



## Welcome to Worship

We welcome you to worship today. Please sign the guest book and enjoy a cup of coffee and snacks after the service. Donations at the snack table benefit the ELCA World Hunger Appeal.

## Voter Registration at Christ the King Church Sundays, September 23

**9:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.**

If you are not registered to vote, or if you have moved & need to update your registration, you can do so at church. To check if you are registered, and at what address, see [hctax.net/Voter/Search](http://hctax.net/Voter/Search). Bring your TX driver's license, or state-issued i.d. to register. Or, if you don't have these forms of identification, you can register using the last 4 digits of your social security number. Get ready to vote in September!

## Dinner for Hospitality Apartment Residents

**Thursday, October 4 6:00 p.m.**

Give the gift of a couple of hours of your time and talents for our Annual Fall Dinner for the residents of the Hospitality Apartments! ([hospitalityapartments.org](http://hospitalityapartments.org)) Please join us to provide a pot-luck dish, help serve dinner, and enjoy fellowship with others. The Hospitality Apartments are located at 7300 Bertner, 7 blocks south of MD Anderson, off of Holcombe. Please contact Julie Giam at [juliegiam005@gmail.com](mailto:juliegiam005@gmail.com) or 713-443-4196, or Janice Stuff at [jestuff@pdq.net](mailto:jestuff@pdq.net) or 713-516-5748.

## Communion Class for Children

**Wednesday, September 26, 5:00 p.m., room 204  
and Sunday, September 30, 9:50 a.m., children's  
library on second floor**

Young children and their parents may attend a communion class for children. We will meet twice to learn about the meaning and procedures of communion. This class serves as first communion class and is also a great opportunity for children who have communed since they were babies to hear stories how Jesus invites everyone to the table.

## Ancient Spiritual Practices for Modern Times

**Saturday, September 29, 10:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

**RSVP to [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org) by September 24  
\$15.00 will cover the retreat and lunch.**

Join Benedictine monks, Br. Michael Gallagher and Fr. Peter Funk for a Day of Prayer at Christ the King Lutheran Church. This retreat, hosted by our congregation's Community of Hope, is intended to refresh the spirit and enliven one's ministry in daily life.

## Friday Morning Bible Study

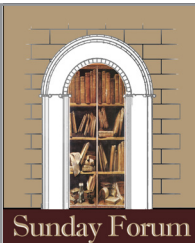
**10:30 a.m. in the narthex**

We take a close look at the coming Sunday lessons, under the leadership of Pastor Larson or Pastor Liebster. There is always great, and sometimes provocative conversation. The sumptuous food is always wonderful, too.

## Music Students from Leipzig

September 29 at 8:00 p.m. in Duncan Recital Hall, students from the *Hochschule fur Musik* in Leipzig will be performing works of Schubert, Mendelssohn, and Ravel. All are welcome to this free event at Rice University. The students will also be playing here at Christ the King on Sunday morning, September 30. All welcome!

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## **SUNDAY FORUM**

9:45 a.m. in the parish hall

**September 23:**

**Voter Registration and Our Faith, Our Voice, Our Choice**

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Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar Veronica Nasser of Bellaire, TX, will describe the work of voter registrars, how they organize to go out into the community to register voters and the challenges in doing so. She will speak from her eight years of experience and her outreach in explaining how voting translates into what happens in our communities. Veronica Nasser is a native Houstonian and the owner of Blue Industrial Partners, LLC, natural gas sector company. She is also the Harris County Democratic Party Precinct Chair for Precinct 0182.

**September 30:**

**Scripture & Science: What's the Connection?**

Lisa Brenskelle and Elmer Ledesma will discuss the relationship between scripture & science: If there is connection, what connection exists? And if yes, then scientific understanding matters for people of faith - but, how can they distinguish good science from "fake news"?

**Jerusalem**

**October 7:**

**Jerusalem in Biblical Times**, Matthias Henze  
Jerusalem – the center of the world, a city in time and imagination, holy to Jews, Christians, and Muslims. CTK member Matthias Henze will examine one thousand years of Jerusalem's history during the biblical period, from the time when King David conquered the small city from the Jebusites to the time of Jesus.

