This Week at Christ the King Church
November 15 – November 21, 2026

25th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 15
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
9:00 a.m. Blood Drive, parish hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, adult classroom
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. New Member Luncheon, 3rd floor conference room
1:30 p.m. Interfaith Potluck, offsite

Monday, November 16
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

Tuesday, November 17
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, November 18
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
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, November 19
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:30 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor conference room

Friday, November 20
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, youth room second floor
6:30 p.m. Festival Dinner, parish hall

Saturday, November 21
9:00 a.m. Day of Service, parish hall
11:00 a.m. Sing for Peace, nave
1:00 p.m. Online Yoga
5:00 p.m. CTK Parents Night Out, parish hall
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:
November 15: Draft 2027 Budget Conversation with Congregation Council
November 22: Annual Meeting Part One, 11 a.m.
November 29: Advent Wreath Workshop (courtyard)

Annual Meeting Part One: Sunday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m.

Members of Christ the King are requested to attend our Annual Meeting Part One on Sunday, November 22 at 11:00 a.m. as we elect new council members and present the budget for 2027 year. Lunch will be provided and childcare will be offered.

Sing for Peace Community Group

Sundays (2nd Sunday) at 7 p.m.: December 14
Saturday at 4:45 p.m.: Dec. 19
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 Kellye Burke, Alicia Goodrow, Donna Olson-Salas, or Federico Salas-Isnardi.

Bible Studies at Christ the King Church w/ Pastor Mandy Derr

WEDNESDAY STUDY: Each Wednesday until December 2, 2026
Topic: Book of Revelation
Where: LUTHER ROOM, Memorial Drive Lutheran Center Office
12211 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024

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

Blood Drive at Church: Sunday, November 15 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

Christ the King Rice Village campus will be hosting a blood drive on Sunday, November 15 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 QR code:
All successful donors will receive an exclusive crew neck sweater. Thank you for being willing to save a life! And P.S. – Please share this with friends and family! Not able to donate on November 15? No worries, you can donate at any Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center donation site and provide the Sponsor Code: CTKC.

CCSC Jingle Bell Express

Since 1980, CCSC has spread holiday cheer through Jingle Bell Express. With your help, 2,500 underserved children will receive new toys and books. Families will receive a grocery gift card to purchase pantry essentials or prepare a special meal. Here's how you can help spread holiday joy. Donate Christmas Gifts Help children in need have a beautiful Christmas by donating new, unwrapped, nonviolent toys for kids ages 0-15 years of age. There are three easy ways to donate.

1. Shop the Jingle Bell Express Wishlist: Deadline December 1

Shop our Wish List of favorite gift items desired by our clients. Items can be shipped directly to CCSC from this Wish List. Or, if you prefer to ensure the accuracy of your order, select delivery to your home address and bring items to the CCSC office. List can be found here:

2. Deliver Toys to the CCSC Office: Deadline December 4
3. Deliver Toys to Jingle Bell Express: On December 7 from 9 am-6 pm at Bellaire United Methodist Church

Questions? Email CCSC at seasonal@ccschouston.org

Christ the King Festival 2026: Friday, November 20, 2026 at 6:30 PM

"Community Around the Table, Joy in Every Seat"

As part of the three-day Christ the King celebration weekend, the annual CTK Festival Dinner will kick off the festivities. Gather with old friends, new friends, and soon-to-be-friends on Friday, November 20, beginning at 6:30 P.M. for our annual celebration of community. In addition to food and fun, the festivities will include several raffle drawings, Wine Pull, the ever-popular Sociable Sign-ups, and a newly added Trivia Game featuring Christ the King Church Trivia! All proceeds will benefit Community Ministry Partners of Christ the King. Tickets will be $25/person to cover dinner. Participants are asked to bring a bottle of wine or dessert to share. Iced tea and mocktails will be provided. Free childcare will be available – please let us know how many children will be coming by November 14th. Ticket sales and volunteer sign-up will be coming soon. We can't wait to see you there! Email Karli McGowen (karlenemcgowen@yahoo.com) with any questions.

2026 Festival Quilt Raffle presented by the CTK Piecemakers

This year's quilt, "Supernova," is dedicated to the memory of Jill Bailer, long time CTK member and faithful Piecemaker, who helped craft this quilt.

Raffle Tickets will be on sale on Sundays between services and at the Festival. Tickets are $10 each or 3 for $25. The quilt is:

- 94 inches square (queen size)
- beautiful fall colors using all cotton fabrics
- totally hand quilted.
- Two king-size bed pillows with shams matching the quilt are included.

Christ the King Service Day: Saturday, November 21 from 9 a.m. - noon

Participate in the first Day of Service Saturday of Festival weekend. We'll gather on Saturday, Nov 21st from 9 am to 12 pm in the Parish Hall on the Rice Village Campus. Service activities suitable for all ages will take place in the parish hall and around the campus, weather permitting. They include packing and wrapping boxes for seafarers, Hope for the Holidays card writing, light landscaping, seeding native plants, and others to be determined. Please plan to bring one or more items for a seafarer box as well as gardening gloves and clippers. You may also bring snacks to share. RSVPs are strongly encouraged to help with planning:

Seafarer Shoebox Collection: November 1-30, 2026

Christ the King Lutheran Church is collecting shoeboxes filled with gifts to give to seafarers who visit the Port of Houston during the holiday season. The gifts will be distributed by the Seafarers' ecumenical ministry. *We encourage members and friends to bring shoe boxes and items to church by Saturday, Nov 21st so we can assemble them on our Day of Service*. Items such as: (Continued->)

combs, soap, shaving cream, disposable razors, lip balm, toothbrushes and toothpaste, pads, pens, puzzles, envelopes, needles and thread, deodorant, heavy socks (no ankle socks), shoe laces, work gloves, knit caps, flashlights, calendars, bottle openers, nail clippers, aspirin, band-aids, key chains, small photo albums, USB memory sticks, Texas souvenirs, playing cards, magazines, hard candy (no chocolate) or something fun. Please keep in mind that boxes will be for men, as there are very few women on board.

For the Day of Service, we also need wrapping paper (holiday or plain) and clear tape to wrap the boxes. After the day of service the Luther League will wrap the remaining gift boxes. If you decide to fill your own, please bring your filled shoebox to church by Sunday, November 29.

CTK Parents Night Out!: Saturday, November 21 at 5 p.m. – 8 p.m.

We are excited to bring this opportunity for children (and families) to come together for worship, dinner, and fun. At 5:00 p.m. we will gather for evening devotion and afterwards will have dinner together with fellowship events and opportunities for children until 8:00 p.m. Parents, you can stay with your kids for part or all the evening, or you may use this time for a variety of purposes. Just a few notes for our November gathering:

- **We need 2 sponsors** (adults over 18 yrs old) to help with accompanying our kids
- **Our theme for this gathering is Sainthood** so we will have lessons and activities themed with this in mind.

For more questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Thanksgiving Day Service and Lunch: Thursday, November 26 at 11 a.m.

All are welcomed to our annual Thanksgiving Day Service of the Word so that together we can give thanks to God for all this year's blessings. Thanksgiving meal will be served afterwards in the parish hall. Sides and desserts are are welcomed and RSVPs are strongly encouraged to help with our planning. And we can always use help to set up, help with the lunch, and clean up afterwards. You can RSVP by scanning the QR code:

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:

- November 22 at 11:00 a.m.
- November 29 at 11:00 a.m.
- December 6 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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