



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

May 17, 2026

The Spirit of Truth Bears Witness to Jesus

The Spirit of Truth bears witness to Jesus, who is the truth. But the world does not receive the truth. It loves its own and hates those who are of the truth. Just as Jesus was scorned, so is His Church. *"The hour is coming when whoever kills you will think he is offering service to God"* (John 16:2). Yet it is by Jesus' suffering and death that we are saved. Therefore we rejoice to share in His sufferings, that we may also share in His resurrection glory (1 Pet. 4:7-14). Through the ministry of the Spirit of Truth, we are cleansed from the deceit of our idols and given a new heart and a new spirit, the heart and Spirit of Christ (Ezek. 36:22-28). He now works in us fervent, self-giving love for one another, love which covers a multitude of sins, *"that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen"* (1 Pet. 4:11).

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, May 10: 82; Bible Study:25; 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 the Williams Family in honor of Emma's college graduation.

Stewardship Thoughts—Acts 1:11 – "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ is ascended, and Christ will come again. We live out our lives in this world in the sure confidence of the life to come. We live as people who know our Lord Jesus and who know that He is coming back. This knowledge makes all the difference in how we approach the things of this world.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The loving Creator's presence and power surmounts every impediment to life and sanctifies all its impairments. He works new life in those as dead as stones (Ezekiel 36:26), abundant life among those as abandoned as exiles (Ezekiel 36:24, 28), and everlasting life for those as bereft as beggars (Ezekiel 36:29-30). Jesus stoops these gifts into – and brings them up out of – every kind of uncleanness (Ezekiel 36:25). *Dear Father, invite and involve us in Your overcoming. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next sorting time will be Wednesday, May 27 from 10:30am to 12:30pm (following Bible Class). Everyone is welcome to help. I would also like to try an evening sorting time to see if anyone that is unable to make the Wednesday morning sorting time would like to help. Please let me know if you are interested. We are still in need of one man that would like to help setup our center the second Saturday of the month from 7:00 am to 8:00 am. Our next Center Opening is Saturday, June 13 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). Please sign up on the bulletin board by Sunday, June 7 so we know how many volunteers are available to help. Ps. Just to let you know that three volunteers from Christ LCMS will not be available to help in June, so we could use some extra help! Thank you! Any questions please contact Shara @ (816)654-2294.



Theology on Tap - The North KC Circuit again invites all to Theology on Tap - Monthly Theological Discussion led by circuit pastors. Before heading out for summer vacation join us for one last round us at the Cinderblock Brewery: 110 E. 18th St. North Kansas City, MO. at about 6:30pm on Thursday, May 28. This month, Rev. Dr. Craig Meissner (Holy Cross Lutheran, KC) leads on "Telling the Truth and Lying." Yes, liars welcome, too!

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. Baby bottles can be found on the table in the hallway. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, bills or check and return it to church. Thank you to all who participate!

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.

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

Sunday School classes are now finished for the school year. Children are welcome to attend Bible Class with their parents during the summer. Sunday school classes will start again after Labor Day.

On the Calendar

Sunday, May 17: <i>75th Anniversary</i>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Banquet & Program.....	12:30 P.M.
Monday, May 18:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Pre-Kindergarten Graduation.....	6:30 P.M.
Tuesday, May 19:	Men's Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, May 20:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, May 21:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, May 23:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, May 24:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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.



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UNDERSTANDING DIFFICULT OLD TESTAMENT PASSAGES... Was the universe really created in six days? Why did men live so long? What about all the violence in the Old Testament? Do Old Testament prophets predict current events? You'll find answers to these questions in a series of interviews with Doctor Reed Lessing and Doctor Andrew Steinmann, co-authors of the new book "Wrestling with God." You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org/wrestlingwithgod. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken.

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.

Christ Lutheran Pre-Kindergarten in Platte Woods, Missouri is seeking a new full-time Pre-Kindergarten Director for the 2026-27 school year! Candidates must be members of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, have a college degree, and education and/or administrative experience is preferred. If interested, contact the Director of the School Oversight Committee John Henrichs with cover letter and resume, by e-mail at schooleducation@christlc.com. Thank you for your prayers as we seek God's will in finding a wonderful new Director for this ministry!