This Week at Christ the King Church
November 29 – December 5, 2026

First Sunday in Advent
Sunday, November 29
8:30 a.m. Holy Communion, nave
9:45 a.m. Advent Wreath Workshop, Courtyard
9:45 a.m. Youth Wrapping Party, youth room
10:15 a.m. Choir Rehearsal
11:00 a.m. Holy Communion, nave

Monday, November 30
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home
12:00 p.m. Lectio Divina, online

Tuesday, December 1
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer at home
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting, 3rd floor conference room

Wednesday, December 2
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 Lang. Conversation, parish hall
7:00 p.m. Advent Vespers, nave
7:00 p.m. Prayer Shawl Knitters, online
7:35 p.m. Choir Rehearsal, Music Suite

Thursday, December 3
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

Friday, December 4
8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, at home

Saturday, December 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:
November 29: Advent Wreath Workshop (courtyard)
December 6: Presentation of Rice Village Development
December 13: Las Posadas, courtyard

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.

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.

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.

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

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

Creche 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.

Parent Night Out: Saturday, December 19 at 5 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 December gathering: (Continued->)

- We need 2 sponsors (adults over 18 yrs old) to help with accompanying our kids
- Our theme for this gathering is Christmas Fellowship! We will gather to make cookies for our shut ins and watch Christmas movies together in the parish hall with games in the courtyard.

For more questions, please contact Deacon Ben Remmert.

Worship Server Practice for Christmas: Sunday, December 20 at 9:45 a.m.

As we prepare for Christmas, we invite you to join us in making our worship services meaningful. Every role, from ushering and ringing bells to carrying the light of Christ, is vital to creating a welcoming worship experience. On Sunday, December 20 at 9:45 am between services. This practice will help ensure everyone is ready for our special Christmas Eve worship services. Whether you're experienced or new, come be part of our team and help make this season beautiful for all. Sign up today or reach out if you have any questions.

Longest Night Service: Saturday, Monday, December 21 at 6 p.m.

"How does a weary world rejoice?" Though the season of Advent brings joy, for many others it may be filled with fatigue, grief, loss, and loneliness. This special service provides space for prayer, reflection and remembrance to honor those who are weary.

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:

- 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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