



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

April 12, 2026

The Wounds of Christ Give Us Life

“For there are three that testify: the Spirit and the water and the blood” (1 John 5:7). These three point to Christ and flow from Christ. Jesus shows His disciples His hands side, from which blood and water flowed, saying “Peace be with you.” He presents the wounds which turn our fear to gladness and which restore us to the Father. Jesus breathes on His disciples and says, “Receive the Holy Spirit” (John 20:23). His breath, His words are Spirit and life. They raise up our dry, dead bones and give us new and everlasting life (Ezek. 37:1–14). Christ now gives His ministers to speak His forgiving, Spirit-filled words to the penitent in His stead. Our Lord continues to come to His people, presenting His wounds to us in the Sacraments of water and blood. He bids us to touch His side at His table, to receive His risen body and blood in true faith, that believing we may have life in His name.

Update from Missouri District President, Rev. Lee Hagan

Thank you so much for your prayers and patience over the last few months. I have seen significant progress through my participation in therapy over the last few months. I discussed this with my primary care physician and physical and occupational therapists. Together we feel that I can gradually cut back on my therapy and resume my work at the district office. This is to inform you that I will resume my duties on April 6th

I would also like to express my sincere gratitude to Reverend Craig Otto for his faithful leadership and pastoral care that he provided to the staff and to the congregations of the district. I also would like to commend the service of our staff, the vice presidents, and circuit visitors who have served capably. I continue to invite your prayers for my family as I resume my responsibilities of the office and maintain my physical therapy.

May God continue to bless the work of the Missouri District.

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: Thursday, April 2: 34; Friday, April 3: 43; Saturday, April 4: 41; Sunday, April 5: 103

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

Stewardship Thoughts—John 20:19 – “On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’” Jesus spent a lot of His time telling the disciples to not be afraid. Our fears constantly hem us in and prevent us from following the Lord’s will. But there is no need to fear. Jesus has conquered. No fear can keep us locked up. We have been set free by Jesus to live lives that declare His marvelous deeds.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Our bodily life matters so much to God that He incarnated human flesh Himself. Even after accomplishing atonement by His body’s brokenness, He did not discard it but inhabits it by resurrection as His eternal instrument (John 20:27). When we are physically suffering sin’s consequences, our Savior’s words of forgiveness breathe healing (John 20:21-23), and His ways of faith bring peace into our very bodies. *Lord Jesus, let me take hold of You by faith until Your wounded and resurrected body redeems my own. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes— Our next Center opening will be Saturday, May 9th (10:00 am-1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, May 3rd. 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!



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.

Photos Needed: We are collecting photos of any and all church memories (this includes pictures of weddings and Baptisms) 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.

The newsletter deadline for the May/June edition of the Reflections from the Cross newsletter is Wednesday, April 15th. Please submit all articles to the church office by April 15th. Thank you!

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

On the Calendar

Sunday, April 12:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:30 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, April 13:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
	Ladies' Night Out at Cracker Barrel.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 14:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Church Council Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, April 15:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
<i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 16:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, April 18:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 19:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:30 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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 at the Cinderblock Brewery: 110 E. 18th St. North Kansas City, MO at 6:30pm on Thursday, April 30. This month, whether you're married, want to be, don't think you want to be, or haven't thought much about it you'll appreciate hearing Rev. Daniel Clemens (King of Kings LC, KC) leading on "Christian Marriage as a Living Parable."

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

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 a week or two. 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.

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!

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He is Risen! He is Risen, indeed! A blessed Easter celebration from the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty.

Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? *Set Apart to Serve (SAS)* is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort **by taking this brief online survey** at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. Please let us know how all of us can make *SAS* more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say.

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