



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 7, 2025

## *Faith Comes from Hearing*

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*” (Rom. 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life–giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “*Ephphatha*” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*” (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

**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 7: 79; Bible Study: 29

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

**Altar Flowers** are given this week by Luther and Carol Salonen in honor of their 46th wedding anniversary on September 8th. May God continue to bless your union!

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Romans 10:15a – “And how are they to preach unless they are sent?” Each week in the Lord's House, the Word goes out to us. Indeed, every day and all around the world, the Word goes out wherever it is preached and read. This brings us great joy, but even more joy is derived from realizing that God has blessed us with being part of this sending of the Word. From the blessings God gives us, we return a portion to Him in the church for His work. And thus we are doubly blessed. We receive the Word, and we get to send it forth to others.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**– The Word of God’s love and Christ’s life brings forth healing and hope, purpose and preciousness, survival and everlasting salvation. This He delights to do even for impaired or undeveloped human bodies (Mark 7:32-35) and no matter how dismal the situation (Isaiah 29:17-19). *Dear Father, give desperate hearts life and confidence knowing that their sufficiency comes from Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

**Swaddling Clothes** - Our next Center opening will be this Saturday, September 13th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Volunteers can sign-up to help on SC bulletin board by today. 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 [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 \$106,603.58. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of August 26th is \$9,663.74! We have reached 92% of our goal. Thanks be to God!!

**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 TOMORROW, Monday, September 8th at 5:30pm at Chili’s (8350 NW Roanridge Rd, Kansas City, MO 64151). Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

**Men’s Dart Ball Team** - Our congregation is seeking to field a team for the Kansas City - North Circuit Dart ball league. Like last year, games are played at Christ Lutheran Church, Platte Woods on Thursday nights at 7pm, every second Thursday of the month, September-April. The first game night will be this Thursday, September 11th. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

# On the Calendar

<b>Sunday, September 7:</b> <i>Rally Sunday</i>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Monday, September 8:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Ladies’ Night Out at Chili’s.....	5:30 P.M.
	Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
<b>Tuesday, September 9:</b>	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Chancel Guild Meeting.....	10:30 A.M.
<b>Wednesday, September 10:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
<b>Thursday, September 11:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Circuit Winkel.....	9:30 A.M.
	Dartball at Christ Lutheran Church.....	7:00 P.M.
<b>Saturday, September 13:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
<b>Sunday, September 14:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>

**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!

**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). The next get-together is on Thursday, September 25th at 6:30 pm.

**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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