

This Week at Christ the King Church

Christ the King Day

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

Monday, November 24

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

Tuesday, November 25

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 26

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

Thanksgiving Day

Church Office Closed: Thursday, November 27

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Worship Service,
RVC nave, Thanksgiving meal to follow in the
parish hall

Church Office Closed: Friday, November 28

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

Saturday, November 29

1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, RVC
nave

Sunday, November 30

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Krewe Breakfast, RVC courtyard
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop, RVC
courtyard
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.



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 23: Breakfast Fellowship

November 30: Advent Wreath Workshop, Courtyard

December 7: Advent Talk with Pastor Mandy (Saints)

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.



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.ctlcl.org). Please bring your shoebox to church by Sunday, November 30.

Church Office Closure – Thanksgiving

The church office will be closed on Thursday, November 27 (Thanksgiving Day) and Friday, November 28. Regular office hours will resume on Monday, December 1.

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.

Christmas Flower Donations - Deadline Dec. 14

You may contribute toward decorating the Rice Village Campus nave for our Christmas services by donating \$20 per poinsettia and greenery. Please email Cheryl at cherylgaspard@ctlcl.org. Please note whether your gift is in honor or memory of a loved one. You may write a check or pay online at ctlcl.org/give and designate "Christmas flowers." **The deadline is Sunday, December 14.**

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*.

Advent Fellowship Gatherings: Wednesdays December 3, 10, 17 at 7:30 p.m.

After our Advent Vespers, we have two opportunities for children, youth, and adults. Pastor Mandy Derr will have Advent Talks in the youth room to discuss themes and traditions of the Advent/Christmas season and Deacon Ben Remmert invites children, youth, and adults to go ice skating in Rice Village, a new tradition Rice Village is offering this season. Cost of ice skating is \$20 for ice skate rental.

Advent Devotionals at Christ the King Church!

We encourage all our members to use these devotionals to help enrich your Advent journey this year. Hard copies are found in the narthex.

1. **Humble and Holy:** suggested donation, \$3.00

The writers of this resource bring their unique voices and pastoral wisdom to these texts and offer the voices of other witnesses in the quotations they have chosen in the “To ponder” sections. The devotional also provides household blessings and prayers to enrich your preparations and celebrations during the Advent and Christmas seasons.

2. **The Will to Dream Family Devotional**

In a time when trust feels fragile and divisions run deep, The Will to Dream calls us into holy longing—a sacred desire for a world made whole. Rooted in prophetic imagination, this Advent–Epiphany series helps communities confront despair, embody justice, and claim hope as a radical act. Together, we learn to dream not as escape, but as spiritual resistance.

Women in Transitions’ Christmas Potluck: Monday, December 8 at 12:00 p.m.

Women in Transitions’ Christmas Potluck will be at Linda Alexander’s house on Monday, December 8, at noon. Please contact Linda Alexander or Linda Siemers for more information.

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+)

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.



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!



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