

## This Week at Christ the King Church

### 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. Confirmation, Holy Communion & Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Mitri Raheb, nave  
12:15 p.m. Faith Formation Meeting, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Youth Room

### Monday, May 18

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

### Tuesday, May 19

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, May 20

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
12:00 p.m. Godly Play Network Meeting, 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference 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, May 21

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 22

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home  
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, nave and online

### Saturday, May 23

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

### Day of Pentecost, May 24

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave  
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, nave  
12:15 p.m. Pentecost Picnic, courtyard

**Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m.:** Join us in the parish hall for meaningful and engaging forums and events, and enjoy breakfast provided by our Breakfast Krewe. *This Sunday will be the last Sunday the Breakfast Krewe serves breakfast before pausing for the summer. Breakfast service will resume on September 13.*

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

### **Guest Preacher & Sunday Forum Presenter**

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.

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

**Rice Village Campus – Friday Bible Study at 10:00 a.m. (In person/Nave & 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.

**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.

**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).

**Church Office Closed:**

The church office will be closed on Monday, May 25, in observance of Memorial Day.

**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.



### **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](mailto: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.



### **Houston Pride Parade 2026: June 6**

Join us for Pride 2026 on June 6 from 5pm-10pm. Support us financially or walk with us (join the WhatsApp group for latest info and updates). Questions? Contact Pr. Sue Schneider at [pastor@livingmosaic.org](mailto:pastor@livingmosaic.org).

The poster features a rainbow bunting border at the top. The main text reads "PRIDE 2026" in large, colorful letters, with "JUNE 6, 2026 ~ 5P-10P DOWNTOWN HOUSTON" below it. Two icons of a cross inside a rainbow heart are on either side. A green banner at the bottom says "2 WAYS TO GET INVOLVED". Below this, two columns are shown: "SHARE FINANCIAL SUPPORT" with a QR code and text "USE QR CODE TO DONATE. FUNDS RAISED WILL HELP OFFSET PARADE FEES"; and "COME WALK WITH US" with a QR code and text "USE QR CODE TO JOIN WHAT'S APP GROUP FOR LATEST INFO & UPDATES". In the center, there is a question mark icon and text: "Questions? Contact Pr. Sue Schneider: [pastor@livingmosaic.org](mailto:pastor@livingmosaic.org)". At the bottom, there is a small illustration of a diverse group of people celebrating.

### **Snacks Volunteers Needed:**

We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- May 31 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- June 7 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- June 14 at 8:30 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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