



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS October 18, 2026

Jesus Invites Us to His Wedding Feast to Receive Abundant Righteousness

The Holy Spirit sounds forth the Gospel call: “*See, I have prepared my dinner ... Come to the wedding feast*” (Matt. 22:1–14). But many reject this invitation in favor of worldly pursuits. And so the call goes out to others, both the good and the bad. For the wedding invitation is not based on the qualifications of those invited but on the basis of the merits and work of Christ. The feast is free: “*He who has no money, come, buy and eat ... delight yourselves in rich food.*” (Is. 55:1–9). Those rejecting the Spirit’s work shall experience God’s wrath and judgment. Those who are not clothed in Christ’s righteousness shall be cast into outer darkness where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Let us therefore seek the Lord while He may be found, for He will have mercy upon us. Let us redeem the time, being filled with the Spirit, giving thanks always for all things to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ (Eph 5:15–21).

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 11: 74; Sunday School: 9; Adult Bible Class: 26

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

Altar flowers are given by David & Patrice Johnson in celebration of the October anniversaries of Neil & Jenna and Ethan & Laura.

Stewardship Thoughts— Isaiah 55:2 – “Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?” What Isaiah says here is reminiscent of what Jesus says about putting our earthly wealth in places “where moth and rust destroy” (Matt. 6:19). Where we put the money God has given us to manage says a lot about how we actually view life. What do your spending priorities say about what you think is truly important in life?

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The Reformation truths Lutherans have celebrated for 500 years apply beautifully and powerfully to life issues. A human being’s identity and sanctity come from God’s grace in creating, redeeming, and calling each one. Abilities or accomplishments, efforts or emotions cannot establish anyone’s value or invalidate anyone’s worth. *Prayer: Gracious Savior, let us honor with You the preciousness of every human person because of Your grace, forgiveness, and free salvation. Amen.*

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!



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.

Nut Sale: Order forms are available in your bulletin today. Nut orders are due on November 1st and can be turned in on the cabinet in the Narthex or the office. Please make checks payable to Staci Williams. (Payment must be made with order.) Proceeds will go to the continued care of the organ. Planned delivery is November 22nd.

Pastor Meissner will be out of the office Tuesday, October 20th through Thursday, October 22nd this week while he attends the Missouri District Professional Church Workers Conference. Please contact your elder or the church office if you need to get in touch with Pastor during this time.

“All things come to thee, O Lord, and of thine own, have we given” - Harvest Sunday will be held on Sunday, November 15th. The Board of Stewardship encourages making a weekly pledge amount. Please keep in mind the amount pledged is purely voluntary and kept confidential. Also, your thought and prayer given towards a pledge determination constitutes a spiritual act of sacrifice and thanksgiving. **Pledge cards are available in the November/December newsletter or on the counter in the Narthex.** Giving envelopes will be available for pickup on November 15th. If you didn’t get a set of giving envelopes for this current year & wish to receiving a set for 2027, please contact the church office. “*You will be enriched in every way for your great generosity, which will produce thanksgiving to God.*” - 2 Corinthians 9:11

On the Calendar

Sunday, Oct. 18:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	11:15 A.M.
Monday, Oct. 19:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, Oct. 20:	NO Men’s Bible Breakfast or Matins	
Wednesday, Oct. 21:	NO Matins or Bible Class	
Thursday, Oct. 22:	NO Matins or ECC Chapel	
Saturday, Oct. 24:	Matins.....	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Rehearsal.....	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
	Strings Rehearsal.....	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, Oct. 25:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	10:00 A.M

Updated Information: If you have recently joined Holy Cross, moved or gotten a new phone number, please make sure that our records are up to date. You can email church@holycrosskc.org with your updated information. Also, if you’d like to receive any Holy Cross announcements or the newsletter via email, please make sure we have your email address.

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.



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.

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!

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.

A LUTHERAN VIEW OF DEPRESSION... October is National Depression Education and Awareness Month. You can listen to the audiobook, "I Trust When Dark My Road: A Lutheran View of Depression" by Pastor Todd Peperkorn at issuesetc.org/depression. This audiobook is produced by Lutheran Public Radio, Inc., based in Collinsville, IL. LPR, Inc. produces radio talk shows, podcasts, sacred music and talk stations, books, audiobooks, conferences, hymn recordings and videos.

Use Your Tax Dollars to Support Lutheran Education - \$8.5 million in MOScholars scholarships has been released this fall to students attending LCMS schools across Missouri! This was made possible through the state’s general revenue fund and participation in tax credits. Remarkable how God provides for work in His kingdom! These efforts aren’t over for 2026, though. Approximately 250 students on our list are still awaiting funding. Learn how you can participate in the MOScholars tax credit program and provide these opportunities for children in Missouri at mo.lcms.org/mo-scholars.