

## This Week at Christ the King Church

### Fourth Sunday of Easter, April 26

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Krewe, parish hall  
9:30 a.m. Tag Sale, parish hall  
9:45 a.m. Music Gathering, 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, April 27

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

### Tuesday, April 28

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

### Wednesday, April 29

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Memorial Drive, Luther Room  
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite  
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Rehearsal, parish hall  
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, online  
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, music suite

### Thursday, April 30

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room  
5:45 p.m. Houston Boychoir Rehearsal, music suite & Nave

### Friday, May 1

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

### Saturday, May 2

1:00 p.m. Online Yoga  
3:00 p.m. Season Finale: Vespers & Music in the Americas, Part 3, nave  
6:00 p.m. Contemplative Holy Communion, nave

### Fifth Sunday of Easter, May 3

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave  
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Krewe, parish hall  
9:30 a.m. Justice Advocacy Event, courtyard  
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, 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 parish hall for meaningful and fun forums and events.

**April 26:** Financial update by our Finance Committee in the adult basement classroom.

**May 3:** Presentation from Texas Coalition for Human Rights on Houston Interfaith for Middle East Peace, parish hall.

### **Affirmation of Vocation: Sunday, April 26**

During both Sunday services this weekend we celebrate the commissioning of three new Lay Chaplains after having completed ten weeks of Community of Hope training. New lay chaplains include Tom Bouldin, Veronique Eberhart, and Karen Stroo. They join more than thirty Christ the King Lay Chaplains and Lay Eucharistic Ministers as all are affirmed in their Vocation as Lay Pastoral Caregivers. Christ the King Church has served as a training center for Community of Hope International for 23 years and this year's class additionally included two participants from Faith Lutheran in Bellaire and four participants from St. Martin's Lutheran in Sugar Land.

### **CTK's Annual Tag Sale: Sunday, April 26 from 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.**

The annual Tag Sale at Christ the King Church is happening today, Sunday, April 26, in the parish hall from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. There's still time to stop by and find great items while supporting a wonderful cause! Thank you to everyone who has donated and helped make this year's sale possible. All proceeds will benefit the Liebster Children's Ministry Fund and the Luther League Fund.



**Volunteers are still needed to help wrap up the sale and assist with donating leftover items on Sunday, April 27 and Monday, April 28.** If you're able to help, please sign up by scanning the QR Code.

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

- **Memorial Drive Campus -Wednesday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. (In person/Luther Room):** We will focus on the Eighth Century BCE Prophet: Amos, Hosea, Isaiah, and Micah.
- **Rice Village Campus – Friday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. (In person/Second-Floor Youth Room & Zoom):** We will be exploring the differences and similarities between the Eastern Orthodox and catholic (western, including Lutherans) theology and practice. April 24 through June 26, 2026.

### **Season Finale: Vespers & Music in the Americas, Part 3: Saturday, May 2 at 3:00 p.m., nave**

Join us for a special Bach Vespers honoring the superb leadership of Rick Erickson, CTK's own Cantor Emeritus, as he concludes his tenure as Artistic Director of Bach Society Houston, and welcomes Ben Kerswell to this role beginning in July 2026. The program features Cantata BWV 17, "Wer Dank opfert, der preiset mich" alongside music from the Americas during Bach's lifetime.

### **Justice Advocacy Events: Sunday, May 3**

Events next Sunday include the Justice Advocacy Event at CtK from 9:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., focused on speaking up for justice, and the Pocket Prairie & Great Grow Out Workshop in Deer Park from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., where you can learn to grow your own native plant pocket prairie and receive seeds to take home; more information is available at <http://creationcares.org>.

### **Houston Food Bank Service Day: Saturday, May 9 at 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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](mailto: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.

### **Graduate Recognition Sunday: Sunday, May 10**

We would still love to hear and celebrate with you. If you are receiving a degree from high school, undergraduate, technological, or graduate programs, we would like to know! Email the church office with details about your graduation date and any plans you have for your future (ctk@ctkelc.org). High school seniors will be celebrating their high school graduations on Sunday, May 10 with a special milestone gift and cake.

### **Transitions Meeting: Monday, May 11 at 1 p.m.**

The meeting will be held at Rochelle Manske's house. Vicki Gorman will present a talk on the importance of understanding and using breath effectively, especially in singing and everyday life. For more information, contact Linda Siemers.

### **Confirmation Sunday: Sunday, May 17 at 11 a.m.**

Christopher Bruns, Cecilia Bruns, Elizabeth Mallon, August Triantaphyllis, Charlotte Turner, and Joseph Verret will affirm their faith at the worship service on May 17 at 11 a.m. The congregation has supported them with prayer and accompaniment as they studied Luther's Small Catechism and the Bible. Come check out their Confirmation projects as our youth express their faith story to the congregation and have some cake in the courtyard.

### **Pentecost Picnic: Sunday, May 24 at 12:15 p.m.**

The Spirit is moving—and so are we... right outside for a joyful Pentecost Picnic!

Everyone is welcome to join us as we gather in celebration of the Holy Spirit with food, fellowship, sunshine, and good company. Members are invited to bring a side to share with the community.

Kids activities will be offered. Bring your sunglasses, a lawn chair, and your best picnic vibes as we celebrate the birthday of the Church together. Don't forget to wear red to mark this vibrant feast day!

**Want to help?** We'd love your help in making this picnic extra special—whether by bringing food or lending a helping hand. Questions or want to get involved? Reach out to Deacon Ben Remmert for more information. All are welcome. Always.

### **Join the Adult Education Committee or take part in a new Online House Church**

Those interested in supporting adult education and faith formation are invited to join the committee. Irmi is also starting a small online house church meeting twice monthly on Sunday evenings (7:30–8:30 PM) from April 12 through November 22. Participation is limited to 12 people. For more information or to sign up, contact Irmi at [willcocksonconsulting@gmail.com](mailto:willcocksonconsulting@gmail.com).

### **2026 Flower Sign Up**

Sign up to provide altar flowers for our weekend services. Available dates: June 21; July 19; August 16; and November 8, 15 & 22.

- Altar guild members will no longer deliver flowers. Donors may take their flowers home after the 11:00 a.m. service (around 12:30). No altar flowers during Advent (Nov 28–Dec 24). You may sponsor Advent Wreath instead.

**Donation info:** Flowers are \$70/weekend. Sign up online or email Cheryl Gaspard at [cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org](mailto:cherylgaspard@ctkelc.org). Checks: *Christ the King Lutheran Church*, memo: *Altar Flowers*, or pay online.



**Snacks Volunteers Needed:** We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for: 5/3, 5/17, and 5/24 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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