



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

August 24, 2025

Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41–48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. "*But My people do not know the judgments of the Lord*" (Jer. 8:4–12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30–10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess "*Jesus is Lord*" (1 Cor. 12:1–11).

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 17: 73; Bible Study: 23

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

Altar Flowers are given this week by Toni, the Bosse & Williams' families in honor of Francine's 101st birthday! Happy birthday, Francine!

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 19:46 – "It is written, 'My house shall be a house of prayer,' but you have made it a den of robbers." The Lord's House is not a house of merchandise or profit — it is a House of Prayer where people freely offer up their petitions to the Lord and their produce for His purposes. Generosity and joy characterize the House of the Lord, not compulsion or sharp dealing. "Freely you have received; freely give" (Matt. 10:8). That's pretty much the opposite of the world's marketplace!

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— With God's prophets we call the culture around us to turn away from the destruction they are bringing upon themselves (Jeremiah 8:5, 11; Luke 19:43-44). With us they each remain precious to Jesus, who by His visitation in the flesh (Luke 19:44) for forgiveness delivers the Gospel that makes for peace (Luke 19:42) and righteousness (Romans 10:4). *O Lord God, intervene and redeem our people that we may behold and inhabit Your kingdom. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - A sorting workday will be held this Wednesday, August 27th from 10:30 am-12:15pm. All help is appreciated! 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 ara2016@gmail.com. Thank you!



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 \$103,979.36. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of July 20th is \$12,287.96! We have reached 90% of our goal. Thanks be to God!!

Our Children's Sunday School Fall Rally Day for the 2025-2026 school year is set for Sunday, September 7, 2025. Please let us know if your children/grandchildren will be attending and we'll get you registered. If you are interested in teaching please contact me (816-654-2293) or a member of the Board of Parish Education (Brandi Schaunaman or Staci Williams). Peace in Christ / Carl Pigors, Sunday School Superintendent

The Fellowship Board will be serving an "Oktoberfest-themed" lunch immediately after service on Sunday, September 28, concurrent with the Voters' Meeting. All members are invited. Bratwurst, potato salad, red cabbage, coleslaw and a variety of chocolate cakes are on the menu. Please come and enjoy the fellowship, even if you are not a voter, and take this great opportunity to join in the activities of the parish. Donations will be accepted toward our Debt Retirement funding.

Ladies' Night Out will be held on September 8th due to the Labor Day Holiday. Watch the info notes for more information on location and time.

On the Calendar

Sunday, August 24:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, August 25:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, August 26:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, August 27:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	10:30-12:15 P.M.
Thursday, August 28:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Theology on Tap.....	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, August 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Sunday, August 31:	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** - It’s time to celebrate! Today congregations throughout Missouri will be praying for and supporting *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers* with a special offering. Funds collected will be added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. For more than 40 years, this endowment has been a blessing to college and seminary students from our state who are preparing for vocations within the church. To all of you who support this effort, thank you for your forward-thinking ways and caring for generations to come. It’s truly an investment with an eternal impact!

Theology on Tap - The Kansas City North Circuit invites you to Theology on Tap, a monthly theological discussion publicly led by Circuit pastors at Cinder Block Brewery (110 E 18th St. North Kansas City, MO 64116) starting on Thursday, August 28th at 6:30 pm. This month, Pastor Meissner will lead the discussion on the Lutheran Heresy.

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.

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.

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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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