



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

August 23, 2026

Faith Comes from Hearing

A man who was deaf and therefore also had an impediment in his speech was brought to Jesus (Mark 7:31–37). In the same way, all are by nature deaf toward God and therefore also unable to confess the faith rightly. For “*faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ*” (Rom. 10:9–17). Jesus put His fingers into the man’s ears, and He spat and touched His tongue. Even so in Holy Baptism, water sanctified by the words of Jesus’ mouth is applied to us; and the finger of God, that is, the life-giving Holy Spirit (2 Cor. 3:4–11) is put into our ears in the hearing of the baptismal Gospel. Jesus’ sighing “*Ephphatha*” opened the man’s ears, and his tongue was loosed to speak plainly as Isaiah prophesied of the Messiah, “*In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book*” (Is. 29:18–24) So also, He who sighed and breathed His last on the cross for us has given us to hear and believe in Him and has opened our lips that our mouths may declare His praise.

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 16: 69; Adult Bible Class: 25

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

Altar Flowers are given this week by Dee Stafford in memory of John on his birthday on August 24th and by the Bosse & Williams’ families in honor of Francine’s 102nd birthday on August 25th! Happy birthday, Francine!

Stewardship Thoughts—2 Corinthians 3:5 – “Not that we are sufficient in ourselves to claim anything as coming from us, but our sufficiency is from God.” We are not sufficient, not enough, not capable in and of ourselves. But God gives us what is enough and makes us capable. This is the beginning of wisdom: we are utterly dependent on God’s mercy. Our whole Christian life flows forth from this dependence, for if we are dependent upon the Lord, how can we not follow His commandments and walk in His way?

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The Word of God’s love and Christ’s life brings forth healing and hope, purpose and preciousness, survival and everlasting salvation. This He delights to do even for impaired or undeveloped human bodies (Mark 7:32–35) and no matter how dismal the situation (Isaiah 29:17–19). *Dear Father, give desperate hearts life and confidence knowing that their sufficiency comes from Your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a sorting on Wednesday, August 26th from 9:00 am–12:00 pm. Everyone is welcome to come and help! We have lots to sort! 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.

Open house and blessing and gathering at the Meissner's. All members are welcome once again to our place TODAY 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.

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

Handbell choir will resume this fall on Saturday, September 19 at 9:00 am. We need some new players. We would love to have you join us! We can teach you everything needed to ring a position. You do not need to know how to read music! See Linda Rusche (816–797–2696) if you have any questions.

Ladies’ Night Out will be held on TUESDAY, September 8th at 5:30 pm at Palacio Maya (6024 N Antioch Rd, Gladstone, MO 64119). All ladies are welcome! Please sign up in the Narthex. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

Gladstone Parade Information Meeting will be held next Sunday August 30th after church at 11:45 am in the Swaddling Clothes area. The Parade will be held on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00am. We are hoping have an entry including Holy Cross 75th anniversary as well as Swaddling Clothes. If anyone would like to help or have input or ideas please attend the meeting. The theme for the parade is "Crank it to Eleven! Maximum Fun at Gladfest 47." If you have any questions please see or text Shara at 816–654–2294. Thank you!

On the Calendar

Sunday, August 23:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Meissner Open House.....	4:00 –6:00 P.M.
Monday, August 24:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Tuesday, August 25:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, August 26:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	9:00-12:00 P.M.
Thursday, August 27:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, August 29:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Sunday, August 30:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Gladfest Parade Meeting.....	11:45 A.M.



MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: The celebration Sunday for *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers*—August 30—is right around the corner! Many congregations and schools will be collecting offerings to help defray the educational expenses of the next generation of pastors, DCEs, deaconesses, teachers, and more as they complete their studies. Praise God for guiding these people towards service in His kingdom and for the way He works through all of you in supporting them!

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 \$65with 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.

In 1749 Benjamin Frankiln wrote, “The good Education of Youth has been esteemed by wise Men in all Ages, as the surest Foundation of the Happiness both of private Families and of Common-wealths.” The Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty advocates for educational freedom. See www.LCRLFreedom.org

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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/>

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.