



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

February 15, 2026

## *Faith Alone*

The seeing are blind, while the one who is blind can see (Luke 18:31–43). Jesus tells the twelve that He is going up to Jerusalem to suffer and die and rise again, but they cannot understand or grasp what He is saying. The meaning of His words is hidden from their sight. However, as Jesus makes His way up to Jerusalem, a blind man calls out to Him for mercy. This blind man sees that Jesus is the Messiah, the Savior, for he calls Him “Son of David.” Indeed, Jesus is the Lord’s anointed, the keeper of sheep (1 Sam. 16:1–13) who goes to lay down His life for the sheep. He is the incarnate love of the Father who suffers long and is kind, who is not puffed up, who never fails us (1 Cor. 13:1–13). Jesus opens the eyes of the blind (Is. 35:3–7) to see Him not according to outward appearances of lowliness, but according to His heart of mercy and compassion. Those who behold Him thus by faith follow Him to the cross through death into life.

**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, February 8: 72; Bible Study: 25; Sunday School: 5

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

**Altar flowers** this week are given by Evelyn McConnell in memory of her husband, Phil.

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Matthew 4:7 – “Jesus said to him, ‘Again it is written.’” Jesus defeats Satan in our place, not by using His power as God, but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to them. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**– “[T]he Lord sees not as man sees: man looks on the outward appearance” (1 Samuel 16:7). Age, shape, and ability do not establish or inhibit human worth. “[T]he Lord looks on the heart” and sees the life and spirit hidden within. Every human pulse beats with the Creator’s own love – patient (1 Corinthians 13:4), enduring (1 Corinthians 13:7), making perfect (1 Corinthians 13:10) what was wrecked (Luke 18:42). *Dear Jesus, give us Your love that looks past appearances. Amen.*

**Swaddling Clothes**– Our next Center opening will be Saturday, March 14th (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, March 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.

**2025 Giving Statements** were mailed out this week. If you didn’t receive yours, 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](mailto: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.

**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.”**

**Lenten Meals** - This week the meal will be Vegetable Hamburger Soup, Fruit and Dessert served by Don & Jennifer Miller. We still need one family or group to volunteer for Wednesday, March 11th. Plan to serve around 25-30 people, beginning around 6:00pm on Wednesdays. You can also contact Linda Rusche or the church office if you are interested or have any questions.

**The deadline** for the March/April edition of the *Reflections From the Cross* newsletter is tomorrow, Monday, February 16th. Please submit all articles to the church office for inclusion.

**Ladies’ Brunch Out** will be held on Monday, March 2nd at 11:30 am at Perkins (6292 N Oak Tfwy, Gladstone, MO 64118). All ladies are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions. In April, we will go back to meeting in the evening on Tuesday, April 7th due to Easter.

# On the Calendar

<b>Sunday, February 15:</b>	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>
<b>Monday, February 16:</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	Matins .....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
<b>Tuesday, February 17:</b>	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
<b>Wednesday, February 18:</b> <i>Ash Wednesday</i>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Lenten Meal.....	6:00 P.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	7:00 P.M.
<b>Thursday, February 19:</b>	Matins .....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Tri-Circuit Winkel at Holy Cross.....	9:30 A.M.
<b>Saturday, February 21:</b>	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
<b>Sunday, February 22:</b>	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 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](http://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-** Monthly theological conversation led by North Kansas City Circuit (MO-LCMS) pastors. This month Rev. Joe Rodriguez (St. Stephen LC, Liberty) is slated to talk about "Beer in the Bible" (It's probably not what you think!). We meet in the Reclamation Room of the Cinderblock Brewery 118 E. 18th St. North KC, MO 64116, starting at about 6:30pm. Bring yourself and someone else!

**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, March 12th at Christ 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](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.



**EDUCATION & EDIFICATION**... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: The Religious Beliefs of Abraham Lincoln, Why Feminism Can’t Be Fused with Christianity, Is Christianity a Psychological Crutch?, The Hymn “If God Himself Be For Me” and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**On February 15, 1879**, President Rutherford B. Hayes signed a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the U.S. Supreme Court. For a free booklet of Supreme Court cases impacting Religious Liberty, see [www.LCRLFreedom.org/resources](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org/resources).

**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.