



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

June 21, 2026

Jesus Receives Sinners

“This man receives sinners and eats with them” (Luke 15:2). The Pharisees’ statement of judgment against Jesus is in fact a proclamation of Gospel truth. For our God is one who delights in mercy, who casts all our sins into the depths of the sea through the cross (Micah 7:18–20). “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). Those who refuse to be counted as sinners also refuse Jesus who came only for sinners. Those like the older son (Luke 15:11–32), who think they are righteous of themselves, will not join in the heavenly celebration over the sinner who repents and so remain outside of the Father’s house. Let us therefore be on guard against self-righteously trusting in our own merits. “Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you” (1 Peter 5:6). Rejoice that Jesus receives sinners like us and that He still sits at table with us in the Holy Supper, bestowing His forgiveness and life.

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 14: 72; Adult Bible Class: 26

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Eleanor Kear in memory of her husband Ron, on his birthday and from Emmie & Reece Schroeder in memory of their orchestra teacher, Mr. Hershberger, who passed away last weekend.

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 15:10 – “Just so, I tell you, there is joy before the angels of God over one sinner who repents.” Jesus eats with sinners, not so that they will remain stuck in their sins, but so that they will come to know His love and repent. To repent means to turn, that is, to turn away from sin and toward Jesus in faith. Whether the sin we struggle with is pride, greed, doubt or any number of other sins, the Lord calls us to turn to Him again in faith and away from our sin.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— God’s love and Christ’s forgiveness come to us and carry us. Afraid and unable on our own, His words and ways bear us home every time to rejoicing (Luke 15:1-10). Let us seek with Him to rescue His little ones, no matter where they’ve wandered or how they’re wounded (1 Timothy 1:12-17), that we may celebrate together. *Holy Father, accompany me with Your grace through this collapsing world that no more may be lost. 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!

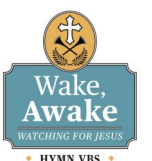


Handbell choir has concluded its season this spring. Handbell choir will resume this fall on Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am. We would love to have new players join us then. We can teach you everything needed to ring a position. See Linda Rusche (816-797-2696) if you have any questions.

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! PLEASE RETURN ALL BOTTLES BY NEXT SUNDAY, JUNE 28TH.

The next regular Voter’s Meeting will be NEXT 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.

Vacation Bible School - We are beginning to plan for our 2026 Vacation Bible School. VBS is scheduled for July 20-21, 8:30 am-11:30 am. We are seeking volunteers for classroom teachers, crafts leaders and helpers, props, and Bible story actors. Please contact Myla Miller (816) 399-9291 or the church office if you are interested in volunteering.



On the Calendar

Sunday, June 21: <i>Father's Day</i>	Corporate Confession & Absolution..... Adult Bible Class..... Divine Service	8:00 A.M. 8:45 A.M. 10:00 A.M.
Monday, June 22:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Tuesday, June 23:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, June 24:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Thursday, June 25:	Matins..... ECC Chapel.....	7:30 A.M. 9:15 A.M.
Saturday, June 27:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
Sunday, June 28:	Corporate Confession & Absolution..... Adult Bible Class..... Divine Service Regular Voter's Meeting.....	8:00 A.M. 8:45 A.M. 10:00 A.M. 11:30 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.



It has been postulated that a father's legacy is written in the lives of his children. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for fathers and traditional marriage. See www.LCRLFreedom.org

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!

IN-DEPTH SERIES ON THE CRUSADES... Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. You can listen to a series of interviews on the Crusades with Dr. Thomas Madden, medieval historian and author of "The Concise History of the Crusades" at issuesetc.org/crusades.

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.