



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

September 27, 2026

Whoever Humbles Himself Will Be Exalted

“Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence” (Prov. 25:6–14). Rather, take the lowest position at the table. Humble yourself before Him. For your place is not for you to take but for Him to give. Conduct yourself with all lowliness and gentleness, bearing with one another in love (Eph. 4:1–6), that the King may give you glory in the presence of those at the table with you. “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted” (Luke 14:1–11). Is this not the way of Christ? He is the one who took the lowest place, who humbled Himself even to the point of death for us. He is now exalted to the highest place at the right hand of the Father that penitent believers may be exalted together with Him in the resurrection. To the humble at His Supper He says, “Friend, move up higher,” giving you His very body and blood for your forgiveness that you may ascend to take part in the great wedding feast which has no end.

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 20: 72; Sunday School: 4; Adult Bible Class: 20

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

Altar flowers are given by Linda Hill in memory of her husband, Garney.

Stewardship Thoughts— Luke 14:11 – “For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted.” The kingdom of God is always upside down and backwards like this. We must die in order to live. We must be humbled so we can be exalted. It’s like this with giving as well. When we give away, then we receive much more than we bargained for: peace of mind, contentment, joy.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— In Christ God embraced and befriended hearts and bodies ruined by sin. He allowed neither disabilities nor disobedience to separate anyone from His love (Luke 14:1-4). This forgiveness heals us to share the same gracious kingdom with the ones right in front of us who struggle with impairment and iniquity (Luke 14:12-14). *Prayer: Extend Your kingdom, Lord Jesus, through me to those who are broken like I am. 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 with us in the Gladfest parade on Saturday, October 3rd at 10:00 am please let Shara know by texting 816-654-2294. If you’re unable to walk but would like to participate (sing with us in the audience) we will be singing one verse of "A Mighty Fortress" at the stage in front of City Hall on Holmes St. in Gladstone. Printed copies of hymn are located in the narthex (salmon colored paper). If anyone would like to see what the parade entry will look like, we will set things up right after church today in the circle drive. Everyone welcome! Please Note: As soon as we receive the parade information packet the walkers will receive an email with all the details for the parade lineup number and route.

A Note from the Chancel Guild – Please help us save our linens by removing your lipstick prior to coming to communion. If you have any questions, please speak to a member of our Chancel Guild.

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 October 29. Bring yourself and someone else!

Ladies’ Night Out will be held on Monday, October 5th at 5:30pm at Granite City (8461 NW Prairie View Rd, Kansas City, MO 64153). They will be serving their Oktoberfest menu, along with their usual offerings. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex if you plan to attend. Contact Elenita Wendt if you have any questions.

On the Calendar

Sunday, Sept. 27:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, Sept. 28:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, Sept. 29:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 30:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Practice (Sopranos/Altos Sectional).....	6:15 P.M.
Thursday, Oct. 1:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 3:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	NO Choir Rehearsal	
	Gladfest Parade.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, Oct. 4:	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.



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.

If the news makes your blood pressure rise faster than the choir on Easter morning, the LCRL is here to help. See www.LCRLFreedom.org to stay informed without losing your sanctification.

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 hymnssofthesaxophone@outlook.com.

EQUIPPING THE PRIESTHOOD OF ALL BELIEVERS... Issues, Etc. is a podcast and radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, IL and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. Recent topics include: How to Read the Bible, Why Men Aren’t Marrying, The No Contact Movement, Debate Over the Location of the Town of Bethsaida and more. You can listen on-demand at issuesetc.org, the LPR mobile app or 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** 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.

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