



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

April 26, 2026

Those Who Wait on the Lord Shall Rejoice

The people of God are pilgrims and sojourners in this world, looking ahead to a destination yet to come (1 Peter 2:11–20). Though we are now children of God, the fullness of what we shall be has not yet been revealed (1 John 3:1–3). We are those who wait on the Lord. “*The Lord is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him*” (Lam. 3:25). Jesus tells us that the wait is just a little while. “*A little while, and you will see me no longer; and again a little while, and you will see me*” (John 16:16). Though you must experience sorrow for a time, though you must live as strangers in a world that is at enmity with Christ, yet your sorrow will be turned to joy when He returns. “*But they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength*” (Is. 40:31). The little while of weeping shall be replaced with an eternity of rejoicing in the presence of Christ the crucified and risen Savior. “*And no one will take your joy from you*” (John 16:22).

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 19: 72; Bible Study: 25; Sunday School: 6

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

Stewardship Thoughts—1 Peter 2:11 – “Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.” Surely one of the “passions of the flesh” we all struggle with is greed. We constantly desire to have more things to bring us comfort & peace of mind. But that shows us the real problem with greed: it wages war against our soul. It urges us to place our trust in the things of this world & not in God. But St. Peter reminds us that in this world, we are sojourners & exiles—we really belong to the kingdom of God. We have been purchased by the blood of Christ & belong to Him.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The joy that comes from the risen Christ cannot be taken away (John 16:22). This is not a feel-good happiness dependent upon circumstances. It is a fruit of Christ's Spirit, the joy of our salvation in Christ that circumstances cannot change or diminish. Many of the life issues we deal with today are “joy robbers” and present opportunities to share the joy of the resurrection. *Gracious Savior, fill my words with the comfort and hope of resurrection to everlasting life with You. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next quarterly meeting is this 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.

The regular Voter's Meeting is today, 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 pcrowell@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."

Baby Bottle Drive for Resource Health - May 10 (Mother's Day) through June 21 (Father's Day), we will be participating in the Baby Bottle drive for Resource Health. Resource Health is a pregnancy center on Vivion Rd. They advocate for parents that are facing unplanned pregnancies to keep their babies and offer support and resources to help them with their decision as they go through their pregnancy. Starting May 10, baby bottles can be found on the table in the Narthex. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, bills or check and return it to church. Thank you to all who participate!

The May/June Reflections from the Cross newsletter was emailed out this week. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

On the Calendar

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.
Monday, April 27:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Quarterly Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, April 28:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, April 29:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, April 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Theology on Tap.....	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, May 2:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 3:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:30 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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.



WEEKLY BACH CANTATAS.... Lutheran Public Radio streams an appointed Bach Cantata uninterrupted at 1 p.m. and 8 p.m. Central on Sundays. This week's cantata will be BWV 103, "You Will Weep and Wail." You can listen at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and with the LPR mobile app.

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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.

The Paul Preisinger Scholarship Fund for Pastoral Candidates is now accepting application for the 2026-2027 School Year. This scholarship was started in memory of the late Rev. Paul Preisinger. This is intended to encourage men to become Pastors in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod by providing financial assistance for their education. The focus is on the Kansas City South, Central and North Circuit. This includes students at the Seminary and also those attending one of the Concordia Colleges as they prepare for the ministry. All applications need to be postmarked no later than May 31, 2026. Please contact Barb Ewert for questions and applications at Bewertrn@yahoo.com.