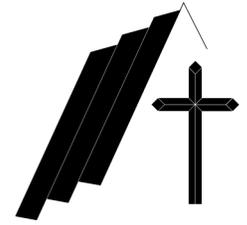




HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

REFLECTIONS FROM THE CROSS



FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

NOV/DEC '25

God Has a Face

Many of us are soon anticipating seeing relatives and friends we don't see too often. Of course, we can "see them" over video chat or recording throughout the year if not having a text or phone chat. But it's different when you're in-person, physically close in greater fullness of your being. Though written or spoken words are absolutely critical, linguistic experts tell us that still over fifty percent of communication is non-verbal. Especially looking one another in the eye, unmediated-ly is as if to say, "It's good you're here. It's good you exist." And this carries the sense that this is "the way it should be."

Much of the alienation and frustration we have today is that we don't interact with others face to face so much. If we have a problem with some product we use, the manufacturer will rarely offer us a face to look at, but instead a chatbot or automated message. As soon as a face is offered, they might feel a sense of connection, obligation, or responsibility. Instead, much of our daily business is done behind a screen where we remain faceless, and little responsibility is taken. For all the pre-recorded happy voices, smiley emojis, and exclamation points, these leave you wondering: "If they're so happy about me, why don't they give me a real human being to talk to?" Fact is, they really just want your money, and so face to face interactions are avoided. Indeed, I suppose you could say that right now you're looking at a piece of paper in reading this newsletter, and so you can't see me either. But that's not entirely by choice, and we are (I think) anticipating seeing each other soon. If there is animosity, guilt, or shame on one party or another, we tend to not want to see the other face to face. However, if there is peace, good will, and love, we do want that.

Part of the great promise the Lord holds out for us on the Last Day is that we will see Jesus fully and *face to face* (1 Cor. 3:12, 2 Cor. 3:18, 2 Cor. 4: 6, Rev. 22:4). That is set before us, and what we anticipate. It will be a joyful long-anticipated union and reunion realized most fully. And yet, sadly it won't be joyful for all. Every eye will see Him, including those who pierced Him (Rev. 1:7), and still reject Him. Indeed, it was for our sins, too, that Jesus was pierced (Is.53:5). And yet as Christians, we do look forward to looking Him in the eye. A Christian is to be one who is like St. Peter in John 21. Peter wept when speaking with Jesus face to face, having realized how Jesus died *because of* his sins, and yet to pay *for* his sins, and saw how dependent He would ever be on Him. Much like the critically-wounded patient who yelled, cursed, and flailed in pain at the doctor who was in-fact saving him, only to find out later that wasn't the case, we know Jesus bore our sins in love, and has been taking responsibility for us in our foolishness and continued inability, our sin. Yet He continues to forgive, love, and encourage us.

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In becoming incarnate, lying in a manger, the Lord of all took on a human face. He became One who could and does look at you, mildly and gently, a brother in your likeness. Just as looking at another person communicates openness, responsibility, and mutual affirmation of existence, so He was communicating this to us. For all our poverty, He no less is glad and good-willed toward us. We can't offer or do for Him anything He couldn't simply create or make happen for Himself. But He made Himself needy of such, showing He is glad that we would do such daily-care tasks for Him as well as for others He wants to look at.

How we feel about seeing the same Lord face-to-face when He comes in glory is a mark of a good or bad conscience. If we don't anticipate doing so, we should come to confession. There, we can confess our sins into the ear of the pastor, who we do see regularly now in Jesus' place. According to the prescribed ceremonies involved in Private Confession, the pastor looks away from us as we confess our sins, though we do have his ear. But then the pastor stands to face us, emblematic of Jesus' face, to pronounce forgiveness. Doing this prepares us to face Jesus, and making us so that we hopefully long to do so again.

Jesus indeed meets us in His body and blood of the Sacrament. As surely as we have Him bodily here, we are reassured of His love, peace, and that He is and will be living and working in and thru us as we go out into our corner of the world. Already now He shares in our otherwise-poor lives with us, but giving us the full and certain hope of seeing Him also bodily in full form like us when He was raised, as well as face to face.

