

This Week at Christ the King Church
August 16 – August 22, 2026

12th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 16

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
9:45 a.m. Summer Book Review, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Safe Haven Training, 3rd floor conference room
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, nave

Monday, August 17

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

Tuesday, August 18

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

Wednesday, August 19

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
7:00 p.m. Sing for Peace, nave
7:00 p.m. Brass Quintet Rehearsal, parish hall
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, online

Thursday, August 20

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor conference room
7:00 p.m. Godly Play Summer Night, room 204

Friday, August 21: Church Office Closed

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

Saturday, August 22

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

Sunday Forum at 9:45 a.m. Join us in the parish hall for meaningful and fun forums and summer book reviews.

Upcoming Topics:

August 16: Visit with CAR Representative

August 23: Vicki Gorman and Elizabeth Kragas Columbarium Native Garden

August 30: Jamie Gonzalez, Executive Director of UH Institute for Ecological Resilience
Irmi Willcockson will lead a butterfly puddling station making

Willie Langdji Visit

You are invited to a presentation by the ELCA Regional Representative for West and Central Africa, Willie Langdji, on Sunday, August 16, during the Adult Forum at 9:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall. His portfolio includes extensive work within the Central African Republic (CAR) on the programs of the Lutheran Church of CAR. All who would like to learn more about the Gulf Coast Synod's companion relationship with CAR are warmly welcome to this opportunity for learning and fellowship.

You are invited to explore Serving Opportunities at CTK

We have multiple opportunities for you to help and support the ministries of the church. As we begin the new academic year, we want to highlight the following opportunities:

Worship Server: Every meaningful worship service depends on people who quietly prepare the space where we encounter God, ring the bells that call people to worship, welcome and direct worshipers, and perform various functions during the service. The Altar Guild, bell ringers, ushers, and worship assistants play important roles in the central discipline of the church – worship. We will be having a training on Saturday, September 19 at 10 a.m. (in-person & online) to review all these roles together.

Godly Play and Confirmation Leaders: Children grow in their faith because of authentic, accessible and affirming adults that accompany them in their faith journey. We are needing of new volunteers to accompany our children and youth on Sundays as they explore the language of their faith. We will have a training session on Sunday, August 23 and 30th at 12:15 p.m. with RSVP to review the responsibilities.

If you have ever felt called to participate in any of these ministries, we invite you to contact Trish Chapman or Deacon Ben Remmert for more information.

August Collection: Bike Helmets for Freewheels Houston

Freewheels Houston repairs donated bikes and puts them into the hands of those who need them most. Volunteers provide reliable, refurbished bicycles—along with new helmets, lights and locks—to refugees, veterans, youth from low-income families and others. During the month of August, you are invited to shop and donate new bike helmets to help Freewheels Houston. You can drop off your donation in the baskets in the narthex, or you can financially donate online through www.ckelc.org/give.

Safe Haven Training: August 16 at 9:45 a.m.

All Godly Play teachers, door persons, Confirmation teachers, mentors, and new volunteers are invited to come to this training on Sunday, August 16 in the youth room to prepare for the upcoming semesters. We will review our Safe Haven: Children and Volunteer Guidelines and review new updates for the upcoming year. All our volunteers are required to also have a background check which will also be filled out during this training which lasts for two years. For more information on how to volunteer with our Godly Play Program and/or youth ministry events, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ckelc.org.

Singing for Peace

Wednesdays, August 12, 19, and 26 at 7:00-8:00 p.m. in the Nave

We are in the midst of an especially fraught and distressing time for our community and country. Events like the murder of Houstonian Lorenzo Salgado Araujo bring a fresh wave of fear, anger, and stress.

In the spirit of the gentle revolution of Leipzig, Germany in 1989, we invite everyone to join this community event to feel God's presence through the power of song. We will be teaching simple yet powerful pieces that will both heal and uplift your soul. No singing or musical experience necessary and all Singing for Peace events are open to everyone, including children. Snacks will be offered at the close of the event. If there is an interest in continuing this Singing for Peace community beyond the first three weeks, we will make a decision together. We hope to see you there.

Blood Drive at Christ the King Church: Sunday, August 23rd, 2026

Christ the King Rice Village campus will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, August 23rd from 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. in the parish hall. We would love for you to sign up for this blood drive if you are able to do so by scanning the following QR code:

All successful donors will receive a voucher for a free pint of Blue Bell Ice Cream, and a limited-edition Gulf Coast Blood puff bag. Thank you for being willing to save a life! And P.S. – Please share this with friends and family! Not able to donate on August 23? No worries, you can donate at any Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center donation site and provide the Sponsor Code: CTKC.



Children, Youth, and Family Round Table Talk with Deacon Ben: Sunday, August 23 and 30 at 9:45 a.m.

All parents with children and youth are invited to join with Deacon Ben Remmert for coffee and conversation between services for a discussion of activities in the fall and dreaming for the future of our children, youth, and family ministries in the second floor youth room on Sunday, August 23 or 30 at 9:45 a.m.

D&D Meetings: Start Back up on Tuesday, August 18 at 6:30 p.m.

Youth are invited to join the Deacon for an adventure by playing Dungeons and Dragons on Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at Christ the King Lutheran Church in the youth room. Each meeting has our time together for adventuring and devotional prayers. No experience needed and dice are provided. If you are interested in participating, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Godly Play Summer Nights

During each, one will experience a Godly Play story, have refreshments and enjoy the fellowship of others. Meeting at different places with different stories and a different storyteller each time, each Summer Night is different, unique experience. This is an informal gathering that is open for anyone to attend.

- Thursday, August 20, 7-9 p.m., Christ the King Lutheran Church, Rice Village Campus

Come see what Godly Play all is about. For info please email godlyplayhouston@gmail.com.

Summer Flat Jesus Project

Take photos of your Flat Jesus with you on all your trips and adventures this summer and make sure to send a copy of them to Deacon Ben at benremmert@ctkelc.org so we can display your picture in narthex to see where your Flat Jesus has been this summer.

Summer Hours for Church Office

The office will be closed each Friday during the summer, with final closing on Friday, September 4, 2026. The office will be open Monday to Thursday, 9am to 3pm.

Photo Directory

We will be publishing a new directory by Rally Day, September 13. You may submit a new photo or the one from the last directory will be used. If you have recently moved or changed contact information this past year, we ask that you contact the church office to update your information as we prepare for our 2026 Church directory. Please send your information to ctk@ctkelc.org by Sunday, August 30.

Breakfast Krewe: Breakfast Krewe is on summer break and will resume on September 13. We are always looking for new volunteers and help in the kitchen, if you are interested in helping, please contact Ron Siemers.

Snacks Volunteers Needed: We need volunteers to provide snacks after worship for:

- August 30 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- September 6 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- September 13 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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