



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

July 5, 2026

Jesus Makes Fishers of Men

The Lord called fishermen to be fishers of men (Luke 5:1–11). The net they would use is the message of the cross, which is foolishness and a stumbling block to the world (1 Cor. 1:18–25). The power of God to save is not in spectacular signs like wind and fire and earthquakes (1 Kings 19:11–21), nor is it to be found in human intelligence and wisdom. The power of God to save comes in the still, small voice of the preaching of Christ crucified. In worldly darkness the disciples could catch nothing. But in the light of Christ, whose Word was attached to the water, the boats were filled with fish. So it is that in Baptism you have been drawn in to the ship of the Church. Though the nets are breaking and some who hear the Word do not believe, pastors continue to cast the net of the Gospel and the Sacraments, that Christians may abide in the boat of the Church and that we may be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks a reason for the hope that is in us (1 Peter 3:8–15).

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 28: 67; 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 the Schroeder & Reece families in honor of Emmie's 22nd Birthday and Baptism.

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 5:5 – “And Simon answered, ‘Master, we toiled all night and took nothing! But at your word I will let down the nets.’” All our toil, all our work, all our efforts mean nothing without the Lord's guidance. But if we walk in the Word of Jesus... well, look what happened to Simon Peter! The Lord gives grace, and He promises to bless our efforts and bring forth further blessings that we never expected.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Sacrificing relatives or slaughtering rivals—either for their own good or for ours—results in no righteousness. God has chosen those we are tempted to treat as disposable for demonstrating the depths of His blessings (1 Corinthians 1:26-30). Patiently awaiting His salvation as humble companions reaps the great reward. *Lamb of God, gather me in together with all Your little ones. Amen.*

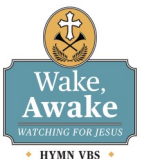
Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is Saturday, July 11 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board by TODAY. By signing up ahead of time it helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening. Any questions please 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 total collected was \$471. Thank you to all who participated!

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

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

Portals of Prayer—The July-September edition of Portals of Prayer is available on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please consider leaving a donation for your copy. A standard issue costs the church \$2 & a large print copy costs the church \$3.

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.



On the Calendar

Sunday, July 5:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, July 6:	NO Matins	
	Ladies' Night Out at Smokehouse.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, July 7:	NO Matins	
Wednesday, July 8:	NO Matins	
Thursday, July 9:	NO Matins or ECC Chapel	
Saturday, July 11:	NO Matins	
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
Sunday, July 12:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

Ben Franklin famously quipped, "A Republic, if you can keep it" when asked what form of government the founders finalized. The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty helps this generation "keep it." See www.LCRLFreedom.org for more information.

WHERE CHRISTIANITY MEETS CULTURE... 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: Pro-Life Democrats; Divorce & Remarriage; Down Syndrome Children & Abortion; Campus Ministry and more. You can listen at your convenience 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.

Our Saviour Lutheran Church (4153 Rainbow Blvd, KCKS, 66103; phone: 913-236-6228) is celebrating its centennial this year, Sept. 25-27, 2026. Visit www.oskc.org and look for the Upcoming Event banner that links you to info about Fri.-Sat events (open house, service of hymns and prayer, banquet) and Sunday's 10am worship service. You can enter your contact info via an RSVP button. Former members, former Preschool and K-8 school students, as well as congregation friends are encouraged to attend - giving God the glory for 100+ years of worship, ministry and service in our neighborhood.

Swing for a Cause! Join us for a Four-Person Scramble sponsored by St. Stephen Lutheran Church, benefiting the Liberty Women's Clinic on Saturday, August 22, 2026. Morning registration: 7 am | Shotgun start: 8 am; Afternoon registration: 12 pm | Shotgun start: 1 pm. (Note: Start time preferences will be accommodated to the best of our ability, but requests are not guaranteed.) Location: Excelsior Springs Golf Course, 1201 E. Golf Hill Drive, Excelsior Springs, MO 64024. Grab your team and get ready for a day of friendly competition, all in support of the Liberty Women's Clinic. The Four-Person Scramble format ensures that players of all skill levels can participate and enjoy the game. It's about camaraderie, fun, and making a positive impact. Exciting prizes, contests, and a fantastic atmosphere await you. Plus, you'll have the opportunity to connect with fellow golf enthusiasts and passionate supporters of the Liberty Women's Clinic. Let's come together, swing for success, and empower women in our community! Register Here: <https://forms.gle/4L6k41HjSt6d16BC9>