



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 13, 2026

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"Sir, we wish to see Jesus" (John 12:21). Then look to His holy cross. For just as Moses lifted up the bronze serpent in the wilderness, so Jesus, when He is "*lifted up from the earth, will draw all people*" to Himself (John 12:32). "*He humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross*" to save us (Phil. 2:8). "*Everyone who is bitten*" by the ancient serpent's venom of sin, "*when he sees*" Christ "*shall live*" (Num. 21:8). The true holy cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation. So, Christ brings the New Testament in His blood to us. "*We preach Christ crucified the power of God and the wisdom of God,*" though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). It pleases God, "*through the folly*" of the cross we preach, "*to save those who believe*" (1 Cor. 1:21). We find the fruit and benefit of this holy cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the body and blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (John 12:25–26).

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, September 6: 84; Adult Bible Class: 25

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 Saturday, October 10th (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, October 4th. 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 October-December 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.

Parade Update: If you are interested in walking in the Gladfest parade on Oct. 3rd at 10:00 am, please let the office or Shara (816-654-2294) know by Sept. 15 so that we can add you to the information email list. If you're unable to walk but would still like to participate in the audience, we will be singing one verse of "A Mighty Fortress" at the stage in front of City Hall on Holmes St. They give us less than a minute to sing. If you are interested in signing with us, a printed copy of the hymn can be picked up in the narthex (look for the salmon-colored paper). Those of us who are walking will sing from memory. If anyone would like to see what the parade entry will look like we will set things up after church on Sunday, September 27 in the circle drive. We hope you'll consider walking with us! Thank you!

Wednesday Bible Class – is every Wednesday 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 – is every Tuesday beginning at 7:00 am. We started the book of **Revelation**, using a new study series from CPH. Join us in starting the day with breakfast and God's word. Please let Pastor know if you're interested.

The Church Council will meet this 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.

As we mark the 25th anniversary of September 11, 2001, we remember the lives lost and the heroes who served. We pray for healing, unity, and steadfast hope in Christ as we continue our public witness in a world still longing for peace. See www.LCRLFreedom.org.

On the Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 13:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, Sept. 14:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Sept. 15:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Church Council Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 16:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, Sept. 17:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, Sept. 19:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, Sept. 20:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.

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.



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.

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!

Christ Lutheran Church in Platte Woods (6700 NW 72nd St.) invites you to join us as we host world renown organist Paul Fey of Leipzig, Germany for an organ recital on Friday, October 9th at 7:00 p.m. You can learn more about Paul and hear his music on his YouTube channel (@PaulFey), where several of his videos have over a million views. We encourage you to arrive early to find parking and a seat in our sanctuary. You can direct any questions to the event coordinator, Blake Faller, at hymnsOfTheSaxophone@outlook.com.

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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.