



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

August 9, 2026

Jesus Weeps for Jerusalem

Our Lord wept over Jerusalem for the destruction that would soon come upon her. For she did not recognize the time of God's visitation in Christ, who had come to bring her peace (Luke 19:41–48). Through His prophets God had consistently called His people to turn from their deceit and false worship. *"But My people do not know the judgments of the Lord"* (Jer. 8:4–12). They sought to establish their own righteousness rather than receive Christ's righteousness through faith (Rom. 9:30–10:4). So it was that God was in His temple to cleanse it, a precursor to the once-for-all cleansing from sin which He would accomplish in the temple of His own body on the cross. God grant us to know the things that make for our peace—His visitation in the Word and Sacraments—that by the Holy Spirit we may penitently confess *"Jesus is Lord"* (1 Cor. 12:1–11).

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, August 9: 65; Adult Bible Class: 28

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 19:45–46 – “And he entered the temple and began to drive out those who sold, saying to them, ‘It is written, ‘My house shall be a house of prayer,’ but you have made it a den of robbers.’” The sellers in the temple were doing the right thing in the wrong place. Being a merchant is a fine occupation that is pleasing to God. But using the Lord's house for your personal gain? That makes a mockery of what the church is for. This is God's house, where we come to hear His Word and worship Him in word and deed. We're not looking for a profit here — we're looking to give back and support the preaching of God's Word and the church's care for the poor and needy.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— With God's prophets we call the culture around us to turn away from the destruction they are bringing upon themselves (Jeremiah 8:5, 11; Luke 19:43-44). With us they each remain precious to Jesus, who by His visitation in the flesh (Luke 19:44) for forgiveness delivers the Gospel that makes for peace (Luke 19:42) and righteousness (Romans 10:4). *O Lord God, intervene and redeem our people that we may behold and inhabit Your kingdom. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is Saturday, September 12th (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, September 6th. 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!



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.



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 tkrophs1968@gmail.com) know by September 1st.

It is never too early to think about taxes. Donations to the Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty (LCRL) are tax-deductible.

You are invited to celebrate with Our Saviour Lutheran Church (4153 Rainbow Blvd.) in Kansas City, Kansas, as they launch their David's Harp music conservatory. This exciting event (hymn festival and light meal) will take place on Wednesday, August 19, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm. David's Harp exists to raise the next generation of church musicians. We hope to see you there!

Open house and blessing and gathering at the Meissner's. All members are welcome once again to our place on August 23rd from 4:00-6:00pm. With the house blessing we'll be having a baked potato bar with plenty of extras and Lutheran beverages. Please RSVP to Rebekah.

The deadline for the September/October edition of the *Reflections of the Cross* newsletter is Thursday, August 13th. Please submit all articles to the office for inclusion.

Our Children's Sunday School Fall Rally Day for the 2026-2027 school year is set for Sunday, September 13, 2026. Please let us know if your children/grandchildren will be attending and we'll get you registered. If you are interested in teaching please contact me (816-654-2293). Peace in Christ / Carl Pigors, Sunday School Superintendent

On Vacation - Pastor Meissner will be out of the office August 11-15 on vacation. If you need Pastoral care, please reach out to your Elder or the church office.

On the Calendar

Sunday, August 9:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service.....	10:00 A.M.
Monday, August 10:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, August 11:	NO Men’s Bible Breakfast or Matins	
Wednesday, August 12:	NO Matins	
Thursday, August 13:	NO Matins or ECC Chapel	
Newsletter Deadline		
Saturday, August 15:	NO Matins	
Sunday, August 16:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service.....	10:00 A.M.

 **MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS:** Save the date, Missouri District! Sunday, August 30, is the day congregations throughout the state will celebrate *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers*—our annual effort to promote church work vocations and bolster the District’s scholarship endowment to support those preparing for these roles. Special prayers are encouraged, as well as a door offering that will be added to this same District fund that has provided financial assistance for more than 40 years. Thank you for your involvement and caring for generations to come!

YOUR LIFELINE TO THE LUTHERAN WORLDVIEW... 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: Breaking Free from the Burden of Shame, Family Discipleship, Understanding Burnout, The Roots of “Spiritual But Not Religious” 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.

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>

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.