THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

November 1, 2026

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out *"salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9–17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:1–3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:9–17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1–12).

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 25: 78; Sunday School: 4; Adult Bible Class: 24

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

Altar flowers are given by Richard & Terrie Reece in honor of Pat, Missie & Reece's birthdays and Pat & Missie's Anniversary.

Stewardship Thoughts— Matthew 5:7 – "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness and generosity) — flows back out of us. It all starts with His self-giving.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life– God would have us forgive each other "from your heart" (Matthew 18:35). When terrible sins are involved, such as abuse or incest, it is no easy matter to forgive—maybe it even seems impossible. The same is true when trying to forgive ourselves when we have committed some horrible sin, like abortion, for example. The starting point for forgiveness in all situations is not what we should do but what God in Christ has done for us. Only His complete forgiveness can give us peace as we strive to forgive others and ourselves. *Prayer: Father, forgive our many sins for Jesus' sake and give us opportunity to share this forgiveness freely with others. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is Saturday, November 14th (10:00am - 1:00pm). 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. *****HELP NEEDED!!!!**** We will also be having a special clean-up evening on Friday, November 6th from 5pm -8pm in our SC area. We will do some fall cleaning before the holidays (refreshing our area), dusting, windows, carpet shampooing, etc. If anyone would like to help just come to the SC area and we will find something for you to do! All cleaning supplies will be provided. Any questions contact Shara (816)654-2294. Thank you!

Nut Sale: Order forms are available on the counter in the narthex. Nut orders are due TODAY 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

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!

The November/December *Reflections from the Cross* newsletter was emailed out this week. Printed copies are available to pick up on the cabinet in the Narthex.

It's that time of year again! Men's dartball is staring up again. Games are played at Christ Lutheran Church on the second Tuesday of each month, beginning on November 12th at 7:00 pm. Please contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974 if you're interested in playing.

On the Calendar

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.**
Monday, November 2:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, November 3:	Men's Bible Breakfast	7:00 A.M.
	Matins	8:00 A.M.
	Board of Elder's Meeting	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, November 4:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, November 5:	NO Matins or ECC Chapel	
Friday, November 6:	Swaddling Clothes Fall Clean-up	5:00-8:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 7:	Matins	8:00 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9:00 A.M.
	Choir Rehearsal (Soprano & Alto Sectional)	10:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 8:	Corporate Confession & Absolution	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	**10:00 A.M.**

Congregation planning meeting & potluck - Please join us for our congregational planning meeting & potluck on November 22nd after the Divine Service. The goal of this meeting is to develop goals for our congregation and its ministries over the next five years. Participation from as many members as possible will help us to develop the congregation's priorities and plan for the future. More details to come as the meeting gets closer.

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 TUESDAY, November 17th. Bring yourself and someone else!

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.

Carnival at MLA - Preschool through 5th grade: you are invited to a FREE Carnival Fun Day at Martin Luther Academy! Come meet Santa, Slugerrr, and Superheros; plus enjoy a bounce house and balloon artist. Sunday, November 8th, 2:00 - 4:00pm. Pre-register with the QR code to skip the registration line.

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.

Take a second to pray for the precious lives of unborn children and the mamas who carry them. And then join fellow Lutherans in supporting efforts to protect them both! Keep up to date at www.LCRLFreedom.org/subscribe

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Siberian Lutherans Still Need Your Prayers and Support - Somewhere in Siberia a baby was received a Trinitarian baptism. Somewhere else in Siberia a young woman heard the Gospel from a Lutheran pastor for the first time---and Believed! The Holy Spirit has been leading and blessing The Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church and its Novosibirsk Theological Seminary for 30 years, propelled by support by LCMS Christians via the Siberian Lutheran Mission Society. Pray for the Members and Pastors of the Siberian Evangelical Lutheran Church.