- Pastor Meissner

What is a Martyr?

"Martyr" is a Christian word, or at least it came to be such. As a simple Greek word, "martyreo" means "to witness." Of course, that word appears much in our Bible, especially after our Lord's bodily resurrection. Many were eye-witnesses to this. Yet further, they knew what it meant and implied – that "He is Lord, and my eternal destiny and judgment are in His hands... and I'm glad for that, because in Him thru faith in His work I am righteous." They bore witness to this in what they said, keeping with Jesus' word, including and especially when it went against the grain of many others around them. They belonged to Jesus above all. Ultimate witness of this is when they died for their confession and faith in Him. They knew Jesus' resurrection and their Baptism into it meant their resurrection and eternal life, far more than what happens in this earthly life and body now.

So, was Charlie Kirk a "martyr"? It depends on how we use the word. He was a confessing Christian. He did not believe everything we do as Confessional Lutherans, but believed many things similarly, and this was his primary motivation in his life and career. When murdered, he was giving witness to Christ in the same context of many things he thought that implied. Was he killed specifically because he was a Christian? At least at the time I'm writing this, that hasn't been answered. But importantly, we should admire and seek to imitate his boldness to live out his faith in word and deed, and desire to turn more people, including those who despised him, to Christ.

With All Saints Day, we remember there have been many martyrs since Pentecost who were put to death because they were Christians, who gave witness by death. We all though, can give witness in various ways daily, and hopefully do. Though not in polarized environments and shot on the spot, many more "martyrs" perhaps endured greater suffering and loss as they experienced daily and on-going humiliation, loss, and trials because of their Christian faith, what it meant in the situation before them. Either way, we pray the Lord to strengthen our boldness and witness so that we can show forth His light in the midst of the darkness. The more bold we are, the greater we and others tend to realize the all-important truth and strength God's word and His love for us, as seen above all in Jesus' own death. Of this, we'll never be ashamed.

Why? A Layman's Guide to the Liturgy
by Burnell F. Eckardt Jr., Editor-in-Chief, *Gottesdienst*

Why do we sometimes kneel and sometimes only bow toward the altar?

The centrality of the altar in our churches is a vivid reminder of the centrality of the Holy Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood in the Mass, since the Sacrament is placed on the altar. Here—as we believe, teach, and confess—is where Christ is found. He sits on the altar! And even when the Sacrament isn't there, since the altar is His throne, we reverence.

Historically and traditionally, there has been a difference in the way people would reverence the altar, depending on whether the Sacrament was actually on the altar or not. If the altar did not have the Sacrament on it, the people simply bowed toward it; but if they could see that the Sacrament was there, they knelt, even on entering the church. This reflected the belief that even elements reserved from a prior celebration of the Sacrament still are in fact what Christ has called them, His Body and Blood.

People are generally aware that in some churches—most notably Roman Catholic—people genuflect (drop to one knee) before entering the pew. What is perhaps less well known is the origin of this practice: it always had to do with whether the Sacrament was on the altar. Since in some churches the Sacrament is always on or near the altar, the people simply genuflected all the time. It wasn't simply a thing to do on entering their pew; it was a reverence toward the Sacrament. The historic rule of thumb—which has largely been forgotten in our day—was that whether one genuflected or merely bowed was determined by whether the consecrated elements of the Sacrament were there or not.

Lutherans have known some different ways of reverencing: among some, it is customary to enter one's pew and to stand and pray toward the altar before sitting. Others bow upon entering the pew. Some do genuflect, if the Sacrament is present. The great majority of Lutherans have customarily done their most profound genuflecting at the altar, when they receive the Sacrament. There they do a double genuflexion (They kneel with both knees).

It is important that our practice be informed by our theology. What we believe ought to affect what we do; thus kneeling is always appropriate if Christ's Body and Blood are present. This is especially so in view of the fact that there have been churches who do not believe that the Sacrament truly is Christ, so they refuse to kneel. How much more ought we confess with our knees, then. For we believe Christ's words: "This is My Body; this is My Blood."✠

Why does the celebrant say "Lift up your hearts" while lifting his hands during the Preface?

