



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

May 24, 2026

## *The Holy Spirit Gives Peace*

Following the flood, Noah's descendants failed to spread out and fill the earth as God had spoken. Rather, they exalted themselves; with "one language and the same words" (Gen. 11:1) they spoke proudly and arrogantly. The Lord humbled them by confusing "the language of all the earth," dividing and dispersing the people (Gen. 11:9). That dispersal was reversed on Pentecost Day (the fiftieth day of Easter), when God caused the one Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to be preached in a multitude of languages. "At this sound the multitude came together" (Acts 2:6), for the preaching of Christ is the primary work of the Holy Spirit, whereby He gathers people from all nations into one Church. The Holy Spirit teaches and brings to our remembrance the words of Jesus, which are the words of the Father who sent Him. These words bestow forgiveness and peace to those who keep and hold on to them in love for Jesus. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid." (John 14:27).

Thank you to everyone who helped make our 75th Anniversary celebration so special. We especially thank the family of Sandy Sanders for the meal donation, our Bell Choir, Choir and musicians for their music, those who prepared the historical presentation, all who cleaned, decorated, and assisted with preparations, and our guest pastor, Rev. Ryan Wendt, for leading us in worship. We give thanks to God for each of you.

**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, May 14: 27; Sunday, May 17: 114

**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 Pat & Missie Schroeder and Richard & Terrie Reece in honor of Reece's graduation.

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Acts 2:1 – "When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place." Pentecost is the Old Testament harvest festival, taking place around the time when the wheat and oats are ready to be brought in. Of course, this was an image and foreshadowing of the great harvest of humankind that God means to carry out through the preaching of His Word. God gives the seed, and God brings about the harvest. From first to last, in things temporal and things eternal, we stand only by His grace.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**— The tower of Babel used God-pleasing technology but not in a way that pleased God (Genesis 11:1-9). The technology to cure disease and to enhance and prolong life is a gift from God. The misuse of this technology, therefore, is an affront to God. The Spirit of Christ enables the believer to discern between what one is able to do and what one ought to do based upon the Word of God. *Almighty God, let Your Spirit fill me through Your Word and Sacraments so that all I say and do may bring Your glory to my neighbors in need. 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 at (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!

**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.

**The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL)** honors and remembers those fallen service members who gave the ultimate sacrifice to preserve our freedoms. The LCRL urges all to protect and defend these freedoms. See [www.LCRLFreedom.org](http://www.LCRLFreedom.org) for more information.

# On the Calendar

<b>Sunday, May 24:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>
<b>Monday, May 25:</b> <i>Memorial Day</i>	Offices Closed	
<b>Tuesday, May 26:</b>	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
<b>Wednesday, May 27:</b>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	10:30-12:30 P.M.
<b>Thursday, May 28:</b>	Matins .....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Theology on Tap.....	6:30 P.M.
<b>Saturday, May 30:</b>	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
<b>Sunday, May 31:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	<b>Divine Service</b> .....	<b>10:00 A.M.</b>

**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.



**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](mailto:schooleducation@christlc.com). Thank you for your prayers as we seek God's will in finding a wonderful new Director for this ministry!

**Hymn Festival** - On Friday, June 12th from 6:00-7:15 PM, please join us at Christ Lutheran Church, 6700 NW 72nd St, Platte Woods, MO 64151, for a special Hymn Festival Fundraiser. This hymn festival will feature a medley hymns from our hymnal played by several musicians, including a few with congregational singing. Donations will be accepted at the hymn festival in an effort to raise money to host world-renown organist, Paul Fey of Leipzig, Germany for an organ recital at Christ Lutheran this fall. Please contact Blake Faller at [hymnsofthesaxophone@outlook.com](mailto:hymnsofthesaxophone@outlook.com) if you have any questions about the June 12th hymn festival or the Paul Fey organ recital this fall.

**Northland Lutheran Arts & Music Festival** - You are invited to King of Kings Lutheran Church on Friday, June 5th to the 2026 Northland Lutheran Arts & Music Festival at King of Kings Lutheran Church. Centered on the theme “Holy, Holy, Holy!”—inspired by the beloved hymn by Reginald Heber—the festival gathers voices and creative gifts from Lutheran congregations across the Northland for a joyful celebration of faith. Enjoy an evening of sacred music featuring a combined All-Circuit Choir, congregation choirs, small ensembles, and instrumentalists, while also exploring a curated visual art exhibition reflecting on God’s holiness, sacred spaces, and the blessings He gives to His people. This is a FREE event. Open to the community. Doors open 6pm. Concert starts 7pm. Coffee reception to follow. **Musicians and singers are invited** to take part in the festival. Vocalists may join the All-Circuit Choir, participate in a small group, bring their church choir, or contribute instrumentally. This event is open to ALL Lutheran singers in the Northland. There will be two, all-choir optional rehearsals the week leading up to event: Sunday, May 31: 3p-5p & Wednesday, June 3: 6p-8p Attend as you are able. For more information visit [www.kingofkingskc.org/lutheranfest](http://www.kingofkingskc.org/lutheranfest) or call King of Kings at 816-436-7680.

**St. John’s Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka, KS, will host its tenth annual Worship Conference on Saturday, August 29, at 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.** This conference provides continuing education and conversation for pastors, church musicians, and congregation members interested in the song and worship of the Church. The keynote speaker for this year’s conference is **Rev. Timothy Frank**, who is the associate pastor and kantor at St. Paul’s Lutheran Church in Council Bluffs, Iowa. A summary of the keynote presentations & the registration form can be found on our website at <https://stjohnlcmstopeka.org/worship/worship-conference/>

**In HIS Image** - On Saturday, September 19, 2026, St. Stephen Lutheran Church in Liberty, MO is hosting a seminar presented by Doxology called "In HIS Image: Navigating Christian Sexuality in a Post-Christian Culture." This one day seminar is designed to equip pastors, teachers, parents, and all Christians with tools to speak constructively and live confidently amid the current confusion over gender, rapidly changing sexual norms in society, and the legal redefinition of marriage. The seminar includes lunch and is completely free, thanks to a grant from the LCMS Office of National Mission. Registration link:<https://forms.gle/p64Wgr7V7gQY1ioT8>)