



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 6, 2024

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. "The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins" (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. "For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation" (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, "This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!" (Gen. 28:17)

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, September 29: 95; Bible Study: 35; Sunday School: 18

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Al Halstenberg in memory of Naomi, on her birthday and their wedding anniversary.

Stewardship Thoughts - Ephesians 4:24 – "Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness." The battle between the old self in Adam and the new self in Christ is fought in the heart and mind of every Christian. Paul encourages us to put on the new man which is created in the image of God. Our sanctification, our growth in godliness, is a growth into God's image. So we do this by keeping our eyes on Christ and imitating Him in everything: in love, in kindness, in self-giving generosity.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life– The horror of abortion happening over 3,000 times each day in the U.S. should make Christians angry. The silence of the Church and the indifference of fellow congregational members should make Christians angry. But anger must not lead us to sin (Ephesians 4:26). Screaming and yelling and returning evil for evil is not the way of the body of Christ. The truth needs to be proclaimed but without "bitterness and wrath" (4:31).

SWADDLING CLOTHES: The next Center opening will be next Saturday, October 12 from 10:00am - 1:00 pm. If you would like to help please sign up on the SC bulletin board by the old office. Help is needed from 8:30am - approximately 1:30pm. We attend Matins at 8:30 am and begin our setup around 9am. All help is welcome! Any questions please see Shara or text @ 816-654-2294. Thank you!



Women's Clinic Tour - Some volunteers with Swaddling Clothes will be taking a tour of the Women's Clinic in Liberty, MO on Thursday, October 17th at 10:30 am. We invite anyone from Holy Cross that would like to go to join us. It will take approximately one hour depending on the number of questions we have. This will be a very informative tour. If you would like to go please contact Shara at 816-654-2294 by October 12th so we can give them a count of how many will be attending. The address of the clinic where we will meet is 1532 NE 96th Street Suite B Liberty, MO. 64068. If you would like more information go to their Facebook page @ Libertywc.

Ladies' Night Out will be held TOMORROW, Monday, October 7th at Palacio Maya Mexican Restaurant (6024 NE Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119) at 5:30 pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Elenita if you have any questions.

You are invited to join our Holy Cross ECC families at Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch (17607 NE 52nd St. Liberty, MO 64068) THIS Thursday, October 10th from 4:00-7:00 pm. The discounted ticket price is \$5 per person. No need to RSVP, just let them know at the door that you are with Holy Cross! Everyone is welcome to attend!

The next Regular Voter's meeting will be held Sunday, October 13th at 11:30 am.

Dart Ball anyone? All interested men of Holy Cross are invited to Christ Lutheran, Platte Woods on Thursday, October 10th at 7pm for a league-planning organizational meeting for the 2024-25 season. Schedules will be made, teams constructed, etc. Games will likely be slated for Thursday nights about once a month. Contact (Dcn.) David Buchholz to rsvp or for more info - 816-807-4295 or dcnbuchholz@yahoo.com

The deadline for the November/December edition of the *Reflections From the Cross* newsletter is October 15th. Please submit any articles to the church office for inclusion.

On the Calendar

Sunday, September 6:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Study	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, October 7:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Ladies' Night Out (Palacio Maya - 6024 NE Antioch Rd).....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, October 8:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Chancel Guild Meeting.....	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday, October 9:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Study.....	9:00 A.M.
	Youth Catechesis.....	6:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 10:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Holy Cross Night at Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch.....	4:00-7:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 12:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Store.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
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	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Regular Voter's Meeting.....	11:30 A.M.

Circuit Reformation Service & Choir - Holy Cross is hosting the Circuit Reformation service on Sunday, Oct. 27 at 6:00 pm. We will have a joint circuit choir sing during the service. Come join us for rehearsals on Saturday, Oct. 19 and 26 at 10:00 am in the balcony.

Portals of Prayer—The October-December edition of Portals of Prayer is available on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please consider leaving a donation for your copy. A standard issue costs the church \$2.00, and a large print copy costs the church \$3.00.

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Join us for Mid-week Bible study Wednesdays at 9:00 am. This fall we will be reading and discussing *Battle of the Soul: Luther Reforms Vice and Virtue* by Michael Fiebertorn. (See the Sept/Oct newsletter for more detailed information on the book.)

Lutheran Family and Children's Services of Missouri will have a reception and ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Kansas City office (1 E Armour Blvd, Suite 102, Kansas City, MO 64111) on Tuesday, October 8th from 3:00-6:00 pm (note the change of date.) Come and tour the new office, meet the staff and learn about the mission of LFCS.

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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.