During the Mass, the Preface comes after the Prayer of the Church, when we begin to turn our attention directly to the Sacrament of the Altar. The celebrant first says, "The Lord be with you," because it is a prayer that the Lord would be merciful in granting His people the faith needed to benefit from this great feast of the Lord's Body and Blood. Then he says, "Lift up your hearts," and the people respond, "We lift them up unto the Lord." This is based on Lamentations 3:41-42: "Let us lift our hearts and hands to God in heaven. We have transgressed and rebelled. "So the lifting up that takes place, both of the hearts and of the hands (as the celebrant lifts his hands at this point), is in effect an acknowledgement that we have transgressed; we need to be cleansed of our sins. How fitting, therefore, that we should repeat these words prior to our reception of the Sacrament, by which we are cleansed and forgiven. Since we know that this is about to happen, we say immediately following, also during the Preface: "Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. It is meet and right so to do." ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND INFORMATION



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 the weekly bulletin for an update soon.

Pastor Meissner is available for private Confession and Absolution by appointment during the week or on Sunday mornings, following Corporate Confession and Absolution which is held at 8:00 am each Sunday. You can also join Pastor Meissner for the service of Matins on Tuesdays, at 8:00 am after Men’s Bible Breakfast, or on Mondays, Wednesdays & Thursdays at 7:30 am & Saturdays at 8:30 am.



Portals of Prayer—The October-December edition of Portals of Prayer are available in the Narthex. Please consider making a donation in exchange for your copy. A standard copy costs the church \$2.00, while the large print copy costs the church around \$3.00. Thank you!



Church office hours: The church office is open Monday-Thursday from 8:00 am-3:00 pm. The office is closed on Fridays. The ECC office is open Monday-Friday. Please contact us at 816-452-9113 or church@holycrosskc.org if you have any questions. **Please submit any announcements** to be included in the weekly information notes to the church office by Thursdays at 7:00 am.

Lutheran High School of Kansas City Presents *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*

From the Academy Award-winning team comes a lushly score retelling of Victor Hugo’s epic story of love, acceptance and what it means to be a hero. November 21st and 22nd at 7:00 pm in the Lutheran High School Auditorium
Tickets are \$5 for students and \$10 for adults.



“SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY SHALL FOLLOW ME ALL THE DAYS OF MY LIFE, AND I SHALL DWELL IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOREVER.” - PSALM 23:6



IN LOVING MEMORY OF...

Ken Swift

- * Jeffrey Swift
- * Timothy & Karen Newcomb
- * Don & Susan Best

Alice Harfst

- * Carl & Shara Pigors
- * Curt & Elenita Wendt
- * Bonnie Paulsmeyer
- * Brian & Kate Paulsmeyer
- * Dolly Brauer
- * Alan Bahl
- * Richard & Terrie Rece
- * Richard & Linda Rusche
- * Sid & Roberta Keltner
- * Jeff & Carolyn Falls
- * Chester & Connie Nichols

A Little Levity...

- The pastor stopped by to see one of his most active members on her 95th birthday. At the end of their visit, he said, “Well, I hope I’ll be able to help you celebrate your 100th birthday.” With a twinkle in her eye, she looked him over and said: “You seem healthy enough, Pastor. I think you’ll make it!”

September/October 2025

Transfers Out/Releases

- * None

Confirmations/Transfers In/Profession of Faith

- * McKenzie Foster—Profession of Faith (9/14/25)
- * Stephen Loyd—Profession of Faith (9/14/25)

Harvest Sunday

Is “stewardship” law or Gospel? That is a question probably only a modern Lutheran would ask. It depends on what we mean by “law” or “Gospel,” of course. Perhaps it’s better to think of it as a God-given identity and an activity, one giving evidence of the other. Stewarding is what stewards do. Faithful stewards are such insofar as they faithfully steward. If you are the Lord’s, your life, property, and relationships belonging to Him, that is how you will and act accordingly. If we are a “first-fruits” of His new-born creatures we should act accordingly (2 Thess. 2:13, Jas. 1:18, Rev.14: 4). If we’re not, we run a risk of siding with the world that is passing away, giving opportunity to the devil.

