



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

July 26, 2026

Beware of False Prophets

“Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep’s clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves” (Matt. 7:15). Deceit has its strength in masquerading as the truth. False prophets speak a vision of their own heart, not from the mouth of the Lord (Jer. 23:16–29). They deny the judgment of the Lord, speaking peace to the unrepentant, when in truth there is condemnation and wrath. “You will recognize them by their fruits” (Matt. 7:20). The “fruits” of a true prophet are not outward righteousness or success but faithfulness in proclaiming the Word of the Lord. This is the will of the Father in heaven, that pastors take heed to the flock, the Father’s adopted ones (Rom. 8:12–17), warning them against the wolves and their lies, and shepherding the Church of God which He purchased with His own blood (Acts 20:27–38). For indeed, the cross is that good tree bearing good fruit—namely, the body and blood of Christ, given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.

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, July 19: 82; Adult Bible Class: 30

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Jeremiah 23:17 – “They say continually to those who despise the word of the LORD, ‘It shall be well with you’; and to everyone who stubbornly follows his own heart, they say, ‘No disaster shall come upon you.’” Jeremiah’s day sounds a lot like our own, with self-appointed prophets in the popular media telling people exactly what they want to hear. But preachers of the true Word of the Lord do us the sometimes-difficult favor of telling us what is actually true. And that often challenges us, shows us our sins and calls us to repentance.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The relaxing lies our culture prophesies cannot even approach our Lord’s promises (Jeremiah 23:16-18). We speak the Gospel of Jesus Christ boldly and gladly (Jeremiah 23:28-29), though it earns us persecution, because He sets great joy before us. In this faith we will sit around His throne with the cloud of witnesses His Word saved. *Lamb of God, You have given me Your people’s crown of life; forge in me Your prophets’ faith. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a Swaddling Clothes sorting day this Wednesday, July 29 from (9:00 am - 12:00pm) for anyone that is available to help. No need to text just come if you are available. Our next opening is Saturday, August 8th (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 know how many volunteers are available for our opening. Any questions please see or text Shara at (816) 654-2294. Thank you!



A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered their time to help with VBS this past week.

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.

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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.

It’s a Girl! All of the ladies in the congregation are invited to a baby shower for Tara Badger on Monday, August 3rd from 6:30-8:00 pm (Dinner provided) at the home of Jennifer Miller (5459 NW Venetian Dr, Houston Lake, MO 64151). Please RSVP to Jennifer by text at 918-691-2419 by Sunday, August 2nd. Tara is registered on Amazon.

On Vacation - Brandi will be out of the office on vacation July 30-August 9. Staci will be out of the office on vacation August 1-5. If you need to get in touch with the church office during this time, please reach out via email at church@holycrosskc.org.

Lutheran Service Book and related LSB resources, celebrating 20 years, are 20% off through 7/31. It's a good time to make sure you have a hymnal in your home or for your personal use. Please let the church office know by 7/30 if you would like to order an LSB or LSB resource or any other CPH.org resource, so we can take advantage of the sale and save on shipping. Also, are you interested in purchasing anything from Adcrucem.com in the near future? Please let Pastor know so we can possibly save together on shipping.

Performing Arts Association of St. Joseph Inc presents The Looney Lutherans in “Young(ish) at Heart!” on Saturday, Nov. 7, 2026 at 7:30 pm on the Missouri Western University Campus. Tickets are \$50 for the show only or \$65 with dinner (Dinner starts at 6:30 pm) We can receive a discount of 10% off with a group of 10 or more people. If you are interested in attending, please let Terrie Reece (816-216-4904 or tkrophs1969@gmail.com) know by September 1st.

On the Calendar

Sunday, July 26:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, July 27:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Tuesday, July 28:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, July 29:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	9:00-12:00 P.M.
Thursday, July 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, August 1:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Sunday, August 2:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Flag Dedication & Veteran Recognition.....	11:30 A.M.

Continuing Education Event - Our congregation is slated to hold a Continuing Education event 8/3-5 with Dr. Detlev Schulz of Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne on Theological Anthropology. These events are normally designed for pastors, though laity have often participated. Unfortunately, we have had less sign-ups this year than in the past, and may have to cancel if we don't have enough registrants. Would you be interested? Please see for more information and registration: <https://portal.ctsfw.edu/s/continuing-education-detail?recordId=a1yUh000006jxlFIAQ>

EDUCATING A NEW GENERATION OF LUTHERANS... 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 show topics include: Pope Leo’s Encyclical on Artificial Intelligence, The Lord’s Prayer in Lutheran Worship, A Lutheran View of the Scholastics, The Population Bust and more. You can listen on-demand at [issuesetc.org](https://www.issuesetc.org), the LPR mobile app or a podcast provider.

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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>