



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is "*lifted up from the earth, will draw all people*" to Himself (John 12:32). "*He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross*" to save us (Phil. 2:8). "*Everyone who is bitten*" by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, "*when he sees*" Christ "*shall live*" (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. "*We preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God,*" though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23-24). It pleases God, "*through the folly*" of the cross we preach, "*to save those who believe*" (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25-26).

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: 83; Bible Study: 26; Sunday School: 9

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 10:25 – "And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'" Talk about the wrong question! You can't do anything to inherit something. It's either yours by birth, or you are not in the family and there's nothing you can do to inherit it. We are part of the family through Baptism. We don't have to buy our way into the kingdom. We are brought in by the precious Blood of Christ. Our good works are not the purchase price of the kingdom. They are simply what the children of the Father want to do in thanksgiving to Him.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The compassionate Samaritan does not euthanize or terminate the already half-dead traveler. He treats this stranger and rival not as less human but as dear neighbor and trades his own convenience, cost, and comfort to help a brother (Luke 10:33-35). Our Savior showers us with just such grace so that we may share it as well. *Dear Savior, grant me fully to appreciate Your grace to me and freely to extend it to all in need. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next Center opening will be this Saturday, October 11th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. Volunteers can sign-up to help on SC bulletin board by Sunday, October 5th. 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!



Diaper Drive - Swaddling Clothes is participating in the **Thrivent 2025 Diaper Drive**. From now until October 31st, Thrivent will match \$1.00 for every diaper donated (up to \$150). Please place your donated diapers in the pack 'n play in the Narthex. **Suggested sizes needed are 4, 5, 6 and 7.** This is a great opportunity for our congregation to help our Swaddling clothes mission!

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 \$108,703.32. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of September 8th is \$7,564.00! We have reached 94% 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.

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 next game night will be Thursday, October 9th. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

On the Calendar

Sunday, September 14:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, September 15:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, September 16:	NO Men’s Bible Breakfast	
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, September 17:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 18:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, September 20:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Sunday, September 21:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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 have left 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. Rev. Mark Kranz from Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church, Excelsior Springs, MO will lead the study on “The Body in Worship”.

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.”**

BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

When Benjamin Franklin was asked what type of government was created, he responded, “A Republic, if you can keep it.” As the nation pauses to commemorate Constitution Day this year, we have an opportunity to “keep it.” For a free copy of Supreme Court cases based on Constitutional Religious freedoms, see the Resource tab at www.LCRLFreedom.org.