



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

August 10, 2025

Beware of False Prophets

"Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. "You will recognize them by their fruits" (Matt. 7:20). The "fruits" of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father's adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

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, August 3: 73; Bible Study: 23

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

Altar Flowers this week are from Sid & Roberta Keltner in honor of their 76th wedding anniversary! May God continue to bless your union!

Stewardship Thoughts—Matthew 7:17 – "So, every healthy tree bears good fruit." As fruit follows from a good tree, so our good works flow from the cleansing the Lord has given us in Holy Baptism. In Baptism we have a new identity — we are the "new man in Christ" as St. Paul says. Of course, on this side of glory we still have the world, the devil and the flesh to wrestle with. That means that our growth in sanctification is a struggle. So if it's sometimes a struggle for you to be generous — don't give up! Keep fighting the good fight of faith, trusting in your Lord and His provision.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The relaxing lies our culture prophesies cannot even approach our Lord's promises (Jeremiah 23:16-18). We speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and gladly (Jeremiah 23:28-29), though it earns us persecution, because He sets great joy before us. In this faith we will sit around His throne with the cloud of witnesses His Word saved. *Lamb of God, You have given me Your people's crown of life; forge in me Your prophets' faith. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next Center opening will be Saturday, September 13th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Volunteers can sign-up to help on SC bulletin board by Sunday, September 7th. By signing up this helps us to know how many volunteers are available on opening day. Any questions or if you would like to volunteer please see, text Shara at (816) 654-2294 or email araohs2016@gmail.com. Thank you!



Meissner House Blessing and Desserts - All Holy Crossers are invited to the Meissner house (7807 NE 54th St.) THIS AFTERNOON for an annual House Blessing, Ice Cream Sundaes, snacks, yard games, and.... Come anytime between 4:30-7:00 pm. No need to bring anything. Please RSVP to Rebekah by August 7th at 708-414-0108.

HELP NEEDED: Four members of our youth group have been (alternating) in charge of raising and lowering the US Flag each Sunday before service. Since two of the youth are leaving for college, we would love to have more hands helping with the flag. Reece would be happy to demonstrate the proper way to raise/lower and fold the flag. Please see Missie!

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 \$102,379.36. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of July 20th is \$13,887.96! We have reached 89% of our goal. Thanks be to God!!

Newsletter Deadline - The newsletter deadline for the September/October edition of the *Reflections from the Cross* newsletter is Friday, August 15th. Please submit any articles or announcements to the office by Friday.

Mid-Week Bible Class - We meet on Wednesdays at 9:00 am. We started the second part of the Book of Isaiah - full of some of the most vivid prophecies of Christ and important parts of the Bible. If you've been considering, it's a great time to join in.

On the Calendar

Sunday, August 10:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Meissner House Blessing & Desserts.....	4:30-7:00 P.M.
Monday, August 11:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 12:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder’s Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, August 13:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, August 14:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Friday, August 15:	<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	
Saturday, August 16:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Sunday, August 17:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

 **News from the Missouri District** - The celebration Sunday for *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers*—August 24—is right around the corner! Many congregations and schools will be collecting offerings to help defray the educational expenses of the next generation of pastors, DCEs, deaconesses, teachers, and more as they complete their studies. Praise God for guiding these people towards service in His kingdom and for the way He works through all of you in supporting them!

Note from the Board of Properties: If you open windows in the Sanctuary, please make sure that they get closed before you leave the building. Thank you!

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.

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. Registration ends on August 13th. To register for the conference please go to <https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/worship/worship-conference/>. The cost for the conference is \$25.

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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.”**

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Did you know that August 11th is an unofficial holiday celebrating sons and daughters? Many consider children the greatest gift life can offer. On National Son and Daughter Day, take a moment to cherish and enjoy your kids. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for all sons and daughters. Learn more at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org>.