This Week at Christ the King Church
November 22 – November 28, 2026

Christ the King Sunday
26th Sunday after Pentecost
Sunday, November 22
9:20 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
10:00 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
11:30 a.m. Annual Meeting Part One, parish hall
12:30 p.m. Lunch, parish hall

Monday, November 23
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

Tuesday, November 24
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home

Wednesday, November 25
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
10:00 a.m. Bible Study, Memorial Drive Lutheran Center
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, online
7:15 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Thanksgiving
Thursday, November 26: Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
11:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Worship Service, Nave
12:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Lunch, parish hall

Friday, November 27: Office Closed
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

Saturday, November 28
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:

November 22: Annual Meeting Part One, 11:30 a.m.
November 29: Advent Wreath Workshop (courtyard)
December 6: Presentation of Rice Village Development
December 13: Las Posadas, courtyard

Annual Meeting Part One: Sunday, November 22 at 11:30 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 December 14 at 7:00 p.m. & Saturday December 19 at 4:45 p.m.

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 at 10 a.m. (No meeting on Nov. 25)

Topic: Book of Revelation

Where: LUTHER ROOM, Memorial Drive Lutheran Center Office 12211 Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas 77024

FRIDAY STUDY: Each Friday at 10 a.m. (No meeting on Nov. 27)

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

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 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.

Advent Wreath Workshop: Sunday, November 29 at 9:45 a.m.

Our Altar Guild will once again host their annual wreath making in the courtyard. Materials are provided. A donation of $20 is suggested to cover the costs. All ages are invited to join in this communal craft activity to begin the Advent season in your homes. If you already have a wreath that you would like to decorate, please bring it, and join the fun.

Advent Vespers: Wednesdays December 2, 9, 16 at 7 p.m.

Take a break from the busy season and join us for a time of reflection, a time to breathe, and setting aside to prepare for the celebration of Jesus' birth and to anticipate his return. We will be using *Holden Evening Prayer Service.* On our final vespers, we will have a bonfire and hymn sing in the courtyard.

The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe Book Discussion Club:
Wednesdays December 2-16 at 7:45 p.m.
Join Deacon Ben after vespers for Ice Cream in the village and discussion on the advent and Christmas themes of C.S. Lewis' classic *The Lion, Witch, and the Wardrobe.* This is open for all youth and adults who need the time to pause during the busy holiday season.

German Conversation Group Gathering: Wednesday, December 2 at 7 p.m.
Would you enjoy using your German with friends? Christ the King Lutheran Church and Houston Leipzig Sister City Association are starting a Germany Conversation Group to meet once a month starting this October. We are currently collecting contact information for interested participants, and we will determine the timing of the meetings. This is an opportunity to use, improve, and enjoy speaking German! Alle sind willkommen! Contact Deacon Ben Remmert at benremmert@ctkelc.org for more details or to sign up.

Freewheels Houston Service Day: December 12 from 9 a.m. - noon
Join us for a time of cleaning and repairing donated bicycles with our friends at Freewheels Houston located at 6020 Jassamine St., #204. All fixed and donated bicycles go to those who need transportation. Please wear close-toe shoes and prepare to outdoor work. Contact: Bill Chapman at wpchapman01@gmail.com for more information or to RSVP.

Bach in December: Hearts and Voices: December 12 at 3 p.m. – 4:15 p.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd
Houston's new holiday tradition returns with the Christmas Oratorio, BWV 248 parts 1 & 5, and the radiant Magnificat, BWV 243, performed by the Bach Choir, Bach Orchestra and featured soloists.
Ticket prices $35 - $50; Student ticket $10 at bachsocietyhouston.org

Crèche Festival Houston: Great Joy for All People
Saturday, December 12 and Sunday, December 13 from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
Christ the King Lutheran Church, 2353 Rice Blvd.
Christ the King Lutheran Church – Houston will host a free two-day display of nativity art. Visitors to the exhibition will experience depictions of the birth of Christ by artists using various media. The exhibition will share selections from a private collection; from a national juried contemporary nativity art competition and is free and open to the General Public Free Parking: Church lots off Rice Blvd., and off Greenbriar Drive.

Intergenerational Las Posadas Program: Sunday, December 13 at 9:45 a.m.

On December 13, during the Sunday Forum hour all are invited to join us with our Sunday School teachers and musicians as we leading an intergenerational Las Posadas beginning in the parish hall and will end in the courtyard with a pinata, waffles and tamales from the Luther League! We will gather and re-enact Mary and Joseph's traveling, being led by a procession of children dressed as Mary, Joseph, angels, and shepherds singing and carrying banners throughout the church campus until we reach our destination. There prayers are said, songs sung, and we end the time with a party.

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 29 at 11:00 a.m.
- December 6 at 11:00 a.m.
- December 13 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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