



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

May 26, 2024

The Holy Trinity Reveals Himself to Sinners

When Isaiah beheld the glory of the Lord, he cried out “*Woe is me!*” For the sinner cannot stand in the presence of a holy God and live (Is. 6:1–7). But God the Father lifted up His Son Jesus for us on the cross, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. This eternal life of Christ is given us according to the Holy Spirit’s good pleasure in Baptism. “*Unless one is born [again] of water and the Spirit, he cannot enter the kingdom of God*” (John 3:5). To sinners in fear of death, the messengers of God place on our lips the living body and blood of Christ and speak His words of absolution, “*Your guilt is taken away, and your sin atoned for*” (Is. 6:7). Having received forgiveness and life from the Father through the Son by the Holy Spirit, we join with the angels in praising the blessed Trinity, “*Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts!*” (Is. 6:3). “*For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things. To Him be glory forever. Amen*” (Rom. 11:33–36).

Welcome to our guests and members! Let us rejoice together in the presence of our gracious Lord! If you are new to Holy Cross, or just visiting, please be sure to sign our guest book and fill out an attendance card found in your pew. We hope you will join with us in worship again.

Cell Phones & Devices - Please remember to silence these during today’s service. Thank you!

Cry Room Available - If you exit the rear of the sanctuary into the narthex, the room is on the right. Please feel free to rejoin the service at any time.

Fruits of God’s Love: Sunday, May 19: 75; Bible Study: 20; Sunday School: 13

Please fill out an attendance card and place it in the offering plate as it is passed.

Altar Flowers are given today in honor of our confirmands: Joshua Madeleka Jr., Greta Meissner and Isaac Schaubman.

Stewardship Thoughts - John 3:6 – “That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit.” In Holy Baptism we receive a new birth: spirit from Spirit. With that rebirth we receive new desires, new lives, new purposes. To the (fleshly) world, Christian generosity makes no sense: the total minus a percentage is less than the original total. But Spirit-reborn Christians know that God’s math works differently (as we might expect from the Trinity!). A blessing received from God becomes more of a blessing when it is used in generosity to bless others.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life– Trinity Sunday – God the Father sent His Son because He loves life. God the Son paid the price necessary to redeem life. God the Holy Spirit calls people to faith, giving them new life now and eternally (John 3:1-17). The Holy Trinity is For Life! *Holy Father, Son, and Spirit, make my life reflect Your own and extend it especially to those in the shadow of death. Amen.*

SWADDLING CLOTHES: We will have a sorting and cleaning time on Wednesday, June 5 (10:30 am - 12:00 pm). Everyone is welcome to help. Our next Center opening will be Saturday, June 8th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Volunteers may sign up to help on the SC bulletin board located by the old office. We do need a couple of men to help carry items to cars and be a gate keeper. Any questions please see Shara (816-654-2294). Thank you!



Holy Cross will host the 2024 ACELC Conference on June 18-19, 2024! Volunteers Needed: With many visitors coming from out of town, we will likely need people to shuttle to and from the airport, direct foot traffic, servers, etc. Please make your availability known to the church office and stand by. A range of presenters will offer their perspectives on the issues facing The Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod and the “break-out” session will allow you to discuss the state of the Synod today and into the future. We have a great line up of speakers:

- Rev. Jeffrey Hemmer, Assistant to President Harrison
- Rev. John Hill, Wyoming District President
- Rev. Dr. Martin Noland, Grace Lutheran Church, San Mateo, California
- Rev. Dr. Brian Saunders, Iowa District East President
- Rev. Jason Braaten, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, Banquet Speaker

The theme of the conference will be *A Fraternal Conversation: The State of Our Synod in 2024. We look forward to your attendance and participation!*

The Fellowship Board will host a Confirmation/First Communion Reception immediately following the Divine Service today. Confirmands, family and friends, and all congregation members are invited to attend.

Ladies’ Night Out will be held on Monday, June 3rd at Olive Garden (500 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64155) at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Alice Harfst if you have any questions.

Youth Group News - It's time to start off the summer with some fun at Chicken ‘N’ Pickle (1761 Burlington St. North Kansas City). The Youth Group Kids want you to join us from 6:00-9:00 pm on Wednesday, May 29th. Order dinner on your own and then join us in the Red Roost room, where we can all sit together to eat. After dinner, the fun will begin but if you just want to observe (or referee!) that's great too! We reserved an indoor pickleball court from 7:00-9:00 pm, plus there are lots of fun outdoor games too! Questions? See Missie or Terrie.

On the Calendar

Sunday, May 26: <i>Confirmation</i>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Study	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, May 27: <i>Memorial Day</i>	Offices Closed	
Tuesday, May 28:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, May 29:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Study.....	9:00 A.M.
	Youth Group at Chicken 'N' Pickle	6:00-9:00 P.M.
Thursday, May 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, June 1:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
Sunday, June 2:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Study.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

The next **Church Council** meeting is on Tuesday, June 4th at 7:00 pm. **The Board of Elders** will meet on Monday, June 3rd at 7:00 pm.

From Board of Christian Mercy: We are still collecting non-perishable food and personal care items for distributing to the three Northland food pantries that we support. Metropolitan Lutheran Ministries (MLM), Turning Point, and Northland Cathedral. Bring your donations and put them in the box in the coat room. Please help those in need and thank you for your support!

The church office would like to update our phone records. Please contact the church office to make sure we have your cell phone number on file. You can email us at church@holycrosskc.org or call us at 816-452-9113.

GIVING MADE EASY— You may now make a one-time donation or set up recurring contributions through our website's *eGiving* donation page. The eGiving option is secure, fast, and easy to use. You can donate by visiting www.holycrosskc.org and selecting "eGiving" or by simply scanning this QR code, which takes you directly to our eGiving page. Please contact the church office at 816-452-9113 if you have any questions.



Baby Bottle Drive for Resource Health—Through June 18 (Father's Day), we will be participating in the Baby Bottle drive for Resource Health. Resource Health is a pregnancy center on Vivion Rd. They advocate for parents that are facing unplanned pregnancies to keep their babies and offer support and resources to help them with their decision as they go through their pregnancy. Starting next week, baby bottles can be found on the table in the Narthex. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, bills or check and return it to church. As of May 19th, we have already collected \$150! Thank you to all participants!

Elections for Board Chairman & members will be held at the June 23rd Voter's Meeting. If you are interested in serving as a Board Chairman or as a Board Member, please contact a member of the Church Council.

Sunday Coffee Cadre: The church is always seeking folks who can provide coffee service for Sunday morning Bible Class fellowship on a monthly or substitute basis. With our convenience Bunn coffee makers it's very simple, and only requires a few minutes for one or two people. Please let Linda or Nancy know if you can join our "cadre" and we will show you everything you need to know.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: American Revivalism, Christian Hope, The U.S. Constitution & Civic Virtue, Media Bias and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod or a podcast provider.

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