



# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

June 14, 2026

## *The Gospel Call Goes Out to All*

Wisdom has issued an invitation to the divine feast: “Come, eat of my bread and drink of the wine I have mixed. Leave your simple ways, and live, and walk in the way of insight” (Prov. 9:5–6). This is the call of the Spirit of Christ to believe the Gospel and to receive His saving gifts in the Holy Supper. Many make excuses and reject this invitation, even as the Jews did in the days of Jesus, yet the Master’s house will be filled. The Gospel call therefore goes out to the lowly and despised, into the highways, even to all the Gentiles (Luke 14:15–24). For “you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ” (Eph. 2:13–22). In Christ, believing Jews and Gentiles are no longer strangers but fellow members of the household of God. The enmity of class and race is put to death through the cross. Having been reconciled in the one Body of Christ, we are enabled to love one another (1 John 3:13–18) as we await the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom which will have no end.

**Today we welcome Rev. Thomas Cowell as our Guest Pastor.  
Thank you for leading us in worship, Rev. Cowell.**

**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, June 7: 68; Adult Bible Class: 20

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

**Stewardship Thoughts**—Luke 14:19 – “And another said, ‘I have bought five yoke of oxen, and I go to examine them. Please have me excused.’” The things of this world tempt us to cast aside the things of God. The things of this world demand our attention, time, finances, etc. But Jesus invites us to the feast — what could be more important than this gracious invitation? Today’s parable invites us to examine our own priorities and excuses, and then come home in humble repentance to the Lord who invites us.

**Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life**— Our Savior and our Scriptures do not recognize a functional distinction between physical deficiency and spiritual deficiency. All human beings suffer from a fallen sinfulness that makes us decisively compromised (Luke 14:21-23). And Christ’s sacrifice, victory, and companionship call and escort every such one into His heavenly household! *God of compassion and mercy, gather together Your precious ones so that we embrace both You and each other. Amen.*

**Swaddling Clothes** - Our next opening will be Saturday, July 11 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, July 5. By signing up ahead of time helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening. We are STILL in need of one more man to be a part of a two man SC setup team from 7:00 am -8:00 am the second Saturday of each month. With six men we can alternate months meaning you would only serve (one hour) every two - three months depending on everyone's schedules. Any questions please see or text Shara (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 next regular Voter’s Meeting** will be Sunday, June 28th at 11:30 am. **A list of Proposed Officers** for the 2026-2028 term is available to view on the bulletin board across from the elevator. **We are still in need of volunteers to fill open positions.** If you’d like to serve as a Board Chairman or Board Member, please speak with a member of the Church Council.

**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

<b>Sunday, June 14:</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, June 15:</b>	No Matins or ECC Chapel <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	
<b>Tuesday, June 16:</b>	No Matins or Men's Bible Breakfast	
<b>Wednesday, June 17:</b>	No Matins or Bible Class	
<b>Thursday, June 18:</b>	No Matins or ECC Chapel	
<b>Saturday, June 20:</b>	No Matins Choir Rehearsal.....	1:15 P.M.
<b>Sunday, June 21:</b>	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
<i>Father's Day</i>	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.



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**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!

**EXPERT GUESTS, EXPANSIVE TOPICS, EXTOLLING CHRIST...** 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 subjects include: The Tragedy of Islam, Purgatory, An Update on the Legal Battle Between the LCMS & Concordia University Texas, Declining Public School Enrollment, Children's Right's & Same Sex Marriage and more. You can listen at your convenience at [issuesetc.org](http://issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a 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>

**We will have an Organ Workshop** at Holy Cross on **Saturday, October 17, 2026**. Mrs. Bethany Johnson, Kantor at Saint John's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Topeka, Kansas, will share her knowledge during an organ workshop at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Kansas City, Missouri. Our sessions will include information about the tempo and pulse of hymns, planning music from pre-service to postlude, and organ pedaling skills. If you have specifics you would like to include in any of these topics, please send them to us! This year we are offering an optional **MasterClass** This will be after Session III in the early afternoon. If you would like to participate, please prepare a piece (or hymn) to play. Bethany will work with you (similar to a private music lesson) in front of everyone else on how to improve your technique for whatever you are playing. It may seem intimidating, but it is such a positive growing experience, and there is always more to learn. The cost is \$35.00 per person or \$45.00 if you participate in the MasterClass. Cash or check at the door. If you would like to attend please send a message to [holycrosskcmusic@yahoo.com](mailto:holycrosskcmusic@yahoo.com).