



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

August 30, 2026

Jesus Is Our Good Samaritan

The Law cannot help us or give us life. Rather, it confines everyone under sin as wounded and naked before God (Gal. 3:15–22). So it is that two figures of the Law, the priest and the Levite, passed by the injured man on the side of the road (Luke 10:23–37). Only the promised Seed of Abraham can rescue us and make us righteous before God. Only the Samaritan, our Lord Jesus, had compassion, as did the Samaritans of old (2 Chronicles 28:8–15). He came down to us in our lost and dying condition, pouring on the oil and wine of the Sacraments. He placed us on His own animal, bearing our sin and brokenness in His body on the cross to restore us. Jesus brought us to the inn, that is, the Church, and gave the innkeeper two denarii, that His double forgiveness might continue to be ministered to us. In this way the Lord, by whose Law we are torn and stricken, heals us and revives us by His Gospel and raises us up with Himself.

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 23: 76; Adult Bible Class: 23

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 10:25 – “And behold, a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, ‘Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?’” That’s just not a good question! Doing and inheriting just don’t go together. What can you do to inherit the Rockefeller fortune? Nothing. Inheriting is about birthright; doing is about merit. We receive eternal life by birthright in our Baptism into Christ. All of our doing in the kingdom of God flows from this, from who we are by our new birth. It can never be the other way around.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The compassionate Samaritan does not euthanize or terminate the already half-dead traveler. He treats this stranger and rival not as less human but as dear neighbor and trades his own convenience, cost, and comfort to help a brother (Luke 10:33-35). Our Savior showers us with just such grace so that we may share it as well. *Dear Savior, grant me fully to appreciate Your grace to me and freely to extend it to all in need. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a sorting on Wednesday, September 2nd 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.

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

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 TODAY 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!

Wednesday Bible Class - Re-starting **September 9th at 9:00 am**. If you've ever wondered how to read and use the **Psalms**, the Church's prayer and hymnbook across the centuries, this would be a great opportunity. We'll follow video-based sessions by Dr. Geoff Boyle of Concordia Theological Sem-Fort Wayne, seeing how they all filled with Christ who invites us to pray with Him. More introductory info at lutheraninstitute.org. Join us!

Men's Breakfast - Starting **Tuesday, September 8th** (day after Labor Day) at **7:00 am** we plan to delve into the book of **Revelation**, using a new study series from CPH. It would be a great time to begin joining us in starting the day with breakfast and God's word. Please let Pastor know if you're interested.

On the Calendar

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.
Monday, August 31:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
Tuesday, September 1:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder’s Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 2:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	9:00-12:00 P.M.
Thursday, September 3:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, September 5:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Sunday, September 6:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.



MISSOURI DISTRICT NEWS: It’s time to celebrate! Today, congregations throughout Missouri will be praying for and supporting *Tomorrow’s Teachers & Preachers* with a special offering. Funds collected will be added to the Missouri District Church Worker Student Aid Endowment. For more than 40 years, this endowment has been a blessing to college and seminary students from our state who are preparing for vocations within the church. To all of you who support this effort, thank you for your forward-thinking ways and caring for generations to come. It’s truly an investment with an eternal impact!

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 Sept.1st.

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.

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

BOOK OF PROVERBS BIBLE STUDY... The Word of the Lord Endures Forever is a daily 15-minute verse-by-verse Bible study produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Will Weedon. Pastor Weedon recently started a study on the Book of Proverbs 21–31. You can listen at your convenience at thewordendures.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

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.