

This Week at Christ the King Church

Advent 4: Sunday, December 21

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Kings Breakfast Krewe, RVC courtyard
9:45 a.m. Christmas Cookie Decorating, RVC 2nd floor youth room
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Worship Server Practice for Christmas, RVC nave
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
12:15 p.m. Decorate the Nave for Christmas

Monday, December 22

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

Tuesday, December 23: Office Closed

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home

Christmas Eve: Office Closed

Wednesday, December 24

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, Memorial Drive Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. German Language Holy Communion Service with candle lighting, RVC nave
6:00 p.m. Holy Communion, children and youth participants, carols and candle lighting, RVC nave
9:00 p.m. Holy Communion with choir, carols, and candle lighting, RVC Nave

Christmas Day: Office Closed

Thursday, December 25

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
11:00 a.m. The Christ Mass: Holy Communion celebrating Christ's Nativity, RVC nave

Friday, December 26: Office Closed

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

Saturday, December 27

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

Sunday, December 28

9:00 a.m. Fellowship with coffee and leftovers from home, RVC parish hall
9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, RVC nave
10:00 a.m. Baptism and Holy Communion, RVC nave
11:15 a.m. Luther League Meeting, RVC 2nd floor youth room

King's Breakfast Krewe: Enjoy Breakfast every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., between the services. **There is no Kings Breakfast on Dec. 28 & Jan. 4.** 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.

December 21: Presentation from Texas Coalition for Human Rights on Houston Interfaith for Middle East Peace

December 28: Fellowship with coffee and leftovers from home (9:00 a.m.)

Intergenerational Cookie Decorating: Sunday, December 21 at 9:45 a.m.

Join us for decorating cookies for our homebound members in the 2nd floor youth room on Sunday, December 21st. This is an event for all children, youth, and parents to come together and help bring joy to our homebound members of Christ the King Church.

Worship Server Practice for Christmas: Sunday, December 21 at 9:45 a.m.

Every role, from ushering and ringing bells to carrying the light of Christ, is vital to creating a welcoming worship experience for all this Christmas season. On Sunday, December 21 at 9:45 a.m. in the nave between services, we invite all (new or experienced) to come and review our worship server roles before our big holiday services. Sign up today or reach out if you have any questions to Trish Chapman or Deacon Ben Remmert.

Decorate the Nave for Christmas with Altar Guild: Sunday, December 21:

Join the Altar Guild on Sunday, December 21st at 12:15 p.m. as we decorate the nave with garland and greenery in preparation for the Christmas season. We will have projects for all ages to help.

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed December 23–26 and December 30–January 2 for the holidays. The office will also be closed January 8–9 while staff and council attend their annual retreat in Galveston.

Christmas Worship Services at Rice Village Campus Nave: Dec. 24-28

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24 (livestreamed)

4:00 p.m. German Language Holy Communion Service with candle lighting

6:00 p.m. Holy Communion, children and youth participants, carols and candle lighting

9:00 p.m. Holy Communion with choir, carols, and candle lighting

Christmas Day: Dec. 25 (livestreamed)

11:00 a.m. The Christ Mass: Holy Communion celebrating Christ's Nativity

First Weekend of Christmas: Dec. 27-28

Saturday, December 27 at 6:00 p.m.: Contemplative Worship

Sunday, December 28 at 10:00 a.m.: Baptism and Holy Communion (livestreamed)

Christmas Worship Services at Memorial Drive Fellowship Hall: Dec. 24

Christmas Eve: Dec. 24

11:00 a.m. Holy Communion

2:00 p.m. Norwegian Language Service

4:00 p.m. Norwegian Language Service

New Year's Day Organ Recital: Thursday, January 1 at 6:00-7:00 p.m., Rice Village Campus Nave

Ring in the New Year with celebrated organist James Bobb of St. Olaf College for this annual concert of organ works. Free event, RSVP requested at bachsocietyhouston.org, donations welcome.

Community of Hope Training: Deadline to Register January 10, 2026

Monday evenings Feb. 2 to March 23 and Saturday mornings on Jan. 24, Feb. 28 & March 28.

The Community of Hope training awakens participants to God's call on their lives through experiential discovery and a journey into wholeness. This 9-session spiritual formation program is anchored in the timeless principles of Benedictine spirituality and equips people to serve in all forms of ministry, including lay chaplaincy. Three classes will be held on a Saturday, in-person: January 24, February 28, and March 28. All other classes will be held online on Monday nights from February 2 to March 23, 2026. For more information, contact Beverly Davis at email bad21a@aol.com or 713-557-0092.

Registration deadline Jan 10, 2026.

Epiphany Observance: Sunday, January 4, 2026

Join us on January 4, to bless the nave, our "church house" with the blessing of the magi and bless our nave's lintel for the 2025 year. We will celebrate the occasion with king cake at coffee hour. A printed prayer rite and chalk can be taken home to inscribe and bless one's own house or door.

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 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: 1/11, 1/18 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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