 25–30 families with baskets that include turkey, yams, apples, corn, green beans, and other sides. Baskets cost around $80 each, and we need to raise $2,500 to support this annual endeavor. You can easily donate online by selecting AMMPARO and designating "Thanksgiving baskets" in the memo. Please help keep this caring tradition alive that began in November 2022!

Pack Thanksgiving Baskets: Saturday, November 22nd at 10:00 a.m. at St. James

Please help AMMPARO Committee members and St. James staff pack and share Thanksgiving Baskets with community members served by St. James at 1602 W. 43rd St., Houston, TX 77018. We need 10 volunteers — please RSVP to Emily Triantaphyllis, ewtrianta@gmail.com.

Thanksgiving Day Service: Thursday, November 27 at 11 a.m. at Rice Village Campus

All are warmly invited to join us for our annual Thanksgiving Day Service of the Word. Following the service, we'll gather in the parish hall for a Thanksgiving meal. Please feel free to bring a dish to share! To help us prepare enough places, kindly RSVP to paul@metrocup.com if you plan to attend.

Advent Wreath Workshop: Sunday, November 30 at 9:45 a.m.

Our Altar Guild will once again host their annual wreath making in the courtyard. Materials are provided. A donation of $20 is suggested to cover the costs. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to begin the Advent season in your homes. If you already have a wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it, and join the fun.

Advent Vespers: Wednesdays December 3, 10, 17 at 7 p.m.

Take a break from the busy season and join us for a time of reflection, a time to breath, and setting aside to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and to anticipate his return. We will be using *Holden Evening Prayer Service.*

Jingle Bell Express 2025:

Since 1980, Christian Community Service Center (CCSC) has spread holiday cheer through Jingle Bell Express. With your support, 2,500 underserved children (ages newborn through 15) will receive new toys and books. Families will also receive a grocery gift card. Here's how you can help!

- **Donate** New, unwrapped and nonviolent toys are needed (no stocking stuffers, please)
    - Deliver toys and books to CCSC by Dec. 5 or to Bellaire United Methodist Church on Dec. 8 at 9 a.m.
    - Shop our Amazon Wish List by Dec. 1 for our most requested toys: http://bit.ly/46xXpEW
- **Volunteer Opportunities:** Volunteers must sign up in advance at http://bit.ly/3Vv4alG
    - Dec. 9: Toy & Book Sorting (ages 8+)
    - Dec. 10-12: Gift Bag Assembly (ages 10+)
    - Dec. 12-13: Drive-Thru Community Event (ages 15+)

Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: 11/30, 12/7, 12/14, 12/21 at 11:00 a.m. You can sign up by scanning the QR Code. Plan to provide snacks for 30 people. All monetary donations received at the snack table will benefit ELCA World Hunger. Thank you for signing up!

2026 Flower Sign Up

We invite you to sign up to provide the altar flowers for our weekend services. Please note these changes which will go into effect on January 1, 2026.

- Members of our altar guild will no longer be delivering flowers to anyone after January 1.
- The person who has given the flowers may take them home following the 11:00 a.m. service (around 12:30) each Sunday.
- There will be no altar flowers in Lent 2026 (February 18 [Ash Wednesday] to April 3, 2026 [Good Friday]), as we follow the ancient tradition of giving up festive items (Alleluias, Hymns of Praise, etc.) during Lent.
- There will be no altar flowers during Advent 2026 (November 28 – December 24) as we follow a similar ancient tradition which emphasizes the Advent Wreath as the only floral greenery in the nave during that season. You may sponsor the Advent Wreath on Advent weekends.

To donate flowers in honor of, in memory of, or in thanksgiving for a person or an event, please find available dates by scanning the QR Code or email your preferred date to Cheryl Gaspard (cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org). Flower arrangements are $70.00 per weekend. Checks may be made out to Christ the King Lutheran Church with Altar Flowers on the memo line or you may submit a payment online at www.ctkelc.org.

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