



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 27, 2024

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). For He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31–32).

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, October 20: 71; Bible Study: 26; Sunday School: 12

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

Altar Flowers are given this week by Richard & Terrie Reece in honor of Pat, Missie & Reece's Birthdays and Baptisms and Pat & Missie's 22nd wedding anniversary. God's blessings to you all!

Stewardship Thoughts - Romans 3:20 – **“For by works of the law no human being will be justified in His sight, since through the law comes knowledge of sin.”** The Law of God is good — it's just that we sinners cannot save ourselves by the Law. Salvation is a free gift of God because that is the only way we could ever be saved. The Law shows us God's holiness and thus our own sin. And now in Christ we can look at the Law and see it in a new light as well: as a guide for how to live a godly life in thanksgiving to God for His gracious forgiveness in Christ.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being's identity and sanctity come from God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone's value or invalidate anyone's worth. *Prayer: Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. Amen.*

SWADDLING CLOTHES: We will have a sorting time on Wednesday, October 30 from (10:30am - noon) following Wednesday morning Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to help. Our next center opening will be Saturday, November 9 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Please sign up on the SC bulletin board in the narthex. We begin at 8:30am with Matins and begin setup following that until we open at 10am. Everyone is invited to help. If you can only help for an hour or two we can work out a schedule for you. Ps.. We can use some men to help carry items to the family's cars. Any questions please see Shara or text (816) 654-2294. Thank you!



Circuit Reformation Service - Holy Cross is hosting the Circuit Reformation service this evening at 6:00 pm. Following the service coffee, lemonade and cupcakes will be served in the Fellowship Hall.

The Youth Group will be honoring our Veterans by holding a short flag retirement ceremony, next Sunday, November 3rd, at 11:30 am in the Fellowship Hall. If you have any US Flags to retire, please give them to Reece Schroeder by Nov. 3 and they will be taken back to his Troop for retirement at a later date. Veterans, please plan to attend this event in your honor! Congregation is invited!

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

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.

Nut Sale: Order forms are available in your bulletin today. Nut orders are due on Nov. 10th and can be turned in on the cabinet in the Narthex or the office. Please make checks payable to Staci Williams. Proceeds will go to the organ fund.

The November/December Reflections from the Cross newsletter was emailed out this week. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

On the Calendar

Sunday, October 27:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Study	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Circuit Reformation Vespers Service	6:00 P.M.
Monday, October 28:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, October 29:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, October 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Study.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes sorting.....	10:30 A.M.
	Youth Catechesis.....	6:00 P.M.
Thursday, October 31:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, November 2:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 3:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Study.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Flag Retirement Ceremony.....	11:30 A.M.

2024 Organ Workshop will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Saturday, November 16th from 9:00 am –1:00 pm.

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.



The Board of Christian Mercy continues to collect non perishable food and paper products for the three Northland pantries that we support: MLM, Turning Point and Northland Cathedral. **The Christian Mercy Board will take food to the food donation locations every THREE months.** Please bring your donations to the box in the coat room any Sunday (or any other day) is fine. Please see the newsletter for a list of needed items. Thanks for your support!

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PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You'll find the series at issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism.

Martin Luther changed the world as he became a champion for the truth found in the Bible. Today you are invited to be a Champion for Religious Liberty. See <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/champions>.

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.

MLA Extravaganza - You are invited to attend a FREE Extravaganza/Carnival Fun Day at MLA on Sunday, November 3rd, from 2 pm - 4 pm. The day will include character visits and photo opportunities with Santa, KC Wolf, Elsa & Anna, and Batman! We will also have a bounce house, games, 2 balloon artists, snacks, and lots more. Please contact Lisa Martens if you have any questions, at 816.217.6199

Calling all VETERANS! Martin Luther Academy would like to invite you to our Veterans' Day Program on Monday, November 11th, at 8:30 am. We would like to honor your years of military service. Please join us before the program from 7:30-8:30 am for coffee and doughnuts in the school lunchroom. Contact the school office with your RSVP at 816.734.1060.

MLA students are selling delicious home-baked Butter Braids and Cookie Dough from EMCH. Please contact an MLA friend if you are interested or call the school office at 816.734.1060 to place an order. Orders will be taken until November 6th and delivered on November 14th.