Pledging our offerings is a way to live our faith and stewardship consistently. Practically, it helps us as a congregation - the body of Christ in this place- pay the bills so we can be about the Gospel-work we really love. We can’t see the future, of course. But this is a pledge, not a legal contract or promise. Perhaps you don’t know your income for the New Year. If you at least have a good idea, and even if you don’t, I still encourage you to pledge. The ten percent of income the Lord commanded His people in the Old Testament has been fulfilled in Christ’s giving His whole life for us. This isn’t commanded as such now, but as our Lord lives for, in, with and through us, we should reflect this in the matters and decisions before us. At least ten percent amid our daily affairs is still the operating principle. As He “risked” everything to buy the field (Mt. 13:44), knowing the treasure that would be coming, He would encourage us likewise. As we labor with Him and like Him, we also have the blessing of seeing what His word produces, making for something special amid the dying world, for eternal life. It’s a confession and witness (see the article above) of who you are and whose you are. Even so, join me and my family in pledging our offerings for the coming year on “Harvest Sunday,” November 16.

A pledge card is provided for you below if you would like to commit to writing your promise to thank God through your time, talents, and treasure! The collection of pledges will take place on **Harvest Sunday, November 16**. If you are unable to be at services on Sunday, November 16, please mail your card in to the attention of: Financial Secretary, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 2003 NE Englewood Road, Kansas City, MO 64118

Giving to the Lord is giving thanks. Let us give thanks not in one way or the other. But rather in all things, everything that we do and say, whether it be in word or deed, in prayer an praise, in teaching and giving. And let us do it cheerfully and with great joy!

Your fellow servants in Christ, The Board of Stewardship



**HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH
PLEDGE CARD 2026**

Name _____
(Names of both husband and wife when applicable)

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

By faith, as God enables me, I will-

- Pray regularly for the ministry of Holy Cross Lutheran Church.
- Attend worship services and seek to interest others in attending with me.
- Be available to follow God's leading in working in and through my church
- Give support to the work of the Lord in General Fund

\$ _____
Please indicate how you plan to give the amount above:

\$ _____ per week \$ _____ per month

I understand I may change my pledge amount at any time by contacting the church office.

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November

- Elizabeth Pohl
- Patrick Schroeder
- Reece Schroeder
- Ben Cutter
- Joshua Duncan
- Ann Miller
- Kelli Strandberg
- Paul Neill
- Kent Schroeder
- Jerry Nance
- Thomas Woitasczyk
- Nancy Arnold
- Kristen Marshall
- Ellie Strough
- Norma Koehler
- Emiko Pettijohn
- Eric Claussen
- Gregory Schmidt
- Carol Wilson
- Rebekah Meissner
- Carl Pigors
- Samantha Kent

December

- Chase Bradley
- Roman Bradley
- Rev. Craig Meissner
- Judy Zimmerman
- Terrie Reece
- Riley Addington
- Alan Bahl
- Alexis Hammock
- Josh Kueck
- Stephanie Miller
- Irma Kerksiek
- Corbin Dexter
- Dolly Brauer
- Kimberly Meier
- Noel Madeleka
- Richard Reece
- Toni Bosse
- Jacob Kueck
- Linda Rusche



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

“LOVE BEARS ALL THINGS,
BELIEVES ALL THINGS, HOPES
ALL THINGS, ENDURES ALL
THINGS. LOVE NEVER ENDS.”
1 CORINTHIANS 13:7-8A

November

- M/M Carl Pigors
- M/M David Brown
- M/M Michael Crawford

December

No Anniversaries



Please cut on the dotted line and fill out the pledge card on the opposite side.

