



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

June 28, 2026

Christ's Mercy Is Ours to Show to Others

"Be merciful, even as your Father also is merciful" (Luke 6:36-42). The old Adam in us wants to condemn and seek vengeance. But the Lord says, "Vengeance is Mine, I will repay" (Rom. 12:14-21). To condemn, to avenge yourself, is to put yourself in the place of God. It is to fail to trust that He is just. Ultimately, it is to disbelieve that Jesus suffered the full vengeance for all wrongs. Only Christ is merciful as the Father is merciful. He is the one who overcame all evil with the good of His cross, forgiving even His executioners. Jesus is our Joseph, who comforts us with words of pardon and reconciliation (Gen. 50:15-21). He is the One who does not condemn but gives life that runs over. Only through faith in Christ are we sons of the Father—being merciful, forgiving, doing good to our enemies. For in Christ we know that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us (Rom. 8:8-13).

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 21: 68; Adult Bible Class: 25

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

Altar Flowers this week are given by Don & Jennifer Miller to the glory of God.

Stewardship Thoughts—Romans 8:18 – "For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us." It is very easy to get caught up in the present and lose track of our ultimate destiny in the kingdom of God. St. Paul encourages us to keep eternity in mind. This certainly applies to our support for the Gospel — if we keep our focus on "the glory to be revealed" we will see our tithes and offerings in a new light.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Whether it be the evils of abortion or the assaults on biblical marriage, it becomes easier to attack people rather than confront the evil. We end up fighting evil with evil. But the way of Christ is different. "Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them" (Romans 12:14). "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good" (12:21). *Jesus, help us boldly confront evil and compassionately deal with those caught up in it. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will hold a SC sorting on Wednesday, July 1st (9:00 am - 12:00 pm) for anyone that is available to help. Our next opening is Saturday, July 11 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, July 5. By signing up ahead of time it helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening? Any questions please see or text Shara [816] 654-2294. Thank you! Ps. We still have the need for one man to help with a one hour set-up!

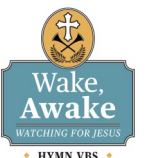


Handbell choir has concluded its season this spring. Handbell choir will resume this fall on Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am. We would love to have new players join us then. We can teach you everything needed to ring a position. See Linda Rusche (816-797-2696) if you have any questions.

Baby Bottle Drive for Resource Health - The drive has ended. So far, the total collected is \$460.50. Thank you to all who participated! If you still have a bottle, please return all bottles to the table in the Narthex by next Sunday.

The next regular Voter's Meeting is TODAY following the Divine Service.. **A list of Proposed Officers** for the 2026-2028 term is available to view on the bulletin board across from the elevator. **We are 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.



Ladies' Night Out will be held Monday, July 6th at 5:30 pm at Smokehouse (6304 N Oak Trafficway, Gladstone, MO 64118). All ladies are welcome! Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

The July/August Reflections from the Cross newsletter was emailed out this week. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

On the Calendar

Sunday, June 28:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Regular Voter's Meeting.....	11:30 A.M.
Monday, June 29:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Tuesday, June 30:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder's Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, July 1:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	9:00-12:00 P.M.
Thursday, July 2:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, July 4:	NO Matins	
Sunday, July 5:	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.



The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty: because someone has to watch Congress while the rest of us are at potlucks. Stay connected at 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!

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... 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: The 2026 Annual Meeting of the Southern Baptist Convention, Marxism & Liberation Theology, Expressive Individualism & the Christian Life, The Sevenfold Graces of the Spirit in Isaiah 11 and more. You can listen on-demand at 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.