



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 21, 2025

The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*” (Luke 17:11–19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “*Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God*” (Gal. 5:16–24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,*” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10–23).

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 14: 73; 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 Toni Bosse in memory of Gene on their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 17:19 – “And He said to him, ‘Rise, and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Only one of the 10 lepers who had been cleansed returns to give thanks to Jesus. Why is that? Surely the rest were indeed thankful to be freed from such a terrible disease. But only the Samaritan leper had faith, and his faith turned into action – as all true faith does. Our generosity to God’s work in the Church is likewise our faith in action.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Jesus’ merciful words and ways work life and healing (Proverbs 4:20-22). He brings forth brilliant and abundant fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) even from flesh like ours (Galatians 5:19-21) that was born broken. We who take these words to heart—and the hearts we touch with them—will live indeed. *Gracious Savior, bring life to us and bring life through us. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a workday this Wednesday, September 24 from 10:30am - 12:15 pm. Our next Center opening will be Saturday, October 11th from 10am - 1pm. Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, Oct. 5th. By signing up this helps us know how many volunteers are available to help that day. Any questions please see or text Shara at (816)654-2294 or email at araohs2016@gmail.com. Thank you! Ps. Swaddling Clothes will have an entry in the Gladstone "GLADFEST" parade on Saturday, October 4th. Parade begins at 10am. If anyone would like to walk with us please let Shara know by October 1st. We will hand out SC Literature, Liberty Women's Clinic Literature and Lifesaver candies with the message "LIFE IS PRECIOUS! IT IS A GIFT FROM GOD!"



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 21:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, September 22:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, September 23:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:30 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Church Council Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 24:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Workday.....	10:30-12:15 P.M.
	First Aid & CPR ECC Staff Training.....	6:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 25:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, September 27:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, September 28:	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.”**

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