



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 4, 2026

In Life and Death, Christ Fulfills the Law of God

The Pharisees ask a Law question. Jesus asks a Gospel question. The Pharisees seek to test Jesus in His own words. Jesus seeks to “test” them in the saving reality of who He is as the Messiah (Matt. 22:34–46). The Law requires you to “*fear the LORD your God, to walk in all his ways, to love him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul*” and to “*love the sojourner*” (Deut. 10:12–21). Failure to keep the Law perfectly brings judgment. On the other hand, the Gospel brings the grace of God given by Jesus Christ, that you may be blameless in the day of His return (1 Cor. 1:1–9). Jesus is David’s Son yet David’s Lord, true God and true man. He is Love incarnate who fulfilled all the demands of God’s Law on our behalf, that we might be saved from the Law’s condemnation and sanctified in the Gospel’s forgiveness. Thereby we see that “*God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord*” (1 Cor. 1:9).

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 27: 74; Sunday School: 3; Adult Bible Class: 18

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

Stewardship Thoughts— Matthew 22:40 – “On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.” We serve God and our neighbor through the various vocations (holy callings) that God has given us. We do not need to go searching for good works or inventing our own: God has given us roles to fill in home, church and society and that will keep us plenty busy! When we seek to fulfill the duties of these vocations in a spirit of faith, God-pleasing works are the result.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— Those who see abortion as just “another issue” and would support or encourage a woman to make such a choice fail to understand the scriptural concept of “neighbor” and have a false sense of what it means to love. Those who see both mother and unborn child as “neighbor” and take action to bring help and hope fulfill the second greatest commandment in the Law and reflect the love of Christ (Matthew 22:34-40).

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is Saturday, October 10th (10:00am – 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board. Signing up ahead of time helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening. We will have a sorting this Wednesday, Oct. 7 from (10:30am - 12:30pm) after Bible Class. Our next SC meeting will be held on Monday, Oct. 26 at 5:30pm in the conference room. Everyone invited. 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.

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 TODAY 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 THIS 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.

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. Please RSVP to christlc@christlc.com or 816-741-0482.

On the Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 4:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
	Regular Voter’s Meeting.....	11:30 A.M.
Monday, Oct. 5:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Ladies’ Night Out (Granite City).....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Oct. 6:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder’s Meeting.....	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Oct. 7:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Sorting.....	10:30 A.M.
Thursday, Oct. 8:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, Oct. 10:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day.....	10:00-1:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 11:	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.



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.

REVELATION 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 will begin a study this week on the Book of Revelation. You can listen on-demand at thewordendures.org, the LPR mobile app, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn 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** 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.

"Turn Your Tax Dollars Into Tuition Scholarships - Through state and federal programs, you can redirect tax money you already owe into K-12 Christian education tuition scholarships instead of sending it to the government. Missouri taxpayers can claim a 100% state tax credit for up to 50% of their state tax liability through the MOScholars program (which can be stacked with other state credits), while Kansas taxpayers can utilize the Kansas Lutheran Schools Scholarship Foundation for a 75% state tax credit. Additionally, starting January 1, 2027, the Federal Scholarship Tax Credit will allow taxpayers nationwide to redirect up to \$1,700 of their federal tax liability to participating scholarship-granting organizations as a 100% dollar-for-dollar tax credit. For more information, visit: <https://mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars/> and <https://klssf.org/kansas-tax-credit> "

Altar flowers are given by