

This Week at Christ the King Church

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

Monday, December 29

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

Tuesday, December 30: Office Closed

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home

New Year's Eve: Office Closed

Wednesday, December 31

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

New Year's Day: Office Closed

Thursday, January 1

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
6:00 p.m. Bach Society: New Year's Day Organ Recital, RVC nave

Friday, January 2: Office Closed

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

Saturday, January 3

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

Epiphany Observance: Sunday, January 4

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering, Sunday School, Confirmation Class, RVC
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, RVC 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

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 join us in the parish hall for meaningful and fun forums and events.

December 28: Fellowship with coffee and holiday leftovers (parish hall)

All members are invited to bring you leftover holiday cookies and treats to share with the congregation.

January 4: Property Rewind: Review of property completions in 2025 and peak at property projects in 2026

Church Office Hours

The church office will be closed 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.

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

Celebrate the start of the year with beautiful music! Bach Society Houston invites you to a special New Year's Day Organ Recital featuring celebrated organist James Bobb. Free admission, RSVP requested at bachsocietyhouston.org, donations welcomed.

Epiphany Observance: Sunday, January 4, 2026

Join us on January 4, to bless our "church house" with the blessing of the magi for the 2026 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.

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.

Staff and Council Retreat: January 8-10, 2026

The church staff and Congregation Council will be on a retreat at Lutherhill Galveston for planning and developing the upcoming year.

Houston Food Bank Service Day: Saturday, January 10 from 8 a.m. - noon

We're preparing for the Christ the King group's volunteering outing to the Houston Food Bank located at 535 Portwall St, Houston, TX 77029. Make sure to wear closed-toe shoes, pants, sleeved shirt (short or long sleeves). Contact ctkhfb@gmail.com for more information. Carpooling request? If needed, it will leave the church parking lot at 7:30 am. Please specify if you wish to carpool so we can be sure to send someone there before heading to the Houston Food Bank.

Language Milestone Celebration: Sunday, January 18

In the transition from infant to toddler language plays a crucial role. It is also a main factor in the shaping of the Christian faith which proclaims God to be the Word made flesh who was born first a wordless infant. We therefore recognize the Milestone of Language, which children reach somewhere along their second and third years. Families with three-year-old children (and siblings) may approach the altar rail during the liturgy to receive a copy of Luther's Small Catechism. The Catechism is a guidebook for parents to help their child learn the beginnings of formed language such as the Lord's Prayer, table grace, and prayers for morning and evening. The members of Christ the King Lutheran Church take this annual opportunity to express their support for the important work that parents do at home and at church in the area of faith. RSVP to Deacon Ben Remmert **by Sunday, January 11th** of your attendance.

2026 Houston Marathon Weekend Events

The 2026 Marathons and 5K race will take place on Saturday, January 10, and Sunday, January 11, 2026. The general proximity of the races may lead to traffic delays. For more details, visit:

<https://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com>.

- On Saturday, January 10, 2026, 7:30 am to 10:00 am, the “We Are Houston 5K” course will utilize McKinney, Fannin, Rosalie, San Jacinto and Lamar streets,
- On Sunday, January 1, 2026 beginning at 6:30am, the 2026 Chevron Houston Marathon and the Aramco Houston Half Marathon will start at Congress and Fannin. Race maps are available at: <https://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com/race-weekend/course-info>.

Are you running in any of these? Please let us know.

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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