



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 11, 2026

Jesus' Incarnation Secures for Us Life, Forgiveness, and Healing

The Lord does not require us to ascend to Him; in mercy He descends to us (Gen. 28:10–17). The ladder in Jacob's dream was not for climbing; it was the means by which the Lord came to bless Jacob. This event finds its fulfillment in Christ who descended from His throne to save and bless us. By His incarnation He is the eternal bridge between heaven and earth. *"The Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins"* (Matt. 9:1–8). The Lord was present in the flesh to absolve the paralytic. Jesus also healed and restored this man's body. *"For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation"* (Small Catechism). The Lord still has power on earth to forgive sins. In holy absolution He raises up the new man (Eph. 4:22–28) and bestows the healing medicine which will bring about our resurrection on the Last Day. Thus we say with Jacob, *"This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven!"* (Gen. 28:17)

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, October 4: 76; Sunday School: 4; Adult Bible Class: 21

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

Altar flowers are given by Franz & Rhonda Ressel (Son-in-Law & Daughter of Evelyn McConnell) in honor of their 34th wedding anniversary. Happy Anniversary!

Stewardship Thoughts— Ephesians 4:24 – “Put on the new self, created after the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.” We have a new identity in Christ. Our old identity was in Adam; we were sinners, enemies of God, destined for death and destruction. But in Christ, we have a new identity: we are forgiven, the children of God, cleansed, destined for life everlasting. These two identities continue to struggle as we exist in this fallen world. So St. Paul encourages us to “put on the new self” — to consciously cling to Christ in faith and claim our new identity in Him. Coming to the Lord's House, faithfully supporting the ministry, praying and reading Scripture daily — these are the works of the new self.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The horror of abortion happening over 3,000 times each day in the U.S. should make Christians angry. The silence of the Church and the indifference of fellow congregational members should make Christians angry. But anger must not lead us to sin (Ephesians 4:26). Screaming and yelling and returning evil for evil is not the way of the body of Christ. The truth needs to be proclaimed but without “bitterness and wrath” (4:31).

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is Saturday, November 14th (10:00am – 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, November 8th. Signing up ahead of time helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening. **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.

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!

The Board of Church Properties is planning to have an outdoor workday on Saturday, October 17 from 9:00 am – 1:00 pm (weather permitting). There will be jobs for all skill levels! Please see Paul Neill if you have any questions.

The deadline for the November/December edition of the *Reflections From the Cross* newsletter is Thursday, October 15th. Please submit all articles for inclusion to the church office by October 15th.

On the Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 11:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M.
Monday, Oct. 12:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, Oct. 13:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Chancel Guild Meeting.....	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday, Oct. 14:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, Oct. 15: <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Holy Cross Night at Carolyn’s Pumpkin Patch.....	4:00-7:00 P.M.
Saturday, Oct. 17:	Matins.....	9:00 A.M.
	Organist Workshop.....	9:00-1:00 P.M.
	Strings Rehearsal.....	3:00 P.M.
Sunday, Oct. 18:	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.

THEOLOGY FOR WHITE COLLAR, BLUE COLLAR, AND CLERICAL COLLAR... 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: Artificial Intelligence & Vocation; Bareness; The Early Church Fathers & Faith Alone; The Apology of the Augsburg Confession; Reuniting Mothers with Their Children in Foster Care; Young Men & Red-Pill Content 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.