



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

November 2, 2025

## *Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ*

*"A great multitude . . . from all tribes and peoples and languages" cry out, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne" (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we, too, "shall see him as he is" (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and myriad saints, we shall "serve him day and night in his temple" (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ, propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure and the persecuted are all blessed, and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).*

**From the Budget and Finance Committee** - As of October 27, 2025, we have reached 100% of our goal and the mortgage has been PAID OFF! Thanks be to God!!

**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 26: 72; Bible Study: 27; Sunday School: 6

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

**Altar Flowers** are given this week by Richard & Terrie Reece in honor of Pat, Missie & Reece's Birthdays and Baptisms and Pat & Missie's 23rd wedding anniversary. God's blessings to you all!

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Matthew 5:6 – "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied." You only hunger and thirst for what you don't have. Jesus has come to fill us up with righteousness — His own righteousness. He is the self-giving Lord whose sacrifice inspires us to be givers, too.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**— The horror of abortion happening over 3,000 times each day in the U.S. should make Christians angry. The silence of the Church and the indifference of fellow congregational members should make Christians angry. But anger must not lead us to sin (Ephesians 4:26). Screaming and yelling and returning evil for evil is not the way of the body of Christ. The truth needs to be proclaimed but without "bitterness and wrath" (4:31).

**Swaddling Clothes** - Our next Center opening will be NEXT Saturday, November 8th from 10:00 am - 1:00 pm. 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 [araohs2016@gmail.com](mailto:araohs2016@gmail.com). Thank you!



**Nut Sale:** Order forms are available in the Narthex. Nut orders are due TODAY 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.

**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.

**"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. **Pledge cards are available in the November/December newsletter or on the counter in the Narthex.** 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

**Ladies' Night Out** will be held TOMORROW, Monday, November 3rd at 5:30pm at Red Lobster (450 NW Barry Rd, Kansas City, MO 64155). Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

# On the Calendar

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| Sunday, November 2:    | Corporate Confession & Absolution..... | 8:00 A.M.         |
|                        | Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....   | 8:45 A.M.         |
|                        | <b>Divine Service</b> .....            | <b>10:00 A.M.</b> |
| Monday, November 3:    | Matins.....                            | 7:30 A.M.         |
|                        | ECC Chapel.....                        | 9:15 A.M.         |
|                        | Ladies’ Night Out (Red Lobster).....   | 5:30 P.M.         |
| Tuesday, November 4:   | Men’s Bible Breakfast.....             | 7:00 A.M.         |
|                        | Matins.....                            | 8:00 A.M.         |
|                        | Board of Elders’ Meeting.....          | 7:00 P.M.         |
| Wednesday, November 5: | Matins.....                            | 7:30 A.M.         |
|                        | Bible Class.....                       | 9:00 A.M.         |
| Thursday, November 6:  | Matins.....                            | 7:30 A.M.         |
|                        | ECC Chapel.....                        | 9:15 A.M.         |
| Saturday, November 8:  | Matins.....                            | 8:30 A.M.         |
|                        | Choir Rehearsal.....                   | 10:00 A.M.        |
|                        | Swaddling Clothes Store.....           | 10:00-1:00 P.M.   |
| Sunday, November 9:    | Corporate Confession & Absolution..... | 8:00 A.M.         |
|                        | Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....   | 8:45 A.M.         |
|                        | <b>Divine Service</b> .....            | <b>10:00 A.M.</b> |

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

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

**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.

**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](http://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.”**

**PATHS TO LUTHERANISM SERIES...** Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to stories of guests who have come to Lutheranism from Islam, Mormonism, Atheism, Agnosticism, Eastern Orthodoxy, Roman Catholicism, Pentecostalism and more. You’ll find the series at [issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism](http://issuesetc.org/pathstolutheranism).

**Daylight Savings Time may be ending** – but you don’t have to live in the dark! See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org), to subscribe to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty’s email list. The devotions, podcasts, and op. ed. pieces will bring light into your world.

**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!