

This Week at Christ the King Church
August 23 – August 29, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
9:00 a.m. Blood Drive, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, basement
Classroom
9:45 a.m. CYF Conversation, youth room
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, nave

Monday, August 24

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

Tuesday, August 25

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 26

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 27

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers,
3rd floor conference room

Friday, August 28: Church Office Closed

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

Saturday, August 29

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

Upcoming Topics:

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

September 6: Coffee & Fellowship

We need New Volunteers to Help the Church

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 Servers/Bellringers: Every meaningful worship service depends on people who, ring the bells that call people to worship, welcome and direct worshipers, reading of the scriptures, serving communion and perform various functions during the service. 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.

Altar Guild: Our dedicated group of volunteers work quietly prepare the space where we encounter God, ensuring the sacred space is ready and beautiful for worship services in partnership with our clergy supporting our church's spiritual life. Duties, seen as a form of worship, include setting communion vessels, linens, and elements, arranging for the flowers, and caring for vestments and sacred objects in accordance with liturgical seasons.

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, Pastor Amandus Derr or Deacon Ben Remmert for more information.

Singing for Peace

Wednesday, August 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.

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.cktelc.org/give.

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 or stopping by in the parish hall:

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 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.

Church Choir Starts Back Up: September 9 at 7:15 p.m.

The church choir will be starting back up on Wednesday, September 9th. If you have any questions, please contact cantor Ben Kerswell at benkerswell@ctkelc.org.

Rally Day Sunday: Sunday, September 13 at 9:30 a.m.

Join us for the start of our new Sunday School year! Children, youth, and parents will meet in the parish hall for a short program recognizing this year's teachers and classes. Children and youth will be dismissed to be with their teachers while parents are encouraged to stay for a short orientation of adult education opportunities with Irmi Willcockson, head of the adult education committee. Musical Gatherings and Regular Godly Play classes will be offered every Sunday at 9:45 a.m. beginning on Sunday, September 20. You may contact Deacon Ben Remmert with any questions regarding Sunday School or Confirmation Class.

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!



Directions for church parking at Rice



Rice Village Campus: 2353 Rice Boulevard, Houston, TX 77005-2696

Memorial Drive Lutheran Center: 12211 Memorial Drive, Houston, TX 77024

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