



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 6, 2026

The Cry of Faith: Lord, Have Mercy

The ten lepers cried out from a distance, “*Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!*” (Luke 17:11–19). Their condition cut them off from God and others. So also do the works of the flesh cut us off from God and others. “*Those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God*” (Gal. 5:16–24). Thus we cry out with the lepers, “*Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy,*” eagerly seeking His good gifts. Jesus said to the lepers, “*Go and show yourselves to the priests.*” And as they went, they were cleansed. So too, we walk by faith and not by sight, being confident of Jesus’ help before we see any evidence of it, trusting that Jesus’ cleansing words of forgiveness will restore us to wholeness in the resurrection. Let us be as the one leper who returned to the true High Priest to give Him thanks and glory. For Jesus bore our infirmities in His sacrifice at Calvary. His words are life to those who find them, and health to all their flesh (Prov. 4:10–23).

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 30: 82; Adult Bible Class: 22

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

Stewardship Thoughts—Luke 17:17–19 – “Then Jesus answered... ‘Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ And he said to him, ‘Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well.’” Faith and thanksgiving go together. How could they not go together? Our Lord gave Himself for us and we trust Him and His every Word. Once we have this faith, we want to say thank you — it’s only natural. Thus, our stewardship is a natural part of the Christian faith. We thank the Lord with our gifts which enable the church to reach more people with the Good News of Christ.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Jesus’ merciful words and ways work life and healing (Proverbs 4:20-22). He brings forth brilliant and abundant fruit (Galatians 5:22-23) even from flesh like ours (Galatians 5:19-21) that was born broken. We who take these words to heart—and the hearts we touch with them—will live indeed. *Gracious Savior, bring life to us and bring life through us. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is NEXT 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 TODAY. 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 NEXT 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 THIS 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.

Parade Update: We would like to invite everyone from Holy Cross to join us in walking in the Gladfest Parade on Saturday, October 3, 2026 at 10:00am. We need to know how many are available by September 15th. Please contact the church office or see or text Shara at 816-654-2294. We will add you to our list with updated information. 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.

The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 15th at 7:00 pm. **The next regular Voter’s meeting** will be held on Sunday, October 4th following the Divine Service.

Missing Book – Pastor Meissner is missing his commentary on Revelation. If you have it, please return it to him.

On the Calendar

Sunday, September 6:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service.....	10:00 A.M.
Monday, September 7:	NO Matins	
Labor Day - Offices Closed		
Tuesday, September 8:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Chancel Guild Meeting.....	10:30 A.M.
	Ladies’ Night Out.....	5:30 P.M.
	Board of Elder’s Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, September 9:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, September 10:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Circuit Winkel at St. John Lutheran Church, Farley, MO.....	8:30 A.M.
Saturday, September 12:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
Sunday, September 13:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service.....	10:00 A.M.

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Northland LYFE Fall Gathering is happening October 11 from 4:00-6:15 pm. Come hang out with other Lutheran high school students from across the Northland, share a meal, worship with us and grow in your faith together. Whether you’re active in your church youth group or just looking to connect with other Christian teens, you’re invited. Open to students in grades 9-12. RSVP by September 27. Hosted by St. Stephen’s Lutheran Church in Liberty. Many churches. One Body. One LYFE.



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 TODAY.

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.

Holy Cross Choir will resume practices on September 19 at 10:00 am in the organ loft. We are actively seeking new members, no experience is needed. Please contact Myla Miller if you have questions or would like additional information 816-399-9291. We’re saving you a seat!

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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.