



THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

October 26, 2026

The Son of God Has Set Us Free from Sin and Death by His Grace

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His Kingdom and *“remain in the house forever”* (John 8:35). For He is *“a friend of tax collectors and sinners”* (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel *“to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people”* (Rev. 14:6), *“the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law”* (Rom. 3:21), *“that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus”* (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, *“whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith”* (Rom. 3:25), *“you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free”* (John 8:31–32).

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 18: 78; Adult Bible Class: 19

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

Stewardship Thoughts— John 8:36 – “So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” Today we celebrate Reformation Day. Luther is rightly remembered as a champion of the Gospel — but he also called himself “the apostle of good works.” For, only by being set free by the Gospel, can we do good works. Jesus has set us free: His blood covers our sins, and now we stand before God as His beloved children, invited to live our lives to His glory for the good of His kingdom.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life— The picture of the armor-clad Christian in Ephesians 6:10-20 is one of defense not offense. We are not fighting to obtain truth. We have the truth. We fight to defend the truth upon which we stand. Be encouraged in this spiritual battle that can seem so frustrating at times. “[B]e strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might” (6:10). *Prayer: Thank You for Your truth, Lord, and Your armor. Help us stand firm. 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 TOMORROW 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 on the counter in the narthex. 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.

“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

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st, so don't forget to set your clocks back an hour before going to bed on Saturday night.

The Holy Cross Early Childhood Center is in need of plastic grocery bags. Any donations can be placed on the table outside of the office. Thank you!

On the Calendar

Sunday, October 25:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service.....	10:00 A.M.
Monday, October 26:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Meeting.....	5:30 P.M.
Tuesday, October 27:	Men’s Bible Breakfast.....	7:00 A.M.
	Matins	8:00 A.M.
Wednesday, October 28:	Matins.....	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class.....	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, October 29:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel.....	9:15 A.M.
	Theology on Tap at Chicken N Pickle.....	6:30 P.M.
Saturday, October 31:	Matins.....	8:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal.....	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 1:	Corporate Confession & Absolution.....	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School.....	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service.....	10:00 A.M.

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!

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.

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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.

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 Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty humbly requests your support. Please pray for the work of all those with the LCRL – That they may be encouraged and strengthened for the task. You can donate to the LCRL at <https://www.lcrlfreedom.org/donate>. Thank you.

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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.