

This Week at Christ the King Church

Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 15

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

Monday, March 16

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

Tuesday, March 17

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, 3rd floor conf. room
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite

Wednesday, March 18

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Godly Play Network Meeting, 2nd floor youth room
6:00 p.m. Soup Supper, parish hall
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite
7:00 p.m. Lent Vespers, nave
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Rehearsal, parish hall
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, music suite
7:30 p.m. Lenten Youth Coffee Hour, offsite

Thursday, March 19

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor conference room
5:45 p.m. Houston Boychoir Rehearsal, music suite & Nave
7:00 p.m. Ukrainian Egg Decorating, 2nd floor youth room
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, online

Friday, March 20

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

Saturday, March 21

1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
3:00 p.m. Bach's Mass in B minor, BWV 232, nave
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, nave

Fifth Sunday in Lent, March 22

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

Breakfast Krewe: Enjoy Breakfast every Sunday morning, beginning at 9:00 a.m., between the services. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out to Oliver Doolin or Ron Siemers. Scan the QR code to volunteer to help out the Breakfast Krewe.



Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m.: We invite you to grab some breakfast from our Breakfast Krewe and join us in the adult basement classroom for meaningful and fun forums and events.

March 15: Leadership in the Church...how we choose leaders, adult basement classroom

March 22: CIC Committee discussion of the Language of Gender Diversity, parish hall

Easter Flowers

All are invited to donate flowers to decorate the nave for Easter on April 5, 2026. **The deadline is Palm Sunday, March 29, 2026.** Note if the lily is “in honor or in memory” of someone. Please make checks payable to Christ the King Lutheran Church and include “Easter Flowers” in the memo line or submit your payment online at <https://ctkelc.org/give> and select “Easter Lilies” from the dropdown menu. Each lily costs \$20 and you are welcome to order more than one.

Envelope Fundraiser

The Envelope Fundraiser has started and will continue throughout the season of Lent and is a fun way to help our youth get to Germany this summer. When you pick an envelope off the bulletin board in the foyer, you match your donation with the number marked on the envelope. Inside each envelope is a thank you note, a little about one of our youth going to Germany this summer, and a surprise. Checks should be made out to “Christ the King Lutheran Church” with Youth Trip in the memo line. You may put your donation in the offering plate on Sundays or drop it off at the office during the week. Thank you for your support!

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

- **Memorial Drive Campus (Luther Room):** Wednesday Bible Study offered in person, focusing on the Eighth Century BCE Prophet: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Micah. Gathering at 10:00 a.m.; Study at 10:30–11:30 a.m. (**No Study March 18**)
- **Rice Village Campus (In person/ Second-Floor Youth Room & Zoom):** Friday Bible Study: PHILIPPIANS Christ’s Mind on our Mind. A study of Paul’s letter to his favorite congregation. March 20, 27, (**No Study April 3**); April 10 and 17, 2026. 10:00 a.m. Gathering & Refreshments; 10:15 a.m. Opening Prayers; 10:20-11:30 a.m. Study, 11:30 a.m. Closing Prayers and Our Father.

Lenten Soup Suppers, Vespers & Conversations on Wednesdays: March 18-March 25

All are invited to share in this Lenten discipline together.

6:00–6:50 p.m.: Soup Supper, parish hall | **6:20 p.m.:** Board games, 2nd floor youth room

7:00–7:30 p.m.: Vespers, nave | **7:30–8:30 p.m.:** Youth Coffee Hour, Bitty & Beau’s

After Vespers, youth are invited for a time of conversation and fellowship, focusing on how to be a peer minister outside the church walls. Topics include:

-**March 18:** How can I help my friend...when they are coming out?

-**March 25:** How can I help my friend...when they are stressed or anxious?

Volunteers and servers are still needed on March 25. You can sign up by scanning the QR Code.



Ukrainian Egg Decorating Classes with Marie Monroe: 2nd Floor Youth Room

Thursdays, March 19 at 7 pm – 8 pm | Wednesdays, March 25 and April 1 at 7 pm – 8 pm

Learn the art of Ukrainian egg decorating. Dyes, tools, and instructions are provided. Feel free to bring eggs, though some will be available to share.

Bach's Mass in B minor, BWV 232: Saturday, March 21 | 3-4:30 p.m. at Rice Village Campus

Celebrating Bach's birthday with the monumental B minor Mass, performed with period instruments and historically informed musicianship by the Bach Choir and Bach Orchestra. **Ticket Prices** \$35- \$50 Student ticket \$10. <https://www.bachsocietyhouston.org>

CIC Committee discussion of the Language of Gender Diversity Forum, March 22 at 9:45 a.m.

