



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 12, 2025

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

"Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence" (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, "Friend, move up higher," giving you His very body and blood for you forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

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, October 5: 81; Bible Study: 27; Sunday School: 8

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Luther & Carol Salonen in honor of Carol's birthday on October 17th. God's blessings on your birthday!

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 14:11 – "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom" (Prov. 9:10). That's called humility. The Lord is God, and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? Once we see His love for us in the cross of Christ, how could we not trust Him? He knows what He is talking about, and we don't. He loves us and wants to bless us. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier. It just makes sense

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— In Christ God embraced and befriended hearts and bodies ruined by sin. He allowed neither disabilities nor disobedience to separate anyone from His love (Luke 14:1-4). This forgiveness heals us to share the same gracious kingdom with the ones right in front of us who struggle with impairment and iniquity (Luke 14:12-14).

Prayer: Extend Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, through me to those who are broken like I am. Amen.

You are invited to join our Holy Cross ECC families at Carolyn's Pumpkin Patch (17607 NE 52nd St. Liberty, MO 64068) on Thursday, October 23rd from 4:00-7:00 pm. The discounted ticket price is \$5 per person. No need to RSVP, just let them know at the door that you are with Holy Cross! Everyone is welcome to attend!

Swaddling Clothes - Our quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, October 27th at 5:30 pm in the conference room. Everyone is invited to attend. Our next Center opening will be Saturday, November 8th from 10am - 1pm. Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, November 2nd. 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 \$111,431.62. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of October 6th is \$4,835.70! 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 15th. Please submit any articles or announcements to the office by this Wednesday.

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 12:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, October 13:	NO Matins or Chapel	
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, October 14:	NO Men’s Bible Breakfast or Matins.	
	Chancel Guild Meeting.....	10:30 A.M.
	ECC Training.....	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, October 15: <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, October 16:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, October 18:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, October 19:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

“All things come to thee, O Lord, and of thine own, have we given” - Harvest Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 16th. The Board of Stewardship encourages making a weekly pledge amount. Please keep in mind the amount pledged is purely voluntary and kept confidential. Also, your thought and prayer given towards a pledge determination constitutes a spiritual act of sacrifice and thanksgiving. Giving envelopes will be available for pickup on November 16th. If you didn’t get a set of giving envelopes for this current year & wish to receiving a set for 2026, please contact the church office. *“You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.”* - 2 Corinthians 9:11

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, November 13th. 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. Rev. Kirk Griebel will lead the study on “Salt, Hops, Beer and the Reformation”

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.

GIVING MADE EASY— You may now make a one-time donation or set up recurring contributions through our website’s *eGiving* donation page. The eGiving option is secure, fast, and easy to use. You can donate by visiting www.holycrosskc.org and selecting “eGiving” or by simply scanning this QR code, which takes you directly to our eGiving page. Please contact the church office at 816-452-9113 if you have any questions.



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.”**

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent subjects include: God’s Rule in the Church & in the State, The Influence of Aristotle on Christian Thought, Speaking Out with Compassion & God’s Word, The Movie “Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale” and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Happy 250th birthday tomorrow to the United States Navy! The Navy has played a key role in founding and defending America. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty wishes all Navy personnel—past and present—a happy birthday!