THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

November 30, 2025

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "*Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "*The LORD is our Righteousness*" (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*" (Rom. 13:11).

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 23: 95; Bible Study: 25; Sunday School: 7

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Don & Jennifer Miller in thanks to God for being members at Holy Cross this past year.

Stewardship Thoughts—Matthew 21:3 – "If anyone says anything to you, you shall say, 'The Lord needs them,' and he will send them at once." Just a colt and her foal. How significant could they be? Could they really be used by the Lord for some great, heavenly purpose? This is one facet of stewardship we often forget: the blessing it is to us to be of service in the Lord's Kingdom. What honor the Lord bestows upon us by using our gifts for His goals!

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life– "The Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6b). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin's guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! *Prayer: O Lord our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes- We will have a workday on Wednesday, December 3 (10:30 am-12:30 pm). 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, December 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!

Are you a baker? Swaddling Clothes needs your help! We are planning to give out Christmas cookies to our families at our shopping day on December 13th. We need 60 dozen cookies (homemade or store bought cookies - either are fine.) We are asking that the cookies do not contain nuts or peanut butter. Cookies can be brought to church on Sunday, December 7th and we will freeze them or you can drop them off on Saturday, December 13th by 9:00 am. Please contact Nancy at (816)556-6555 if you have any questions or would like to donate cookies.

Giving envelopes are available for pickup on the table in the hallway near the elevator.. 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.

Updated Information: If you have recently joined Holy Cross, moved or gotten a new phone number, please make sure that our records are up to date. You can email church@holycrosskc.org with your updated information. Also, if you'd like to receive any Holy Cross announcements or the newsletter via email, please make sure we have your email address.

Ladies' Night Out will be held **THIS TUESDAY, December 2nd at 6:00 pm at Cascone's** (3733 N. Oak Trfy, Kansas City, MO 64116). **Please note the change of day and time from our usual monthly get-togethers.** Instead of our usual gift exchange, please bring an unwrapped gift (new or gently used) for Swaddling Clothes. Please sign up on the counter in the Narthex if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Elenita Wendt.

The newsletter deadline for the January/February edition of the *Reflections From the Cross* newsletter is Monday, December 15th. Please submit all articles to the office for inclusion.

The Chancel Guild is offering poinsettias for purchase to beautify our sanctuary. The plants are $9.00 and can be taken home after our service on Thursday, December 25th. The envelopes for ordering next to the flower chart. Thank you!

On the Calendar

Sunday, November 30:	Corporate Confession & Absolution	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	**10:00 A.M.**
Monday, December 1:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, December 2:	Men's Bible Breakfast	7:00 A.M.
	Matins	8:00 A.M.
	Ladies' Night Out at Cascone's	6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 3:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Workday	10:30 –12:30 P.M.
	Evening Prayer	7:00 P.M.
Thursday, December 4:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, December 6:	Matins	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 7:	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 of Properties has received a bid for a new boiler and plans are moving ahead to get it installed as soon as possible. For the time being, the Narthex, Sanctuary & a few other areas will not be heated.

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, & how can we trust it? This course explores the origin, authority, & literary structure of the Scriptures from a Lutheran perspective. Dr. Koontz explains how the Bible was formed, what makes it dependable, & how to read it with Christ at the Center. He also unpacks major Biblical themes & the beauty of God's Word as both history & proclamation. Rediscover the Bible as the living voice of God, not just a book of the past."

Theology on Tap - The Kansas City North Circuit invites you to Theology on Tap, a monthly theological discussion publicly led by Circuit pastors. This monthly discussion will return on January 29th. Watch the info notes on more info on location.

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 on Thursday nights at 7pm, every second Thursday of the month, September-April. **The next game night will be Thursday, December 11th at King of Kings Lutheran Church**. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

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, 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."**

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON… "Savior of the Nations, Come," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

God at Work TWO distinct Ways to Bless! Yes, two – two ways to bless! Listen to how He does this at www.lcrlfreedom.org/blog/harmony-order-salvation

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