Words matter. How we talk about gender shapes the inclusive spaces we strive to build every day. Join our CIC Committee for the Language of Gender Diversity Forum. We designed this event to foster deeper understanding, break down communication barriers, and help you navigate important conversations with empathy and respect. Whether you want to learn, listen, or share, your presence adds immense value to this vital discussion.

Interfaith Youth Group Gathering: Sunday, March 22 at 10 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

All youth are invited to join us as our guests from Houston Congregation for Reformed Judaism and the Blue Mosque will be joining us for a time of fellowship, conversation, and learning about music in our faith traditions. We will have a tour of the organ and time for interfaith conversation. For more information, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Support Christians in the Holy Land: Sunday, March 22nd

Join us in supporting Christian families in Bethlehem by purchasing handmade olive wood carvings after service. Christians make up less than 1% of the Holy Land's population, and your purchase helps artisans sustain their livelihoods and preserve their centuries-old craft in the land where Jesus was born. Take home a meaningful piece of the Holy Land while supporting those who made it.

Adult Education Committee

If you are interested in serving on an adult education/faith formation committee, please contact Irmi Willcockson at willcocksonconsulting@gmail.com.

House Church Online

Irmi Willcockson is interested in starting a new house church that meets Sunday evenings from 7:30 - 8:30 pm. We would meet twice a month online, and see each other in person for Pentecost and Christ the King weekend. The commitment would be for the seasons of Easter and Pentecost this year, beginning April 12th and ending Christ the King Sunday. House Church would be limited to 12 participants to allow everyone to interact. If you are interested, please contact Irmi Willcockson at willcocksonconsulting@gmail.com.

Grant Applications Are Accepted Now

The New Foundation of Christ the King Evangelical Lutheran Church is open to receive grant applications. The New Foundation provides financial support to programs and organizations that support the mission of Christ the King Lutheran Church that are not covered by the annual operating budget. Christ the King members and outside organizations can request funds from the New Foundation. Board members of the New Foundation are Susan Uri, Wendy Wiker, Lucky Sahualla, Donna Olson-Salas, Scott Swanson, Linda Siemers, Mandy Derr (ex officio). To apply, visit ctkelc.org, click on "Members," and select "CTK Foundation" from the dropdown menu. Application deadline is **April 24, 2026**.

Holy Week Worship Server Training: Saturday, March 28 at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

All worship servers are invited to training for those serving during Holy Week. This will be a walkthrough for all the services including Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Vigil of Easter. For more information, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Stations of the Cross: Sunday, March 29 at 9:45 a.m. – 1 p.m.

We invite you to visit the Stations of the Cross in the parish hall between the Sunday services (9:30 - 10:30 am) and following the late service (12:15 pm) on Palm Sunday, March 29. Each station has been made and worked on by our entire Godly Play classes. Take as long as you want, thinking or praying, then you may pick up a scripture card, an item relating to the story, or both to remind you of each part of the story.

Holy Week & Easter Schedule

Palm/Passion Sunday – March 29

8:30 a.m. Eucharist (In-person)

11:00 a.m. Eucharist (In-person & Online)

Maundy Thursday – April 2

7:00 p.m. Eucharist (In-person)

Good Friday – April 3

7:00 p.m. Adoration of the Cross (In-person)

Holy Saturday – April 4

Canonical Hours at Home: 12 a.m., 3 a.m., 6 a.m., 9 a.m., 12 p.m., 3 p.m., 6 p.m.

(Short prayer times; copies available in the narthex, music on our YouTube channel.)

6:00 p.m. Contemplative Liturgy (In-person)

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil (In-person)

Easter Sunday – April 5

8:30 a.m. Eucharist (In-person)

9:30 a.m. Easter Brunch, Flowering of the Cross & Egg Hunts

11:00 a.m. Eucharist (In-person & Online)

LWR Personal Care Kits: Building Personal Care Kits for People Around the World

During Lent, CTK members are invited to help people facing poverty, disaster, and conflict by donating items for Lutheran World Relief Personal Care Kits. These kits provide dignity, hope, and care to those in need. Please bring lightweight bath-size towels (20"×40" to 52"×27", dark colors recommended), bath-size bars of soap (8–9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping), metal nail clippers (packaging removed), adult-size toothbrushes (in original packaging), or sturdy combs (packaging removed). Drop off items in the Narthex or church office by **Palm Sunday, March 29**.

Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: 3/22, 4/5, 4/12 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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