**October 14: Christian in Palestine**, Mitri Raheb

**October 21: Jerusalem - in the Holy Land?**,  
Matthias Henze

## **Sunday Conversation on Creation**

**China's National Sword Policy & Its Impacts on Recycling** Sunday, September 30, at 6:00 p.m.

We welcome Jordan Fengel, Executive Director of STAR (State of Texas Alliance for Recycling). For nearly 50 years, recycling has been a staple practice throughout many American communities. A recent policy change by the Chinese government in 2017, enacted in 2018, banning many recyclable materials from being imported. The US has relied on China to process our mixed plastic and mixed paper recyclables. Jordan will discuss what STAR is doing to turn the tide. Register at eventbrite.com. Contact Lisa Brenskelle at [brenskelle@aol.com](mailto:brenskelle@aol.com).

**Blessing of the Worship Servers and Choirs**  
**October 7, 8:30 and 10:50 a.m. services**

All acolytes, crucifers, ushers, and choir members will be blessed on October 7 during the morning services.

**Blessing of the Animals**

**Saturday, October 6, 11:00 a.m. in the courtyard**

A diversity of pets have been presented, including hedgehogs, turtles, and gold fish, as well as the more typical cats and dogs. Pet treats and human snacks will be available following the service. Everyone from the congregation and the community at-large is invited.

**Christ the King Young Adults**

Join the Young Adults as we volunteer at CCSC's Emergency Services—Central (3434 Branard) on **Saturday, October 6 from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon**. All are welcome to join as we support CTK's community food pantry on the first Saturday every other month. For questions or to RSVP, please contact [nathan@wikernet.com](mailto:nathan@wikernet.com).

**Freewheels Bike Collection**

**October 6 at Salem Lutheran Church**

Salem Lutheran Church, 4930 West Bellfort Blvd., will collect used bicycles for Freewheels Houston on Saturday, October 6, from 9:00 a.m. to noon. With increasing demand from young people, Freewheels needs 20- and 24-inch in addition to adult hybrid and mountain bikes.



## Dinner Out is a Go!

Are you interested in faith, friendship, and *Dinner Out*? Are you a fresh or seasoned empty nester? Do you like exploring diverse foods and meaty conversations? If so...Join us for a new Christ the King fellowship where we will experience some of

Houston's lesser-known restaurants & explore our city's wonderful diversity.

When: **October 7 at 6:00 p.m.** (1st Sunday of October thru May)

Where: Himalaya Restaurant, 6652 SW Freeway, [Himalayarestaurant-houston.com](http://Himalayarestaurant-houston.com)  
Future restaurants & neighborhood locations – TBD

Who: Twelve or so who can commit to spending one Sunday per month sampling new & different cuisines, developing friendships & exploring Houston's cultural richness. **RSVP by Sunday September 30** to Richard & Courtney Harper at [courtney@courtneyhp.com](mailto:courtney@courtneyhp.com).

**Keeping Connected to Christ the King Church Like Us On Facebook**—Christ the King Lutheran Church—and stay connected.



## WEDNESDAYS@CHURCH

Christ the King Church comes together every week of the school year for *Wednesdays@Church* or *W@C*. All activities are centered around dinner together. There is music for children and parents, singing for children, classes and music for adults. With dinner at the center there is ample time to make and meet friends.

### TABLE

Dinner	5:30-6:40 p.m.	parish hall
Table grace and devotion	6:00 p.m.	parish hall

### CHILDREN'S MUSIC

PreK-K music	5:30 p.m.	room 011
Infant music	5:45 p.m.	room 201
Toddler music	6:20 p.m.	room 201
Junior Choristers	6:15 p.m.	room 011
Choristers	6:00 p.m.	room 001

### STUDY

Confirmation Class	6:15 p.m.	room 204
Study Classes	6:30 p.m.	
Six weeks with Mark		room 301
Love Your Neighbor		room 006

### MUSIC

Brass ensemble	6:15 p.m.	narthex
Choirs (Chorus and Choir)	7:30 p.m.	001/011

## Six weeks with Mark

Through October 10, 6:30 p.m.

