



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

March 29, 2026

The Cross and Passion of Our Lord Are the Hour of His Glory

“Behold, your King is coming to you . . . humble and mounted on a donkey” (Zech. 9:9–12; Mt. 21:1–9). Our Lord rides in this humble fashion because He is entering Jerusalem to humble Himself even to the point of death on a cross (Phil. 2:5–11). His kingly crown will not be made of gold but of thorns, the sign of sin’s curse. For His royal reign is displayed in bearing this curse for His people, saving us from our enemies by sacrificing His own life. The sinless One takes the place of the sinner so that the sinner can be freed and bear the name “*Barabbas*,” “*son of the Father*” (Matthew 26 and 27). It is at the name of this exalted Savior, Jesus, that we bow in humble faith. With the centurion who declared, “*Truly this was the Son of God!*” (Mt. 27:54), we are also given to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father (Phil. 2:11).

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 22: 72; Bible Study: 27; Sunday School: 7; Wednesday, March 25: 39

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

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.” Did Jesus really need the donkey? If the man had refused to give the donkey, would the work of salvation have been derailed? Of course not. But what an honor for the man who owned this donkey and foal! Likewise, with us — the Lord needs none of us, but what an honor for God to choose to use our generosity in the work of His church

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— In the midst of the darkness and forsakenness of that Friday we now call Good, we see God “hiding” in it all, demonstrating His love in a way we cannot comprehend but only apprehend by faith. The passion of Christ assures us that God works in our darkness demonstrating His love, bringing good, and promising never to forsake. *Lord Jesus, redeem all our fallenness by Your humility, compassion, forgiveness, and company. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes— Swaddling Clothes is in need of two more men to help set up our center from 7:00 am - 8:00 am the second Saturday of the month. It's basically setting up tables, lifting totes, putting items out on tables, etc. We already have four volunteers so two more would be great and you would only have to help for approximately one hour every three months. 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 - 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, April 30th at 6:30 pm at the Cinderblock Brewery: 110 E. 18th St. NKC, MO.

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 TODAY. 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 next 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

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.
Monday, March 30:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, March 31:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 1:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 2:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Divine Service	7:00 P.M.
Friday, April 3:	Tenebrae Vespers	7:00 P.M.
<i>Offices Closed</i>		
Saturday, April 4:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
	Easter Vigil Divine Service	6:00 P.M.
Sunday, April 5:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Easter Breakfast.....	8:30 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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