



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 20, 2026

Jesus Calls forth Life from Death

A large funeral procession carrying the only son of a widow is confronted by another large procession, Jesus and His followers. Death and Life meet face to face at the gate of the city (Luke 7:11–17). Filled with compassion, Jesus comes into direct contact with our mortality in order to overcome it. He touches the coffin and speaks His creative words of life, “*Young man, I say to you, arise.*” Jesus does what is neither expected nor requested. For through Christ, God the Father “*is able to do far more abundantly than all we ask or think*” (Eph. 3:14–21). Jesus bore our death in His body that we may share in His resurrection. Even as Elijah stretched himself out three times over the Zarephath woman’s son (2 Kings 17:17–24), God stretched Himself out over us in the threefold application of His name in the baptismal water, breathing new and everlasting life into us. “*To Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.*”

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 13: 76; Sunday School: 6; Adult Bible Class: 25

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

Stewardship Thoughts— Ephesians 3:14–15 – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.” We have a Father in heaven. He cares for us. He knows how to give us all good things. This knowledge frees us from worry and anxiety. Jesus returned to this theme again and again, and we should take Him at His Word. Our Father will care for us, so we can be secure in generosity and faithful living.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— In both the Old Testament and Gospel readings we see the ultimate miracle, sons raised from the dead (1 Kings 17:17-24, Luke 7:11-17). Yet they present but a tiny picture of what will happen because God raised His Son from the dead! All the dead in Christ will be raised to eternal life. Death is a defeated enemy! *Prayer: Lord, may Your defeat of death give us courage as we confront a culture of death. 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 Shara (816-654-2294) know. 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 singing 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 next regular Voter’s meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4th following the Divine Service.

You are invited to join our Holy Cross ECC families at Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch (17607 NE 52nd St. Liberty, MO 64068) on Thursday, October 15th from 4:00-7:00 pm. The discounted ticket price is \$5 per person. No need to RSVP, just let them know at the door that you are with Holy Cross! Everyone is welcome to attend!

Theology on Tap - The Kansas City North Circuit invites you to Theology on Tap, a monthly theological discussion publicly led by Circuit pastors. We plan to meet at Chicken N Pickle (1761 Burlington St, North KC, MO 64116) starting at about 6:30pm on September 24 & October 29. Bring yourself and someone else!

On the Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 20:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, Sept. 21:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, Sept. 22:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 23:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, Sept. 24:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Theology on Tap at Chicken N Pickle.....	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, Sept. 26:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, Sept. 27:	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.



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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.

UNANSWERED BIBLE QUESTIONS... Issues, Etc., a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio, will have Pastors Bryan Wolfmueller and Brian Kachelmeier respond to your unanswered Bible questions. You can submit your question via email: talkback@issuesetc.org; Facebook: facebook.com/issuesetc; X: @IssuesEtc or the Issues, Etc. Comment Line: (618) 223-8382. You can listen to the interview at your convenience at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app and with a favorite 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.