

This Week at Christ the King Church

Second Sunday after Epiphany, January 18

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

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Office Closed

Monday, January 19

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
9:00 a.m. MLK Unity Parade, offsite
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

Tuesday, January 20

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 21

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

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 18: Prayer of Christian Unity conversation with Pastor Mandy

Language Milestone Celebration: Sunday, January 18

In the transition from infant to toddler, language plays a crucial role and is the main factor in the shaping of the Christian faith. 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.

Christian Unity Week: January 18-25, 2026

For the 2026 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity (January 18-25), the theme is "One Body, One Spirit, Just as You Were Called to One Hope" (Ephesians 4:4), focusing on shared calling and unity despite differences, with materials prepared by international ecumenical bodies like the World Council of Churches (WCC) and Catholic Church's Dicastery for Promoting Christian Unity. Every year, churches and Christian communities worldwide are invited to join the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity and pray together for unity among churches and Christians throughout the year. We will have printed resources located in the narthex.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day: Church Office Closed

In observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the church office will be closed on Monday, January 19, 2026.

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.

Electing Voting Members of the Synod Assembly

As pursuant to Article C5.04 of the Constitution for Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church this congregation will elect 3 (three) members during Part 2 of the Congregation's Annual Meeting to serve as delegates to and voting members of this year's ELCA Synod Assembly of the Texas-Louisiana Gulf Coast, which will be held May 15-16, 2026, at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Sugar Land, Texas. Contact Daniel Zorn, Council Secretary, by email at zorn.daniel@gmail.com before Noon, Monday, February 9, 2026, if you would like your name on the ballot for consideration.

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 is 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.

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 at 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.

Luther League Dodgeball Tournament: Sunday, January 25 at 3 p.m. – 6 p.m.

All middle and high school youth are invited to join our friends at House of Prayer Lutheran Church for an afternoon of fellowship and dodgeball! We will gather at church at 3:00 p.m. and carpool over to House of Prayer Lutheran Church in Clear Lake and will return back to church by 6 p.m. Cost is \$5 for dinner. RSVPs are appreciated by January 23rd as they help with the carpool. For more details, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Playdate at the Playground: Saturday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m.

Children and parents are invited to come to the church on Saturday, January 31 at 10:00 a.m. to play at the playground and courtyard and to have time for children and parents to meet and talk together. We will have beverages and snacks outside on the picnic tables. This event is geared for families with young children, but all are invited to come. For questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Children's Worship Server Training: Saturday, January 31 at 11 a.m.

Children and youth of all ages are invited to join Deacon Ben to learn about the different opportunities to serve in worship. We will have a scavenger hunt to learn about the nave, ring the church bells in the belltower, and explore the different ways children can serve in worship. RSVPs are appreciated but not required to attend. For questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Bach Society Houston: Candlemas Vespers: Saturday, January 31 at 3:00 p.m. at Rice Village Campus, nave

With Cantata *Alles nur nach Gottes willen*, BWV 72. Experience the contemplative beauty of this traditional celebration through an intimate, candlelit service and historically informed performance. Free event, RSVP requested at bachsocietyhouston.org, donations welcome.

Souper Bowl of Caring: Sunday February 8, 2026

Join thousands of congregations around the nation and help us collect food for our local food pantry St. James Family Life Center! You can help by making a monetary donation or bringing an item to church **now until February 8**. For those who would like to make a monetary contribution through Christ the King Church as part of our Souper Bowl of Caring mission offering **on February 8**, please visit <https://ctkelc.org/give> and select “Give Online.” From the dropdown menu, choose “Souper Bowl,” and your donation will be designated to St. James Family Life Center.

Most Needed Food Items: Canned fruit (all types), Hearty soups, Dry rice (1- or 2-pound bags), Dry beans (1- or 2-pound bags), Peanut butter, Boxed dry cereal, Canned tuna or chicken,

Other requested items: Canned vegetables (all types), Dry pasta/macaroni and cheese, Toilet paper, Bar soap, cleaning wipes, Cloth or disposable face coverings, Pet food.

Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: 2/1, 2/8, 2/15 and 3/1 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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