

This Week at Christ the King Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter, May 10

Graduation Recognition Sunday

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, nave

Monday, May 11

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online
1:00 p.m. Transitions Meeting, offsite

Tuesday, May 12

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, 3rd floor conference room
6:30 p.m. D&D Meeting, offsite
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting, 2nd floor youth room

Wednesday, May 13

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
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, May 14

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

Friday, May 15

Synod Assembly

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

Saturday, May 16

Synod Assembly

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

Seventh Sunday of Easter, May 17

Confirmation Sunday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
9:00 a.m. Breakfast Krewe, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, nave
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion & Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, nave
12:15 p.m. Faith Formation Meeting, 2nd Floor Youth Room

Breakfast Krewe: Enjoy breakfast on Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. between the services. The final breakfast before the summer break will be on May 17 and will resume on September 13.

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.

May 10: Seasons of Creation with Pastor Mandy

May 17: Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, Bright Stars of Bethlehem Presentation

Graduate Recognition Sunday: Sunday, May 10

If you are graduating from high school, an undergraduate or graduate program, or a technical program, we will recognize you during worship this Sunday with a short blessing. Email the church office at ctk@ctkelc.org with your graduation date and any plans you have for the future. High school seniors will receive a special milestone gift and cake. Congratulations graduates!

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

- **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. (*No Bible study on May 15*)

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.

Synod Assembly: May 15-16, 2026

Clergy and church leaders from across the Texas Louisiana Gulf Coast will gather together at St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Sugarland for a time of network, connection, and voting on important business of the church. We pray for our leaders that will be representing Christ the King Lutheran Church this year: Pastor Mandy Derr, Deacon Ben Remmert, Terri Koehler, Federico Salas-Isnardi, and Maureen Sahualla.

Guest Preacher & Sunday Forum: Sunday, May 17

We are honored to welcome our guest preacher, the Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Christmas Church in Bethlehem, Palestine. He is the founder and president of the Diyar Consortium, a group of Lutheran-based, ecumenically oriented institutions serving the Bethlehem area, as well as the founder and president of Dar al-Kalima University in Bethlehem and Bright Stars of Bethlehem—one of our monthly mission offering recipients. Rev. Dr. Raheb will present during the Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m. and will preach at 11:00 a.m. service.

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 stories to the congregation and enjoy some cake in the courtyard.

CTK Summer Book Review Sign-Ups: Sundays, June 14- August 9 at 9:45 a.m.

The summer book reviews are a beloved tradition as an educational offering on Sundays at 9:45 a.m. during the summer months, from June 14 to August 9. We particularly focus on books that explore religious, moral, or ethical concerns within society and the world. To sign up, scan the QR code. Please sign up by May 31st so we can have our summer lineup ready. For more information, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.



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. 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! Members are invited to bring a side dish to share with the community. Besides fun and games for the children, we will have a table set up for a puzzle exchange. Bring your used jigsaw puzzles (with all pieces please) and pick up one or two in exchange. Children's and adult's puzzles welcome. Contact Donna Olson Salas for additional information at 713-416-0863.

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 Donna Olson Salas.

Church Office Closed:

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day. The office will resume regular hours on Tuesday, May 26.

Pentecost Sunday Readers

Pentecost is on May 24, and it is a long-standing Christ the King Church tradition to read the story of Pentecost (Acts 2) "in various tongues." If you have never considered sharing your gift of language in this way or feel hesitant about speaking publicly in front of the congregation, please be assured that you will not be up front. Instead, you will stand and read from your seat, alongside at least a dozen others who will be speaking in different languages at the same time. Copies of the readings in various languages will be available in the narthex on Pentecost Sunday. For more information, please contact the church office (ctk@ctkelc.org).

Lutherhill Open Camp Day: Saturday, May 30

Gather your family and friends together and head to Lutherhill for the day to help us kick off our summer of AMEN! Open Camp Day is a FREE event - bring your family and friends out to experience an action-packed day of camp in just a few hours:

10am - Camp Opens

11am - Camp-style Worship

12pm - Hamburger Lunch

1pm-4pm - Camp Activities Open: Ropes Course, Pool, Pond, Arts & Crafts and more!

RSVP to office@lutherhill.org, call us at (979) 217-1954, or on Lutherhill Ministry Facebook page!

(RSVPs are appreciated but not required.) We can't wait to see you!

Blood Drive: Sunday, May 31 at 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall

Christ the King will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, May 31. We would love for you to participate if you are able—please sign up by scanning the QR code. All successful donors will receive a free beach towel and complimentary A1C pre-diabetes testing. Thank you for your willingness to help save lives! Please feel free to share this opportunity with friends and family.

If you're unable to donate on May 31, you can still contribute by visiting any Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center donation site and using Sponsor Code: CTKC.



Snacks Volunteers Needed:

We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- May 17 at 11:00 a.m.
- May 31 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- June 7 at 8:30 a.m. and 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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