



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

November 9, 2025

Today's Divine Service: Following All Saints' Day, this year we are observing the propers for the last three Sundays of the Church Year.

Faith Comes By Hearing the Word of Christ

"The kingdom of God is not coming with signs to be observed" (Luke 17:20). You must use your ears and not your eyes. For God's kingdom in this world is one of faith, and faith comes by hearing the Word of Christ. The people of Israel, however, wanted to walk not by faith but by sight. When Moses delayed in coming down the mountain, they decided to make a visible god for themselves, the golden calf (Ex. 32:1). Upon such faithless and false worshipers God's judgment comes. Only on the Last Day will our faith be turned to sight. *"For as the lightning comes from the east and shines as far as the west, so will be the coming of the Son of Man"* (Matt. 24:27). The Lord Himself will descend from heaven with a shout, and He will gather His people to Himself, both the living and the dead. In a world in which our days are few and full of trouble (Job 14:1), let us comfort one another with these words of the resurrection and the coming of our Lord Jesus.

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, November 2: 77; Bible Study: 25; Sunday School: 10

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

Altar Flowers are given this week by Zach Mass in thanks for the prayers for his mom, Sandy's, health and healing.

Stewardship Thoughts—Genesis 1:1 – “In the beginning, God created.” Many studies report atheism is on the rise in our culture. The appeal of atheism is in the denial of a Creator. If the world just happens to exist — and we are just accidents that arose out of a long process of random, directionless evolution — then we get to make our own rules and nobody has any right to tell us otherwise. But if there is a Creator, then obviously He would know best, and we would do best to follow His commands. Of course, we Christians know this Creator very well, and we have seen not only His power and commands but also His grace and mercy in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The picture of the armor-clad Christian in Ephesians 6:10-20 is one of defense not offense. We are not fighting to obtain truth. We have the truth. We fight to defend the truth upon which we stand. Be encouraged in this spiritual battle that can seem so frustrating at times. “[B]e strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (6:10). *Prayer: Thank You for Your truth, Lord, and Your armor. Help us stand firm. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes- We will have a special sorting workday on Monday, November 17 (9:00 am-12:00 pm). This will be held to put away things we receive from Rhea Lana. Any questions see or text Shara (816)654-2294. Our next Center opening will be Saturday, December 13 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, Dec. 7th. By signing up this helps us know how many volunteers are available to help? Any questions see or text Nancy Neill (816)556-6555 or Carolyn Falls (816)674-5021. Thank you!



“All things come to thee, O Lord, and of thine own, have we given” - Harvest Sunday will be held NEXT 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

The Art of Biblical Reading - "How do you read it?" our Lord asked the lawyer in Luke 10. At Sunday morning Bible Study next week we are planning to begin a new video-based study using materials from the Luther Institute of Theology (lutheraninstitute.org) on how to read the Bible, video-portion taught by Dr. Adam Koontz. All are welcome and encouraged to come! The description reads: "Where did the Bible come from, and how can we trust it? This course explores the origin, authority, and literary structure of the Scriptures from a Lutheran perspective. Dr. Koontz explains how the Bible was formed, what makes it dependable, and how to read it with Christ at the Center. He also unpacks major Biblical themes and the beauty of God's Word as both history and proclamation. Rediscover the Bible as the living voice of God, not just a book of the past."

On the Calendar

Sunday, November 9:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, November 10:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, November 11:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Chancel Guild Meeting.....	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday, November 12:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, November 13:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Circuit Winkel at Mt. Calvary Lutheran Church.....	9:30 A.M.
	Dartball at Christ Lutheran Church.....	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 15:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 16: <i>Harvest Sunday</i>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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.

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). This monthly discussion will return in January. Watch the info notes for more information once a date is confirmed.

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 THIS Thursday, November 13th. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

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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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