



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

January 25, 2026

Jesus Is Transfigured and Manifests His Glory

The Lord appeared to Moses in the light of the burning bush (Ex. 3:1–14). Later Moses' face would shine with the light of God's glory when he came down from Mount Sinai (Ex. 34:29–35). At the Transfiguration, Moses and Elijah appeared with the One who is the Light of Light Himself (Matt. 17:1–9). Jesus' glory as God shines with brilliant splendor in and through His human nature. By this epiphany, our Lord confirmed the prophetic word (2 Pet. 1:16–21), revealing that He is the fulfillment of the Law and the Prophets. He manifested His majesty as the eternal Son of the Father, and He wonderfully foreshowed our adoption as sons (Collect). We who have been baptized into Christ's body are given a glimpse of the glory that we will share with Him in the resurrection on the Last Day.

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, January 18: 78; Bible Study: 18; Sunday School: 8

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Matthew 17:8 – “And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.” Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him and Him alone, the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary, all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Jesus radiates the glory of God among human beings humbled by sinful brokenness. This glory resides not in a certain age or a particular appearance or a specific ability but in God's love for us creatures as His children. Let us behold this glory embodied in the least of these and remind neighbors of their eternal worth. *Holy Son of God, lead us to listen and mimic You in respecting, protecting, advocating, and assisting. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes— We will have work days this Wednesday, January 28th & next Wednesday, February 4th from 10:30 am –12:30 pm. All help is welcome. Our next Center opening will be Saturday, February 14th (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, February 8th. By signing up this helps us know how many volunteers are available to help? Any questions contact Nancy Neill (816)556-6555 or Carolyn Falls (816)674-5021. Thank you!



Giving envelopes are available for pickup on the cabinet in the Narthex. If you didn't get a set of giving envelopes for this current year & wish to receive a set for 2026, please contact the church office.

Our next regular Voter's meeting will be today following the Divine Service.

The January / February Reflections from the Cross newsletter was emailed out at the end of December. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

The adult choir will take a break in January. They will resume their Saturday 10:00 am rehearsals in February.

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.

Portals of Prayer—The January-March 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.

The 2026 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.”**

Ladies' Brunch Out - for the month of February, for those of us who don't like to drive at night, we have decided to do brunch on Monday, February 2nd at 11:30 am at Corner Café (4541 NW Gateway Ave, Riverside, MO 64150). Sign up on the signup sheet in the Narthex. Please contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

On the Calendar

Sunday, January 25:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Regular Voter's Meeting.....	11:30 A.M.
Monday, January 26:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, January 27:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, January 28:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Workday.....	10:30-12:30 P.M.
Thursday, January 29:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Theology on Tap.....	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, January 31:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, February 1:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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... is back for 2026! Monthly theological conversation led by Circuit pastors. This month Rev. Craig Meissner (Holy Cross LC, KC) is on deck to lead, talking about "*The Conscience - What It Is and Why You Need a Good One.*" Meet at the Cinderblock Brewery 118 E. 18th St. North KC, MO 64116, starting at about 6:30 on January 29th. And yes, we are guaranteed the Reclamation Room... specially for us, but we'll welcome all!

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, February 12th at Christ Lutheran Church. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

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