

This Week at Christ the King Church
October 4 – October 10, 2026

19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday, October 4

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Godly Play & Confirmation
Classes
10:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal, nave
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
12:30 p.m. Godly Play meeting, youth
room
7:30 p.m. Book of Creation Prayer Group,
online

Monday, October 5

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

Tuesday, October 6

7:30 a.m. Book of Creation Prayer Group,
online
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, October 7

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Memorial Drive
Lutheran Center
6:15 p.m. Brass Choir Rehearsal, parish
Hall
6:30 p.m. German Language Group, youth
room
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, October 8

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

Friday, October 9

8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, youth room
second floor

Saturday, October 10

9:00 a.m. Freewheels Houston Service
Day, offsite
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
5:00 p.m. Youth Night, offsite
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:

October 4: “Turning Allyship into Action” by Mandy Giles, founder of Parents of Trans Kids

October 11: Conversation with Pastor Mandy Derr about 9/11

October 18: Call Committee Conversation with Rev. Cassandra Nagle, Assistant to the Bishop’s office

October 25: Finance Team Report and Budget Conversation & New Member Conversation with Pastor Mandy Derr

"Turning Allyship into Action" presented by Mandy Giles

Sunday, October 4 at 9:45 a.m.

Now more than ever we need ally voices for transgender equality and inclusion. For trans, nonbinary, and gender expansive youth, safe and supportive spaces built by allies can literally be lifesaving. Mandy Giles, founder and CEO of Parents of Trans Youth, will share why supporting trans kids is so important and will give us practical ways to turn our allyship into action during our Sunday Forum at Christ the King Church.

The Book of Creation Small Group with Irmi Willcockson

Join Irmi Willcockson for a focused reading on a book of creation. Each session will include: Opening Liturgy, Prayer, Silence, Readings on Topic, Invitation to Reading the Book of Creation, and Journaling Prompts. The topics for each week follow Via Creationis and will be as follows:

Sun, Oct 4th 7:30 pm - 8 pm and Tue, Oct 6th 7:30 am - 8: Light, Celestial Bodies, Sky

Sun, Oct 11th 7:30 pm - 8 pm and Tue, Oct 13th, 7:30 am - 8: Earth and Sea

Sun, Oct 18th 7:30 pm - 8 pm and Tue, Oct 20th 7:30 am - 8: Plants

Sun, Oct 25th 7:30 pm - 8 pm and Tue, Oct 27th 7:30 am - 8: Creatures of Water, Air, and Land

Sun, Nov 1st 7:30 pm - 8 pm and Tue, Nov 3rd 7:30 am - 8: Humans

Each session will follow the same format and while connected to previous sessions will stand alone. Please bring a physical or digital journal in whatever form it works best for you.

Bible Studies at Christ the King Church

WEDNESDAY STUDY: Each Wednesday until December 2, 2026

Topic: 1st Maccabees: Foundations of 2nd Temple Roman Judea

Where: LUTHER ROOM, Memorial Drive Lutheran Center Office

12211 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024

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Leader: Pastor Amandus J. Derr

FRIDAY STUDY: Each Friday until 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

Leader: Pastor Amandus J. Derr



Sing for Peace Community Group

Saturday at 4:45 p.m.: Oct. 24, Nov. 21, Dec. 19

Sundays (2nd Sunday) at 7 p.m.: Oct 11, November 9, December 14

Festival Day of Service - November 21 - 11 a.m. (may change)

We are in the midst of an especially fraught and distressing time for our community and country. 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. For more information, contact

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Freewheels Houston Volunteering: Saturday, October 10

Join us for a time of cleaning and repairing donated bicycles with our friends at Freewheels Houston. All fixed and donated bicycles go to those who need transportation.

When: 9:00am to 12:00pm

Where: 6020 Jessamine St. #204, Houston 77081

Attire: Closed-toe shoes, outdoor work

Contact: Bill Chapman at wpchapman01@gmail.com

Building Bridges Training: Tuesday, October 13 at 6:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

Our friends at Living Mosaic Lutheran Church, together with Grace Place, are offering a one-time Building Bridges training on de-escalation and LGBTQ community care on Tuesday, October 13 from 6:30–8:00 PM at Grace Place, 2515 Waugh Drive. This gathering reflects the wider calling we share as a congregation: to meet our neighbors with courage, compassion, and a spirit of welcome—especially in moments that ask us to listen deeply and respond with care. All who feel drawn to this work of connection and understanding are warmly invited to take part.

Meals on Wheels Volunteering: Saturday, October 17 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.



Transitions Women's Group: Monday, October 12 at 1:00 p.m.

Transitions is a women's group, aged 50 and older, that was started at Christ the King in 2008. It is open to any interested women, including others not necessarily affiliated with Christ the King. Meetings are held the second Monday of each month in a member's home. Our Transitions meeting will be October 12, at 1:00pm, at Joann Welton's house at 4029 Milton Street, Houston 77005.

If you would like to be included in the email announcements for RSVPing for the meetings, please contact Linda Alexander, LindAlexander@aol.com or 713-882-6885.

Oktoberfest: Saturday, October 17 at Christ the King Church

On Saturday, October 17 at 3 p.m., Bach Society Houston will present Oktoberfest Vespers. Afterwards, enjoy an Oktoberfest celebration in the courtyard with food provided by Luther League and music performed by the Christ the King Brass Choir and more. We will need some help from youth and parents with cooking and serving brats (beginning at 12 p.m.) and adults to help serve beverages. All donations and proceeds benefit the youth program at the church.

Trunk or Treat at Christ the King Church!: Sunday, October 25 at 4 p.m. – 6 p.m.

Our annual Trunk or Treat experience will be on Sunday, October 25, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at our Rice Campus. This safe and fun activity is for kids pre-K through 6th grade and the whole family. Children may be dressed in their Halloween costumes or not and go from trunk to trunk in the back parking lot to go “trick or treating” safely together. CTK members will host this event and provide the treats. Babies in strollers and grandparents are also welcome! Stop by Deacon Ben Remmert’s trunk for a blessing for all our trick or treaters. Pizza will also be provided at that time. Scan the QR code to volunteer to host a trunk, bring candy, or help with the event:

Volunteers and/or questions can be directed to Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org. We hope to see you there!



Breakfast Krewe: We are always looking for new volunteers and help in the kitchen, if you are interested in helping, please contact Ron Siemers or scan the QR code and fill out the form.



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

- October 11 at 11:00 a.m.
- November 1 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!



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