

This Week at Christ the King Church

Sunday, January 11

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Krewe, RVC courtyard
9:30 a.m. Mitzvah Day, offsite
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

Monday, January 12

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online
1:00 p.m. Transitions Meeting, offsite
6:30 p.m. German Language Conversation, RVC parish hall

Tuesday, January 13

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

Wednesday, January 14

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

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, January 16

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, RVC in person, 2nd floor youth room and online

Saturday, January 17

12:00 p.m. Family Service Day, offsite
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, RVC nave

Sunday, January 18

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, RVC nave
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Krewe, RVC courtyard
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. Scan the QR code to volunteer to help out the 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.

January 11: Lutherhill Report and Celebration

January 18: Prayer of Christian Unity conversation with Pastor Mandy

Chevron Houston Marathon: Church Access for Early Service on January 11

The Chevron Houston Marathon will be held Sunday, January 11, beginning at 6:30am. The event results in numerous street closures including Bissonnet and Kirby. The disruption affects mainly 8:30am and Sunday school participants. The best route to church is from U.S. 59 to Buffalo Speedway then turning left on Rice Blvd. For more information about the races and road closures, click the button below or visit the event website: <https://www.chevronhoustonmarathon.com>

Lutherhill Rally Day: Sunday, January 11 at Christ the King Lutheran Church

Come and join us for a special Sunday, as Lutherhill comes to Christ the King to preach and be with us to talk about the ministries our outdoor partner has to offer this season during the Sunday Forum hour. This is a great opportunity to come and hear from our partners in outdoor ministry.

Mitzvah Day: Sunday, January 11 at 9:30 a.m.

Youth and parents are invited for a special community day of doing good with our brothers and sisters of our Abrahamic faiths. On this special morning together, we will explore the ways each of our faiths understands the idea that God works through our hands. We will meet at church at 9:30 a.m. and carpool over to Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, 801 Bering Dr.

Double your donation to Freewheels Houston before January 15, 2026

Freewheels Houston – a ministry launched by Christ the King Church in 2015 – changes lives for refugees, veterans emerging from homelessness and youth from low-income families by giving them reliable bikes to get to work on school. At the Freewheels shop, our tradition of welcome is clear even as policies regarding refugees and people living with homelessness have been weakened. We provide hardworking neighbors with an essential tool to support their families. To support Freewheels, the Scott Wizing Family Fund at the Greater Houston Community Foundation has **pledged to double all gifts up to \$20,000**. They've raised 50 percent of the total. Please consider donating **before the January 15, 2026**, deadline using the CTK donate page or Freewheels' online donation page, <https://secure.qgiv.com/for/2025matchunlock20000>

Transitions Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Bring your New Year's resolutions, hope, dreams, plans for the coming year. The meeting will be at Liz Lunden's home. If you are interested in attending, please contact Liz Lunden.

German Language Conversation: Monday, January 12 at 6:30 p.m. Rice Village Campus, Narthex

Would you enjoy using your German with friends? Christ the King Lutheran Church and the Houston Leipzig Sister City Association host a German Language Conversation Group. This is an opportunity to use, improve, and enjoy speaking German! Alle sind willkommen! Contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org for more details or to sign up.

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

- **Memorial Drive Campus (Luther Room):** Wednesday Bible Study resumes January 21, 2026, concluding the Gospel according to Luke. Gathering at 10:00 a.m.; study from 10:30–11:30 a.m.
- **Rice Village Campus (Second-Floor Youth Room & Zoom):** Friday Bible Study resumes January 16, 2026, offered in person and on Zoom, focusing on the Book of Enoch. Gathering at 10:00 a.m.; study from 10:30–11:30 a.m.

Sign Up for Family Service Day at CCSC: Saturday, January 17, 2026 from 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.

Join us for a day of service that your entire family can participate in! During Family Service Day, families will learn about the work happening at CCSC and pack hygiene kits for CCSC food pantry clients. Shifts are 1.25-hours and run from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Family Service Day is designed for families with children in kindergarten through sixth grade. You can sign up here: <https://ccschouston.org/get-involved/events/family-service-day/>

Language Milestone Celebration: Sunday, January 18 at Rice Village Campus

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 as a wordless infant. We therefore recognize the Milestone of Language, which children reach somewhere during their third year. At both worship services, families with three-year-old children (and siblings) may approach the altar rail.

MLK Unity Parade: Monday, January 19, 2026

Join Christ the King Church and other Lutheran congregations around the synod on Monday, January 19, 2026 to honor the life and legacy of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. The official parade kickoff is at 10:00 a.m. at Smith and McKinney Streets. The Meeting Point will be at the corner of Crosby and Allen Parkway by 9:00 a.m., but no later than 9:30 a.m. Free parking is available at the Boys and Girls Club on Crosby St. (enter via W. Dallas as Allen Parkway will be closed). Supplies to Bring: signs and a bag or two of beads to throw. Participants are encouraged to wear church t-shirts, “God’s Work Our Hands” (yellow shirts) or BLM shirts. Questions? Email Rebecca Shields at rshields63@gmail.com.

Godly Play Workshop: Saturday, January 24 from 8:30 a.m.–1 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, Houston

Join the Godly Play Houston Network for their Spring Workshop at Zion Lutheran Church in the Heights. Godly Play storytellers, door persons, and friends are all invited for this time of networking with other congregations, to hear a Godly Play story from trainer Deacon Courtney Webb, and to learn more about how to make the Godly Play materials for the classroom. Cost is \$20, which covers lunch and supplies for the workshop. For questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Jr. League Trip to Slick City: Saturday, January 24 at 5:00 p.m.

All our elementary students are invited to join Deacon Ben Remmert for a day at Slick City indoor slide park! We will come together at 5:00 p.m. to check out all that Slick City has to offer and marvel at the wonderful creation that God has given us. We should be done at 6:30 p.m. Cost is \$20 for tickets and a snack.

Harris County Voter Registration Event: January 25 from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., RVC courtyard

Not registered to vote in Harris County, or need to update your registration after a move? Stop by on Sunday, January 25—just in time for the March 3 primaries (Texas requires registration at least one month before an election). Bring your Texas driver’s license or state-issued ID or use the last four digits of your Social Security number. Check your registration status online hctax.net/Voter/Search. For more information, contact Lisa Brenskelle at gcs.lrc@gmail.com.

2026 Flower Sign Up

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

- Members of our altar guild will no longer be delivering flowers to anyone.
- 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: 2/1, 2/8, and 2/15 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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