Return your pledge card to Holy Cross on Harvest Sunday, November 16th or mail card to:

Financial Secretary
 Holy Cross Lutheran Church
 2003 NE Englewood Road

From the Board of Stewardship

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. Please contact the church office at you have any questions or need additional assistance.



816-452-9113 if

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!!

Music at Holy Cross

Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises! Psalm 98:4

Organist Workshop at Holy Cross

Date: Saturday, November 22, 2025.

Time: 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Optional MasterClass from 1:00 pm - 2:30 pm.

Place: Holy Cross Lutheran, 2003 NE Englewood Road, Kansas City, Missouri 64118.

Cost: \$35.00 per person. \$45.00 if you participate in the Master Class. Cash or check at the door.

On Saturday, November 22, 2025, Mrs. Bethany Johnson, Kantor at Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas, will share her knowledge during an organ workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran, Kansas City, Missouri. Bethany began her work as an organist at Faith Lutheran Church in Plano, Texas, in 2010. She graduated with a bachelor's degree in Parish Music and Theology at Concordia University Wisconsin in 2015. Bethany earned her Masters of Church Music degree at the University of Kansas in 2017. She has been a private music instructor in piano and violin since 2010, serves on the committee for the American Guild of Organists in Topeka, and has served as the organist for Higher Things conferences since 2016. She has led Organ Workshops at Holy Cross for the past three years.

This year we are offering an optional **MasterClass**. This will be after Session III in the early afternoon. If you would like to participate, please prepare a piece (or hymn) to play. Bethany will work with you (similar to a private music lesson) in front of everyone else on how to improve your technique for whatever you are playing. It may seem intimidating, but it is such a positive growing experience, and there is always more to learn.

If you or someone you know would like to attend, please send a message to holycrosskcmusic@yahoo.com

Choir Notes

The Adult Choir meets on Saturdays at 10:00am to rehearse music to sing for the Divine Service. The Youth Choir rehearses every Sunday after the Bible Study Opening. The two choirs will join their voices together to sing new musical selections for the various church festivals the rest of this year.



From the Board of Christian Mercy:Swaddling Clothes

Mission statement: "The mission of Swaddling Clothes is to share the mercy of Christ with our neighbors through the gifts of clothing, food, friendship and the forgiving Word of God."

"Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you people from afar. The Lord called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name." Isaiah 49:1 ESV

For the months of September and October 2025 we served 121 families by providing 176 packages of diapers, 174 packages of baby wipes and 60 big items. SC volunteers are still in the process of freshening up our SC area. The only carpet left to shampoo is the library along with other cleaning in there. We have probably doubled the storage area by just updating and cleaning up! Thank you to all the volunteers that come in on Wednesdays to sort and clean lots and lots of toys!

We were contacted by Chris McElroy, VP of Community Outreach and contact Chairman for Lutheran Urban Mission Agency Auxiliary (LUMAA). SC is to be their project for May of 2026. They would like us to speak to them on what SC is all about at their January 21, 2026 meeting. It will take place at King of Kings Lutheran Church beginning with Registration breakfast at 9:00 am and ending with lunch from 11:30 – 12:30. Nancy Neill and Carolyn Falls will give the presentation as I will be out of town. They would also like us to provide them with our needs apart from diapers and baby wipes to include 5-10 other items we provide for our families. This will be done before their January 21st meeting.

As some of you already know SC participated in the Gladstone "Gladfest" parade on Oct. 4, 2025. We handed out SC pamphlets, our church schedule, candy Lifesavers with the statement printed on the Lifesaver "Life is Precious! It is a gift from God!" Also included was a pamphlet from the Women's Pro-Life Clinic in Liberty. SC received a trophy and a \$500 gift for our parade entry that will help in many ways to support the mission at Holy Cross. Thank the Lord for this most gracious gift from the Gladstone community.

