



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

March 22, 2026

Jesus Is Our Redemption

In the temple Jesus said, "If anyone keeps my word, he will never see death" (John 8:51). For Jesus came to taste death for us—to drink the cup of suffering to the dregs in order that we might be released from its power. Clinging to His life-giving words, we are delivered from death's sting and its eternal judgment. Christ is our High Priest, who entered the Most Holy Place and with His own blood obtained everlasting redemption for His people (Heb. 9:11–15). He is the One who was before Abraham was, and yet is his descendant. He is the promised Son who carries the wood up the mountain for the sacrifice, who is bound and laid upon the altar of the cross. He is the ram who is offered in our place, who is willingly caught in the thicket of our sin, and who wears the crown of thorns upon His head (Gen. 22:1–14). Though Jesus is dishonored by the sons of the devil, He is vindicated by the Father through the cross.

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, March 15: 70; Bible Study: 24; Sunday School: 8; Wednesday, March 18: 29

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Hebrews 9:12 – "He entered once for all into the holy places, not by means of the blood of goats and calves but by means of his own blood, thus securing an eternal redemption." The only price that could redeem us was the very blood of the Christ. This is the only sacrifice of true worth. His sacrificial giving sets the pattern for our life, for how can we who are redeemed by the self-giving of God not also give of ourselves to His kingdom?

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— God's gifts do not always make immediate human sense (John 8:48, 53, 57). What remains certain regardless is that God is good and God gives. The Father who eternally gives Himself to the Son (John 8:42) and the Son who offers Himself to the Father in appreciative obedience (John 8:55) are the Holy Trinity who imparts this life-giving Spirit even where only death appears possible (Genesis 22:10). Trusting His Word and work releases from death's threatening grip (John 8:51, Genesis 22:13). *Father, Son, and Spirit, guide us to trust Your Gospel that we may share in Your abundant life. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes— We will have a workday Thursday, March 26 from 9:00 am - 12:30 pm. All help is welcome! Our next Center opening will be Saturday, April 11th (10:00 am-1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Easter Sunday, April 5. By signing up this helps us know how many volunteers are available to help at our opening. Our next quarterly meeting will be held on Monday, April 27th at 5:30 pm. All are welcome to attend! Any questions contact Shara Pigors (816)654-2294. Thank you!



Choir Notes... The Holy Cross Adult Choir is actively seeking singers. We need to expand our Soprano/Alto section but will gladly welcome anyone who wants to sing. Not sure if you want to commit... why not try Choir for Holy Week and Easter. We have plenty of room in the Choir Loft; practices are on Sat morning at 10:00 am. Hope we see you in the Loft soon. Please contact Myla Miller at 816-399-9291 if you are interested.

Lenten Meals - This week the meal will be German Food and Desserts served by the Board of Elders. Serving begins at 6:00 pm on Wednesday evening. Everyone is welcome! Thank you to everyone who provided and served the meals this Lenten season!

Theology on Tap - The North KC Circuit invites all to Theology on Tap - Monthly Theological Discussion led by circuit pastors. Grab a Lutheran beverage and join us Thursday, March 26th at 6:30 pm at the Cinderblock Brewery: 110 E. 18th St. NKC, MO. Leading in March-Rev. Frank Green (King of Kings LC, KC) on the topic "Justification: It's Bigger than You Think."

75th Anniversary Meal RSVP - Wabash BBQ will be catering the meal for the 75th Anniversary of Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Sunday, May 17th, following the 10:00 am Divine Service. If you plan to attend the meal, please sign up on the RSVP list on the cabinet in the Narthex or you can contact the church office.

Order Your Easter Lily for \$9.00 from the Chancel Guild. A poster with envelopes is on the bulletin board across from the elevator for those who would like to order a lily for display during the Easter Services. Place the envelope with your name and payment in the Chancel Guild's mailbox in the old church office no later than Palm Sunday (March 29th). You may take home your lily after the 10:00 am service on Easter Sunday.

An Easter breakfast will be served by the Fellowship Board on Sunday, April 5th during the Bible Class hour, beginning at 8:30 am. Biscuits & gravy, sausage and fresh fruit will be served. Everyone is welcome!

Photos Needed: We are collecting photos of any and all church memories for a slide show that is being put together for the 75th anniversary celebration in May. Please email your pictures by April 15th to Randy Wilson at rwilso6@aol.com. Please see Randy if you have any questions.

Ladies' Night Out will be held Monday, April 13th at 5:30 pm at Cracker Barrel (7920 Tiffany Springs Pkwy, Kansas City, MO 64153). All ladies are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

On the Calendar

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| Sunday, March 22: | Corporate Confession & Absolution..... | 8:00 A.M. |
| | Adult Bible Class/Sunday School..... | 8:45 A.M. |
| | Divine Service | 10:00 A.M. |
| Monday, March 23: | Matins | 7:30 A.M. |
| | ECC Chapel..... | 9:15 A.M. |
| Tuesday, March 24: | Men’s Bible Breakfast..... | 7:00 A.M. |
| | Matins..... | 8:00 A.M. |
| Wednesday, March 25: | Matins..... | 7:30 A.M. |
| | Bible Class..... | 9:00 A.M. |
| | Lenten Meal..... | 6:00 P.M. |
| | Evening Prayer | 7:00 P.M. |
| Thursday, March 26: | Matins | 7:30 A.M. |
| | Swaddling Clothes Workday..... | 9:00 A.M. |
| | ECC Chapel..... | 9:15 A.M. |
| | Theology on Tap..... | 6:30 P.M. |
| Saturday, March 28: | Matins..... | 8:30 A.M. |
| | Handbell Choir Rehearsal..... | 9:00 A.M. |
| | Choir Rehearsal..... | 10:00 A.M. |
| Sunday, March 29: | 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 Stewardship - Please make sure that you are using your 2026 offering envelopes. Giving numbers change from year to year and all giving is tracked by your giving number. Please dispose of any old offering envelopes and use only your 2026 envelopes. Thank you!

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.

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.”**

Portals of Prayer—The April-June 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

Join us in Adult Bible Study every Sunday morning at 8:45 am. We are currently studying the book of Acts.

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