



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

July 12, 2026

Our Only Hope Is in Christ's Righteousness

"Unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven" (Matt 5:20). God demands nothing less than perfection and holiness from you in regard to His commandments (Ex. 20:1-17). Your only hope, then, is not in your own goodness but in the goodness of Christ, who did not come to destroy the Law and the Prophets, but to fulfill them for you. In Christ, your righteousness does indeed exceed that of the scribes and Pharisees. For you have been baptized into Christ's death and your sinful nature crucified. Therefore, he who has died has been freed from sin (Rom. 6:1-11). You are now raised with Christ to walk in newness of life and to share in His resurrection on the Last Day. Christ has brought you through the baptismal sea "out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery" (Ex. 20:2). Therefore, "consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 6:11).

**Today we welcome Rev. Frank Greene from King of Kings Lutheran Church as our Guest Pastor.
Thank you for leading us in worship, Rev. Greene.**

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: 72; Adult Bible Class: 22

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Matthew 5:24 – “First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Our giving to the Lord's work is part of our Christian life. The Lord wants us to walk in His ways in all we do. He wants our hearts united to His. It's not our gift the Lord wants — it is our very selves, in all we think, say and do.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The death Jesus died, He died “once for all” (Romans 6:10). He purchased “all.” Thus, He gives value to “all.” Every person we encounter, no matter their size or location or condition of health, is someone for whom Jesus died. Our responsibility is to acknowledge their value and lead them to see its true source. *Loving Savior, reflect Your self-giving mercy and devotion in us. Amen.*

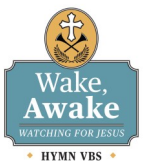
Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is Saturday, August 8 (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, August 2nd. By signing up ahead of time it helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening. Any questions please see or text Shara [816]654-2294. Thank you!



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 \$546. 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.



The July / August Reflections from the Cross newsletter was emailed out in June. 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.



Please join us for a short ceremony on Sunday, August 2, 11:30 in the Fellowship Hall as we dedicate our new all-weather United States Flag. Our Veterans will be recognized at this time so please plan to attend as we pay tribute to them.

On the Calendar

Sunday, July 12:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, July 13:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, July 14:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, July 15:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Thursday, July 16:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, July 18:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, July 19:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

America 250 designated July 4th as “Giving 4th” - a movement to transform Independence Day into the largest single day of charitable giving in U.S. history. You still can donate to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. See www.LCRLFreedom.org/donate.

DIVORCE & REMARRIAGE SERIES... 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 with Dr. Benjamin Mayes, author of the new book “Divorce and Remarriage: Ecclesiastical Discernment and Pastoral Care” at issuesetc.org/divorceandremarriage.

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.

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>