Our next Center opening (10:00 am – 1:00 pm) will be Saturday, November 8th. PLEASE sign up on the SC bulletin board in the Narthex by Nov. 2 if you would like to volunteer or contact Shara at (816) 654-2294. Our January 2026 quarterly meeting will be postponed. I will be out of town December thru the first week in March. Nancy Neill (816) 556-6555 and Carolyn Falls (816) 674-5021 will be filling in as Co-directors. They will handle the postponed January quarterly meeting one on one with SC volunteers. For SC December 13, 2025 Center opening (10:00 am-1:00 pm) please sign up on the bulletin board or contact Nancy or Carolyn by Dec. 7 if you would like to volunteer. We will get back to our quarterly meetings beginning Monday, April 27, 2026 at 5:30pm in the Conference room. Everyone invited! Please watch your weekly bulletin for SC updates. Thanks be to God for all of the volunteers and congregational support to keep our SC Center open!

In Christ's service, Shara



THANK YOU!!

TRULY I SAY TO YOU, AS YOU DID IT TO ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE BROTHERS,
YOU DID IT TO ME." MATTHEW 25:40

Holy Cross Lutheran Church,

Your gift of \$405 for SLMS 2025: Summer 2025 Challenge

O give thanks unto the LORD; for He is good: because His mercy endures forever. (Psalm 118:1)

What a joy it is to receive your generous gift for the work of the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society (SLMS). Our gracious Lord has mercifully blessed the Siberian Evangelical Church (SELC) through your gift.

Your support allows the SLMS to meet the goal of providing \$10,000 support for the congregations of the SELC. We continue to support the ongoing needs of the Seminary as well as build endowment for the future. We are thankful you have chosen to help.

The Lord be with you,
Robert Kiefer, Secretary/Treasurer

Sunday School Corner

Sunday School for our children at Holy Cross begins in the Fellowship Hall at 8:45 am, We have opening devotions with the adults every Sunday, then off to class. We are there to assist in feeding the faith God gave the children in their Baptism and to support the parents in their role as primary trainer. We have plenty of room in the classes for more students and have teachers willing each week, but need parents and grandparents to bring the little ones. Currently we have an elementary and High School class and would love to add more. The children have about fifteen minutes of music before class which helps them prepare for singing with the congregations choir on festival Sundays.

Peace in Christ / Carl Pigors
Sunday School Superintendent



Youth Group Kids, FYI!!! (Check with Missie or Terrie for details!)

2025 HIGHER THINGS CONFERENCES "ALL THINGS NEW" (JUNE & JULY)

HE WHO WAS SEATED ON THE THRONE SAID, "I AM MAKING EVERYTHING NEW!" (REVELATION 21:5)

**July 19-Aug. 1, Higher Things and Camp to-Dis-E-Ca will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church
Rantoul, Hilbert, WI**

On November 7th and 8th, St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Kansas City will be hosting the "Higher Things" retreat, focused on Epiphany, a season of lights emphasizing God's revelation through Christ.

Thank you for your support!

Missie & Terrie
YG Co-Chairs
Proverbs 22:6



NOVEMBER 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
2 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	3 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	4 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 7:00 pm Board of Elders Meeting	5 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	6 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	7	1 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbells 10:00 am Choir 8 8:30 am Matins 10:00 am Choir 10:00 am Swaddling Clothes Store
9 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	10 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel 5:30 pm Church Properties Meeting	11 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins 10:30 am Chancel Guild Meeting	12 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	13 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel 9:30 am Circuit Winkel at Mt. Calvary 7:00 pm Dartball at Christ Lutheran Church	14	15 8:30 am Matins 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
16 Harvest Sunday 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	17 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	18 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins	19 7:30 am Matins 9:00 am Bible Class	20 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	21	22 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Organist Workshop
23 8:00 am Confession & Absolution 8:45 am Bible Class & SS 10:00 am Divine Service	24 7:30 am Matins 9:15 am ECC Chapel	25 7:00 am Men's Bible Breakfast 8:00 am Matins	26 7:30 am Matins NO Bible Class 7:00 pm Divine Service	27 Thanksgiving Day Offices Closed	28 Offices Closed	29 8:30 am Matins 9:00 am Handbell Rehearsal 10:00 am Choir Rehearsal
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DECEMBER 2025

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