No birth narrative, no resurrection appearances—what sort of “good news” is that? The Gospel of Mark, the earliest and shortest of the New Testament gospels, is appointed for the current lectionary year. Mark deserves to be read as a complete narrative, a paradoxical text, and meant to be read aloud. Kristine Wallace leads this class to study Mark's “good news.”

## Love Your Neighbor

The Love Your Neighbor group convenes Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. as part of W@C. Share dinner, then join the discussion.

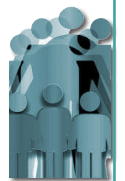
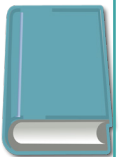
## Family Music for Babies and Toddlers

5:45 and 6:20 p.m.

Our Family Music for Babies & Toddlers (birth to 36 months) is designed to bring the love of music and movement to babies and toddlers while laying a strong foundation for further musical skill development. Cost per child is \$65/semester

## Best Friends are made in the Kitchen

We still need food servers. Contact [beverlydavis@ctkelc.org](mailto:beverlydavis@ctkelc.org).





**Sunday, September 23**

- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:45 a.m. Voter Registration, courtyard
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave
- 12:30 p.m. Luther League, youth room

**Monday, September 24** Church Office Closed

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

**Tuesday, September 25**

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor

**Wednesday, September 26**

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 5:00 p.m. Communion Class for Children, 204
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner begins, through 6:40 p.m.
- 5:30 p.m. PreK-K music, 011
- 5:45 p.m. Infant music, 201
- 6:00 p.m. Choristers, 001
- 6:15 p.m. Confirmation class, 204
- 6:15 p.m. Brass ensemble, narthex
- 6:15 p.m. Jr Choristers, 011
- 6:20 p.m. Toddler music, 201
- 6:30 p.m. Love Your Neighbor, 006
- 6:30 p.m. Six weeks with Mark, 301
- 7:30 p.m. Chorus, 011
- 7:30 p.m. Choir, 001

**Thursday, September 27**

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, 3rd floor
- 10:00 a.m. Piecemakers, 3rd floor

**Friday, September 28**

- 8:15 a.m. Morning Prayer, narthex
- 9:00 a.m. Prayer Shawl Ministry, 3rd floor
- 10:30 a.m. Friday Morning Bible Study, narthex
- Confirmation Retreat, offsite

**Saturday, September 29**

- Confirmation Retreat, offsite
- 10:00 a.m. Spiritual Practices retreat, parish hall
- 1:00 p.m. Yoga, parish hall
- 6:00 p.m. Contemplative Worship, nave

**Sunday, September 30**

- Blood Pressure screening after services
- 8:30 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday Forum, parish hall
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:50 a.m. Communion Class for Children, children's library
- 10:50 a.m. Worship ELW 3, nave
- 6:00 p.m. Creation Care webinar, online

**We celebrate with these members and friends who are remembering their baptism this week:**  
 Kerstin Blankenburg Brian Ritter Elena Longoria

**September 23**

Here are some ways the life of a person in CAR might be touched by these programs that our offerings support:

- Birth, vaccination, malaria treatment at the Emmanuel Health Center at Gallo, **a clinic we helped build.**
- Worship in a church built by the community, finally rain-free with a **roof from synod funds.**
- Teaching and learning using Sunday School materials from the on-going translation of curriculum and Bible story lessons originally produced by the Southern African Communion.
- Elementary education at one of the EEL-RCA's twenty-five village schools. Eventually getting a permanent school building so that parents do not have to reconstruct the thatched roof every year.
- Young women's scholarships for high school from Women for Christ (CAR Lutheran Women) and scholarships for the University in Bangui.
- Sewing lessons at the Martha and Mary Women's Center in Bouar, which **our contributions helped build.**
- Start-up of a small business with a loan from the Village Savings and Loan program, overseen by the EEL-RCA.
- Family goats kept healthy through the Veterinary program **funded by our synod.**
- A chance to attend the ELCA Youth Gathering. **Our synod sponsored youth from CAR** in 2012 and 2015, and we hope to again in 2021.

Note that many of these programs—health, schools, microloans are for the whole community, not just for Lutherans.