



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 28, 2025

Anxious Bondage vs. Confident Trust

"You cannot serve God and money" (Matt. 6:24–34), for they require two contrary forms of service. Worry is the worship given to the false god of mammon, an unbelieving anxiousness and focus on the things of this world. Faith is the worship of the true God, a confident trust that He is a loving Father who will care for all of our needs in both body and soul. The widow of Zarephath served God—that is, she believed the word of the Lord spoken by Elijah that the bin of flour would not be used up nor would the jar of oil run dry (1 Kings 17:8–16). He who feeds the birds and clothes the flowers will certainly provide for our daily needs. For He has already provided for our eternal needs, clothing us with Christ's righteousness in Baptism and feeding us His body and blood for our forgiveness. With such confidence we are liberated from worry and freed to do good with our material resources, especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 5:25–6:10).

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 21: 78; Bible Study: 28; Sunday School: 9

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Linda Hill in memory of her husband, Garney.

Stewardship Thoughts—Matthew 6:25a – "Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life." God is in charge. God is our loving Father. Put those two statements together, and they spell the end of worry and anxiety. Yes, we will have crosses to bear. Yes, we will have difficulties. But, through it all, our loving heavenly Father is in charge, and He will carry us through. It is that simple faith, the faith of a child, that frees us from worry. And in the absence of worry, faith can step forward in bold action and into the kind of generosity that can only operate in an atmosphere of trust

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Our God Jesus has set us free from sin, death, and the power of the devil. He also gives us the gift of dependence, to depend upon Him in faith and on one another in love and service (Galatians 6:2). Rather than diminishing our humanity, mutual dependence dignifies it. *Lord Jesus, help me to depend upon You with Your people and defend those who depend upon me. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a workday this Wednesday, October 1st 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 arabs2016@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 TODAY, 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.

Mid-Week Bible Class - We meet on Wednesdays at 9:00 am. We just started a new study of the book "Embracing Your Lutheran Identity" by Gene Edward Veith, Jr. If you've been considering, it's a great time to join in.

On the Calendar

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| 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. |
| | Oktoberfest Meal/Regular Voter’s Meeting..... | 11:30 A.M. |
| Monday, September 29: | Matins..... | 7:30 A.M. |
| | ECC Chapel..... | 9:15 A.M. |
| Tuesday, September 30: | Men’s Bible Breakfast..... | 7:30 A.M. |
| | Matins..... | 8:00 A.M. |
| Wednesday, October 1: | Matins..... | 7:30 A.M. |
| | Bible Class..... | 9:00 A.M. |
| | Swaddling Clothes Workday..... | 10:30-12:15 P.M. |
| Thursday, October 2: | Matins..... | 7:30 A.M. |
| | ECC Chapel..... | 9:15 A.M. |
| Saturday, October 4: | Matins..... | 8:30 A.M. |
| | Handbell Choir Rehearsal..... | 9:00 A.M. |
| | Choir Rehearsal..... | 10:00 A.M. |
| Sunday, October 5: | Corporate Confession & Absolution..... | 8:00 A.M. |
| | Adult Bible Class/Sunday School..... | 8:45 A.M. |
| | Divine Service | 10:00 A.M. |

Men’s Dart Ball Team - Our congregation is fielding 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.

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, October 23rd at 6:30 pm.

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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