



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

June 7, 2026

Faith Trusts in Christ for Life Eternal

When the beggar Lazarus died, he was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. For he was truly Abraham's seed. Like Abraham, he believed in the Lord, and the Lord "counted it to him as righteousness" (Gen. 15:6). The name Lazarus means "God is my help." The unnamed rich man, on the other hand, did not love and trust in God. For he evidently cared little for the beggar at his gate. And "he who does not love his brother whom he has seen cannot love God whom he has not seen" (1 John 4:20). He who loved and trusted in possessions and prestige died and was in torments in Hades (Luke 16:19-31). Repentance and faith are worked only through Moses and the prophets—that is, the Word of God, for it points us to Christ. Only through His death and resurrection are we brought the comfort of life everlasting.

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 31: 69; Adult Bible Class: 24

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

Altar flowers this week are given by Evelyn McConnell in memory of her husband, Phillip, on their birthdays.

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 16:19 – "There was a rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day." There is another rich man in this story — Abraham. Obviously, these two men used the gift of riches that God gave them in very different ways. The life and decisions of Abraham flowed from faith; the rich man's life and decisions flowed from disbelief and self-centeredness. Abraham's kindness and generosity reflected his trust in a kind and generous God. And the rich man...well, you saw what happened to him and what god he served.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— So much does our Father love us that He sends us angels to assist us in our lowest moments (Luke 16:22). Identify those He has surrounded you with and thank them! Then look for the closest Lazarus God has laid at your gate. Brush off the crumbs, shoo away the dogs (16:21), and set him or her a brother's place (16:27-28) at heaven's feast (16:19). *Dear Lord God, make me to find my luxuries in sharing life with Your children. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is this Saturday, June 13 (10:00am - 1:00pm). Please sign-up by TODAY June 7 on the SC bulletin board if you would like to volunteer. Please note that some of our regular volunteers are out of town this Saturday due to weddings or other commitments so we could use a couple new volunteers. We are also still in need of one man to help set-up the 2nd Saturday of the month from 7:00 am - 8:00 am on an alternating schedule. Right now we have five of the six men needed on the schedule... just one to go!!! Any questions please see or text Shara at (816) 654-2294. Thank you!



Handbell choir has concluded its season this spring. Handbell choir will resume this fall on Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am. We would love to have new players join us then. We can teach you everything needed to ring a position. See Linda Rusche (816-797-2696) if you have any questions.

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 Narthex. Pick up a baby bottle, fill it with change, bills or check and return it to church. So far, the total collected is \$327.50. Thank you to all who participate!

The Church Council will meet THIS Tuesday, June 9th at 7:00 pm. **The next regular Voter's Meeting** will be Sunday, June 28th at 11:30 am.

The deadline for the July/August edition of the *Reflections of the Cross* newsletter is Monday, June 15th. Please submit all articles to the office for inclusion.

On the Calendar

Sunday, June 7:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, June 8:	No Matins or ECC Chapel	
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, June 9:	No Matins or Men's Bible Breakfast	
	Church Council Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, June 10:	No Matins or Bible Class	
Thursday, June 11:	No Matins or ECC Chapel	
Saturday, June 13:	No Matins	
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
Sunday, June 14:	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.



June traditionally is the month for weddings. Planning an outdoor venue, be prepared with a large tent to thwart showers. You can be prepared to thwart threats to Religious Liberty with a subscription to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty email list. See www.LCRLFreedom.org/subscribe.

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!

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 hymnssoftthesaxophone@outlook.com if you have any questions about the June 12th hymn festival or the Paul Fey organ recital this fall.

ESSENTIAL EXERCISE FOR THE CHRISTIAN MIND... 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: A Lutheran View of Psychiatry, The Crusades, Roman Catholicism on Faith, The Comfort of Lutheran Doctrine, Pro-Life Feminism and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app of your favorite podcast provider.

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>)