



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

June 22, 2025

## *Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal*

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

**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, June 15: 63; Bible Study: 25

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

**Altar Flowers** this week are given by David & Patrice Johnson in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary! May God continue to bless your union!

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Luke 16:19 – "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." Compared with most of human history, and even most of the world today, we have been abundantly blessed with riches in our time and place. The parable today indicates that God calls us to use this blessing according to His wisdom and priorities and not merely for our own comfort. We've been called to imitate God in His kindness and generosity, especially towards those in need.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**— So much does our Father love us that He sends us angels to assist us in our lowest moments (Luke 16:22). Identify those He has surrounded you with and thank them! Then look for the closest Lazarus God has laid at your gate. Brush off the crumbs, shoo away the dogs (16:21), and set him or her a brother's place (16:27-28) at heaven's feast (16:19). *Dear Lord God, make me to find my luxuries in sharing life with Your children.*

*Amen.*

**Swaddling Clothes** - We will have a Swaddling Clothes sorting workday on Wednesday, June 25 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to help. Right now our big needs are boy's summer clothes size Newborn to 2T. We are purchasing Swaddling Clothes t-shirts for all of our volunteers. One shirt will come at no cost to each regular or part-time volunteer. All we need is your size. Each shirt will be royal blue with the white SC logo on it. Today (June 22) is the deadline to order if you would like a shirt. Our next Swaddling Clothes opening will be Saturday, July 12 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board in the narthex by Sunday, July 6th. When you sign-up it really helps to know how many volunteers are available for our opening day. If you have any questions or would like to order a shirt see call/text Shara or email at [arabs2016@gmail.com](mailto:arabs2016@gmail.com). Thank you!



**From the Budget and Finance Committee** - Holy Cross is campaigning to pay off our mortgage. Interest rates will go up on the balance on 12/31/2026, so our goal is to pay it off prior to that date. Donations received to date for the campaign total \$75,715.00. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of June 20th is \$40,552.32! Thanks be to God!!

**Baby Bottle Drive for Resource Health** - The drive ended last week. Thank you to all who participate! **Please return all bottles to the cabinet in the Narthex.**

**Vacation Bible School** - We are planning to hold a two-day VBS on July 21-22, from 9:00-11:30 am, with a evening ice cream social (hosted by the Fellowship Board) & program on July 23 at 5:30 pm. We need lots of volunteers (class leaders, craft leader & helpers, skit actors) If you would be interested in volunteering for Vacation Bible School for our Sunday school & ECC children, please see Myla Miller (816-399-9291) or Pastor Meissner

**Pastor Meissner** will be out of the office through June 23-24th, attending the Missouri District Convention. If you are in need of Pastoral care, please contact the church office or your Elder.

## On the Calendar

<b>Sunday, June 22:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class .....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Monday, June 23:</b>	NO Matins or ECC Chapel	
<b>Tuesday, June 24:</b>	NO Men's Bible Breakfast or Matins	
<b>Wednesday, June 25:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Workday.....	9:00 A.M.
	NO Bible Class	
<b>Thursday, June 26:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
<b>Saturday, June 28:</b>	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
<b>Sunday, June 29:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>

**Portals of Prayer**—The July-September 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 & a large print copy costs the church \$3.

**You are cordially invited** to join the Association of Confessing Evangelical Lutheran Congregations at our annual conference July 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2025, at Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Carlisle, Iowa. This year's theme is **“A Noble Task: Pastoral Formation in the LCMS”**. We believe this is a timely discussion, and trust that our excellent lineup of speakers will provide important food for thought. For more information, and to register, go to the conference tab on our website, [acelc.net](http://acelc.net). The ACELC is an association of LCMS congregations dedicated to promoting unity in doctrine and practice and giving a united voice against errors in the church.

**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](http://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 2025 Flower Chart** is posted in the breezeway. Consider ordering an arrangement to observe a significant event in your life and beautify the church. **Arrangements are \$28.00 each. Checks should be made payable to “Chancel Guild.”**

**PREMIER CONFERENCE FOR LUTHERAN LAITY...** You're invited to attend the 2025 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference Friday, July 18 and Saturday, July 19 at Concordia University Chicago. Speakers include: Journalists Mark & Mollie Hemingway, CNN Political Commentator Scott Jennings, Dr. Carl Trueman of Grove City College, Dr. Thomas Egger of Concordia Seminary, Dr. Jon Bruss of Concordia Theological Seminary and Pastor Will Weedon of The Word of the Lord Endures Forever. Registration is \$160 and includes three meals. On-campus dorm rooms are available. For more information, visit [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org) or call (618) 223-8385.

**It is generally recognized** that engaged fathers contribute to their children's academic success, self-esteem, and social skills, while fostering stronger family bonds. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty commends engaged fathers. See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org)

**Worship Conference:** St. John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS, is hosting its ninth annual Worship Conference on Saturday, August 16th (8:30 am-4:00 pm) to provide continuing education and conversation for pastors, church musicians, and congregation members interested in the song and worship of the Church. The keynote speaker for this year's conference is **Rev. Dr. Geoffrey Boyle**, Assistant Professor of Pastoral Ministry and Missions at Concordia Theological Seminary and the Director of Field Education. Prior to serving at the seminary, he was senior pastor at Grace Lutheran Church and Trinity Lutheran Church in Wichita, KS from 2010, where he served until joining CTSFW in 2022. To register for the conference please go to <https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/worship/worship-conference/>. The cost for the conference is \$25.

### **News from MLA:**

- OPEN ENROLLMENT for the 2025-2026 school year for Kindergarten - 8th grade. Contact Lisa Martens 816-217-6199 to set up a tour or if you have any questions.