



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

May 3, 2026

## *Jesus Promises to Send His Holy Spirit, the Helper*

Though Jesus has departed from us visibly to the right hand of the Father who sent Him, yet this is to our advantage. For Jesus—who is Lord over all creation, who intercedes for us before the Father, who is preparing a place for us in heaven—has sent the Helper, the Spirit of Truth (John 16:5–15). “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights” through Jesus Christ (James 1:17). The Holy Spirit helps us by taking what is Christ’s and declaring it to us. In the Word of truth, the Spirit works repentance and delivers to us the forgiveness of sins, the righteousness of Christ, and victory over the devil. For the ruler of this world is judged and defeated by the cross. Through the ministry of the Holy Spirit, we have been brought forth to new life in Him who is the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. Confident of our resurrection with Christ we confess, “Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid” (Is. 12:2).

**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 26: 80; Bible Study:30; Sunday School: 10

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

**Altar Flowers** this week are given by Rich and Linda Rusche in honor of the 48th wedding anniversary. May God continue to bless your union!

**Stewardship Thoughts**—James 1:17 – “Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.” There are a great many passages in Scripture which echo this theme: everything good we have is from God. He loves to give. He loves to bless. He loves to show us generosity time and again, and He desires that we reflect His love and openhanded kindness.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**— Only the grace of God could supply as supreme a blessing as a mother’s company and comfort. In the same way (John 16:7b), the Holy Spirit gives life and saves life even and especially when sorrow fills the heart (John 16:6). Indeed, the Word of forgiveness, joy, and hope He implants redeems both hopeless situations and helpless souls for everlasting celebration (James 1:21). -*Ever-present Redeemer, embrace us with Your Spirit until we trust Your truth, follow Your way, and enjoy Your life. Amen.*

**Swaddling Clothes** - Our next Center Opening is this Saturday, May 9 (10:00am - 1:00pm). PLEASE sign up on the SC bulletin board today if you are available to help? Signing up allows us to know how many volunteers are available to help on Saturday, May 9th. We are still in need one man to help with setup from 7:00 am - 8:00 am on the 2nd Saturday of the month. I would also like to try an evening sorting time (where we sort all of our donated items). If you have any questions or would like to help please see Shara (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.

**What is Memento?** "Your family is invited to a picnic meal at the backyard of Christ Lutheran Church in Platte Woods (6700 NW 72<sup>nd</sup> St.) Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 1<sup>st</sup> to [prcowell@christlc.com](mailto: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, May 28th.

**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 in April. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

**Ladies’ Night Out** will not have an outing in May. We will plan an outing for June. Please watch the info notes for more information.

# On the Calendar

<b>Sunday, May 3:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:30 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Monday, May 4:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
<b>Tuesday, May 5:</b>	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder’s Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
<b>Wednesday, May 6:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
<b>Thursday, May 7:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
<b>Saturday, May 9:</b>	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00 A.M.
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	Adult Bible Class/Sunday School.....	8:30 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>

**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](http://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.



**What Makes Someone** a “Champion” of Religious Liberty? See <https://lcrifreedom.org/champions> to learn more about becoming a Champion for Religious Liberty.

**PROVIDING ARTILLERY SUPPORT FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT ON THE FRONT LINES...** Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: Intercessory Prayer in a Post-Christian Culture, Understanding Difficult Old Testament Passages, Roman Catholicism on Free Will, “The Population Bomb” by Paul Ehrlich, Luther’s Large Catechism on Holy Baptism and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app and your favorite podcast provider.

**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](http://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](mailto:Bewertrn@yahoo.com).