

This Week at Christ the King Church
August 30 – September 5, 2026

Creation in Christ

14th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, August 30

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

Monday, August 31

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

Tuesday, September 1

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, September 2

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

Thursday, September 3

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

Friday, September 4

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

Saturday, September 5

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

September 6: Coffee & Fellowship in parish hall & PlayGround Open House

September 13: Rally Day Program and Discussion with Adult Faith Formation Committee

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 to 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 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.

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.

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

All parents with children and youth are invited to join 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 30 at 9:45 a.m.

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@ckelc.org.

Houston Food Bank Service Day: Saturday, September 12 at 8 a.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 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.

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.

Meals on Wheels Volunteering: Saturday, September 19 at 9 a.m. - noon

Due to a recent increase in demand, Meals on Wheels need help like yours to deliver meals to seniors in need! Volunteer slots are open weekday afternoons and 3rd Saturdays at our Midtown location — an easy, hands-on way to make an immediate difference. Sign up today by scanning the QR code or contact Katy Sabayrac, Volunteer Services Manager, at ksabayrac@imgh.org:



Historias de Mi Tierra: Friday, September 18 at 7:00 p.m.

Join us at Christ the King Church for an interdisciplinary, Latin American experience as we celebrate the stories and music of ConTempo's Latine artists! From Argentine tango to Mexican boleros, this concert highlights and explores the vast cultures that make up Latin America.

Worship Server Training: Saturday, September 19 at 10 a.m.

All current worship servers and all those who would like to begin serving in worship are invited to attend our fall worship server training on Saturday, September 19 at 10 a.m. Come and learn about the different roles in worship and have hands-on training as worship servers, assisting ministers, crucifers, acolytes, and more. This year, we are offering an interactive zoom option in which those that cannot join us in person will be able to participate online. We hope that everyone is able to come as we have different procedures from years past.

For more questions or to get the zoom link, please get in touch with Deacon Ben Remmert or Trish Chapman.

FRIDAY STUDY: Each Friday, September 11 – November 20, 2026

Topic: Biblical Apocalyptic Texts: More than Daniel & Revelation

Where: YOUTH ROOM, 2nd floor, Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005

Zoom: Scan the QR code

When: Friday mornings, beginning September 11, 2026

In person only: 10:00 Coffee and Conversations

10:30 Study

11:30 Closing Prayer

Leader: Pastor Amandus J. Derr



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:

- September 6 at 8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.
- September 13 at 8:30 a.m.
- September 27 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!



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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