



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 19, 2025

In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “*fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*” and to “*love the sojourner*” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (1 Cor. 1:9).

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 12: 82; Bible Study: 24; 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 in memory of Sandra Sanders & Alice Harfst on their birthdays.

Stewardship Thoughts—1 Corinthians 1:4 – “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus.” The grace of God and thanksgiving go together. God has given us everything we possess and everything that we are. He is the Giver. Once we realize this, then thankfulness wells up inside of us. How could it not? And as Paul shows us here, it’s not only the grace given to us individually that causes us to give thanks. It’s even the grace given to others. We certainly have much to be thankful for when we look at the gifts of grace all around us. And how do we say thank you to the Lord? In any number of ways — in prayer, in sacrificial giving to His mission and in imitating His love and kindness to those around us.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Those who see abortion as just “another issue” and would support or encourage a woman to make such a choice fail to understand the scriptural concept of “neighbor” and have a false sense of what it means to love. Those who see both mother and unborn child as “neighbor” and take action to bring help and hope fulfill the second greatest commandment in the Law and reflect the love of Christ (Matthew 22:34-40).

You are invited to join our Holy Cross ECC families at Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch (17607 NE 52nd St. Liberty, MO 64068) THIS 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 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 \$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!!

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.

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 THIS Thursday, October 23rd at 6:30 pm. Rev. Kirk Griebel will lead the study on “Salt, Hops, Beer and the Reformation”

Nut Sale: Order forms are available in your bulletin today. Nut orders are due on Nov. 2nd and can be turned in on the cabinet in the Narthex or the office. Please make checks payable to Staci Williams. Proceeds will go to the continued care of the organ.

On the Calendar

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.
Monday, October 20:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, October 21:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, October 22:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, October 23:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Holy Cross Day at Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch.....	4:00-7:00 P.M.
	Theology on Tap.....	6:30 P.M.
Friday, October 24:	Wedding Rehearsal	5:00 P.M.
Saturday, October 25:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
	Hartenbower/Badger Wedding.....	4:30 P.M.
Sunday, October 26:	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 Schaubman at 816-507-0974.

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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On this day in 1781, the Siege of Yorktown concluded, leading to peace negotiations and eventually the Treaty of Paris in 1783, which recognized American independence. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty is in Washington, D.C., to advocate for the freedoms won for American citizens. See <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/>.

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