



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 26, 2025

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

"Wisdom is justified by her deeds" (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and "remain in the house forever" (John 8:35). For He is "a friend of tax collectors and sinners" (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel "to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people" (Rev. 14:6), "the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law" (Rom. 3:21), "that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus" (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, "whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith" (Rom. 3:25), "you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free" (John 8:31-32).

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 19: 78; Bible Study: 27; 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 in memory of Naomi Halstenberg on her birthday.

Stewardship Thoughts—Revelation 14:6 – "Then I saw another angel flying directly overhead, with an eternal gospel to proclaim to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people." During the Reformation, this text was used to refer to Luther's ministry and the Lutheran message. We have an eternal Gospel to proclaim. Christ has freed us from our sins without any works on our part. We are saved by grace alone! And, ironically enough, Luther said this should make him the "apostle of works." Once we are freed by grace, we are truly free to serve God in works that flow from thankfulness and praise.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being's identity and sanctity come from God's grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone's value or invalidate anyone's worth. *Prayer: Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our quarterly meeting will be held tomorrow, Monday, October 27th at 5:30 pm in the conference room. Everyone is invited to attend. **We will also have a workday this Wednesday, October 29th from 10:30 am - 12:15 pm.** Our next Center opening will be Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. 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 \$114,167.32. All money has been applied as principal reductions to our mortgage and the outstanding loan balance as of October 21st is \$2,100.00! We have reached 98% 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.

Nut Sale: Order forms are available in the Narthex. 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.

The November/December *Reflections from the Cross* newsletter was emailed out this week. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

From the Board of Church Properties: After getting the boiler serviced on Oct. 21, it was determined that it is unsafe to use. The boiler is 27 years old and was found to be releasing dangerous and deadly carbon monoxide. The Board is currently working to get a replacement bid. For the time being, the Narthex, Sanctuary & a few other areas will not be heated. Please pray that a new boiler is available and can be installed as soon as possible.

On the Calendar

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.
Monday, October 27:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Quarterly Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, October 28:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, October 29:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Workday.....	10:30-12:15 P.M.
Thursday, October 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, November 1:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 2:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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). Dates for November & December are still TBD, but continue to watch for an update soon.

“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.

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.”**

GENESIS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon begins a study this week on the Book of Genesis, chapters 37-50. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty humbly requests your support. Please pray for the work of all those with the LCRL—that they may be encouraged and strengthened for the task. You can donate to the LCRL at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/donate>. Thank you.

Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education - Taxpayers to the state of Missouri—both individuals and businesses—have the unique opportunity to direct up to 50% of their state taxes to Lutheran Education. The tax credit program, MOScholars, allows the Missouri District to convert tax dollars into scholarships for qualifying students attending LCMS schools throughout the state. Reserving these tax credits is easy and can be completed online in a matter of minutes. Head to <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> to learn more about MOScholars and get the process started. Thank you for your participation in MOScholars through the Missouri District!