



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 5, 2025

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

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 28: 79; Bible Study: 25; Sunday School: 6

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Franz & Rhonda Ressel (Son-in-law and daughter of Evelyn McConnell) in honor of their wedding anniversary on October 10th.

Stewardship Thoughts—Ephesians 3:20-21 – “Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” God delights in exceeding expectations and in pouring out mercies in abundance. This truth stands in contrast to our fears about lacking what we need for “this body and life.” We have an abundantly-blessing God who has proven His love for us on the cross. How could we not trust Him? How could we not respond to His love with generosity toward His mission in the church? How could we not have a desire to imitate Him in blessing others?

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— In both the Old Testament and Gospel readings we see the ultimate miracle, sons raised from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24, Luke 7:11-17). Yet they present but a tiny picture of what will happen because God raised His Son from the dead! All the dead in Christ will be raised to eternal life. Death is a defeated enemy! *Prayer: Lord, may Your defeat of death give us courage as we confront a culture of death. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a workday this Wednesday, October 8th from 10:30am - 12:15 pm. Our next Center opening will be this Saturday, October 11th from 10am - 1pm. Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by today. 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!



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 \$111,171.62. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of September 25th is \$5,095.70! We have reached 96% of our goal. Thanks be to God!!

Newsletter Deadline - The newsletter deadline for the November/December edition of the *Reflections from the Cross* newsletter is Wednesday, October 30th. Please submit any articles or announcements to the office by Friday.

Ladies’ Night Out will be held on Monday, October 6th at 5:30pm at Granite City (8461 NW Prairie View Rd, Kansas City, MO 64153). They will be serving their Oktoberfest menu, along with their usual offerings. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

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

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.
Monday, October 6:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Ladies’ Night Out (Granite City - Zona Rosa).....	5:30 P.M.
	Board of Elders’ Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Tuesday, October 7:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:30 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, October 8:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Workday.....	10:30-12:15 P.M.
Thursday, October 9:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Dartball at Christ Lutheran Church.....	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 11:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, October 12:	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 October-December 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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