



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

April 19, 2026

The Good Shepherd Cares for His Sheep

Our Lord Jesus is the Good Shepherd (John 10:11–16). He is not like the hireling, who cares nothing for the sheep and only for himself, who flees when he sees the wolf coming. Rather, Jesus is the Good Shepherd who seeks out His scattered sheep to deliver them (Ezek. 34:11–16). He gathers them and feeds them in rich pasture. He binds up the broken and strengthens the sick. He lays down His life for wandering and wayward sheep. On the cross, Christ bore in His body the attacks of the predators of sin and death and the devil for you that you might be saved. He now lives to restore your soul in the still waters of baptism, to lead you in the paths of righteousness by the voice of His Gospel, to prepare the table of His holy supper before you, that you may dwell in the house of the Lord forever (Psalm 23). *“For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls”* (1 Peter 2:25).

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, April 12: 72; Bible Study: 28; Sunday School: 8

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

Stewardship Thoughts—John 10:16 – “And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice.” The sheep know the Shepherd's voice and delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. But following the Shepherd means life, and following anyone else means death. So, no matter how difficult the path, let us follow Him!

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The Good Shepherd lays down His life for the sheep (John 10:11-16). Herein lies our assurance that our Shepherd does not abandon His sheep. He loves them too much. He paid too much for them to forsake them. We live our lives, not in the absence of suffering, but in the presence of the Good Shepherd. *Good Shepherd, thank You for laying down Your life for me. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a SC sorting on Wednesday, April 22 from 10:30 am - 12:30 pm following Wednesday morning Bible Class. Everyone is welcome to help! Our next quarterly meeting is Monday, April 27 (5:30 pm) in the Conference Room. Everyone invited to attend. SC next Center Opening is May 9 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Volunteers can sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, May 3rd. By signing up ahead of time this allows us to know how many volunteers are available to help on Saturday, May 9th. Any questions contact Shara at (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 to Randy Wilson at rwilso6@aol.com. Please see Randy if you have any questions.

ECC Spring Concert - Our Early Childhood Center children will perform a short spring concert, directed by Mrs. Meissner, on Thursday, April 23rd in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30pm. A light meal will be served following the concert.

The next regular Voter's Meeting will be next Sunday, April 26th following the Divine Service.

What is Memento? "Your family is invited to a picnic meal at the backyard of Christ Lutheran Church in Platte Woods (6700 NW 72nd St.) Sunday, May 3rd beginning at 4:00 p.m. hosted by the men of our circuit from the Memento men's group. Memento is an LCMS organization of over 4,000 men who engage together in devotions, prayer, and challenges in Christian disciplines themed around the Church Year. The disciplines of the Easter season are centered around feasting and hospitality, and we want to show hospitality to you! You don't need to bring anything, but please do RSVP by May 1st to prcowell@christlc.com. This picnic is for all families and friends of our circuit parishes, and especially those interested in learning more about the Memento program.

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."

On the Calendar

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.
Monday, April 20:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, April 21:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 22:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	10:30 A.M.
	Board of Christian Schools Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Thursday, April 23:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	ECC Spring Concert & Meal.....	5:30 P.M.
Saturday, April 25:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, April 26:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:30 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Regular Voter’s Meeting.....	11:30 A.M.

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.”**

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!

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 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.



BOOK OF 2 TIMOTHY BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of 2 Timothy. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, Tune In, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

Over the last eight years (roughly 2018–2026), the U.S. Supreme Court has decided at least 15 religious liberty cases in favor of religious claims. See www.LCRLFREEDOM.org for more information and a free booklet about these cases.

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.

Your Support Helps Spread the Gospel in Russia and Surrounding Countries - With your help, the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and the Lutheran Theological Seminary in Novosibirsk, Siberia, are succeeding in carrying God’s Word and Sacrament to people in Russia and those in nearby countries. Even as crisis between Russia and Ukraine persists, the Siberian Church continues its ministry to people in places where Christian thinking and practice have been suppressed for many years. You can help by supporting the work of the **Siberian Lutheran Mission Society, 8811 St. Joe Road, Fort Wayne, Indiana, 46835**. Your support helps not just for today, but it also has sustaining value for years to come.