THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

November 8, 2026

Render to God the things of God

When confronted with the civic duty of paying taxes, our Lord Jesus, Wisdom incarnate, walked *"in the way of righteousness, in the paths of justice"* (Prov. 8:20) and discerned that wisdom *"is better than jewels"* and *"better than gold, even fine gold"* (Prov. 8:11, 19). When we set our minds on earthly things, such as wealth and passing glory, our *"end is destruction"* (Phil. 3:19). However, our humble and prudent Lord has rendered *"to God the things that are God's"* (Matt. 22:21), namely, perfect fear, love, and trust, as well as the complete sacrifice for our sin. In so doing, He also rendered to Caesar the things of honor and justice, submitting to the law of the land that put Him on the cross. The true *"riches and honor are with [Him],"* because *"enduring wealth and righteousness"* (Prov. 8:18) are found in our heavenly citizenship from which *"we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ."* He *"will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself"* (Phil. 3:20-21).

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, November 1: 65; Sunday School: 6; Adult Bible Class: 20

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

Stewardship Thoughts— Philippians 3:19 – "Their end is destruction, their god is their belly, and they glory in their shame, with minds set on earthly things." There is danger in setting our minds on earthly things, serving mammon and caring more for our bodily comfort than our spiritual well-being. God does not tell us to be faithful and generous in our stewardship of the things of this earth to ruin our fun. Rather, He tells us to give generously to teach us how to make sure the things of this world do not lay hold of our hearts.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life– Since God created humankind in His image, their fate belongs in His hands above Caesar's (Matthew 22:21). Life issues are more than just private or political—they are matters of the heart, to which the Gospel of Jesus Christ speaks most directly and effectively. They must remain part of the Church's conversation for the sake of people struggling with them. *Prayer: Almighty God, impart unto us ears that rejoice to hear Your whole counsel and tongues that proclaim it with courage and compassion. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - Our next opening is this Saturday, November 14th (10:00 am - 1:00 pm). If you would like to volunteer to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board byTODAY, November 8th.Signing up ahead of time helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening. We will also have a SC sorting workday on Monday, November 16 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. We will have lots of items to sort and put away. Everyone welcome to help! Any questions please see or text Shara at (816) 654-2294. Thank you!

Nut Sale: Thank you to everyone who ordered. The planned delivery for the nuts 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. 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. **We plan to have a practice following the Board of Church Properties meeting (around 6:00 pm) on Monday, November 9th.**

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.

On the Calendar

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.**
Monday, November 9:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel	9:15 A.M.
	Board of Church Properties Meeting	5:30 P.M.
	Dartball Pratice	6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, November 10:	Men's Bible Breakfast	7:00 A.M.
	Matins	8:00 A.M.
	Chancel Guild Meeting	10:30 A.M.
Wednesday, November 11:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
Thursday, November 12	NO Matins or ECC Chapel	
	Dartball at Christ Lutheran Church	7:00 P.M.
Saturday, November 14:	Matins	8:00 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9:00 A.M.
	Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day	10:00-1:00 P.M.
	Choir Rehearsal (Tenors & Baritones Sectional)	10:00 A.M.
	Brass Rehearsal	11:00 A.M.
Sunday, November 15:	Corporate Confession & Absolution	8:00 A.M.
Harvest Sunday	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, 2-4 pm.

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.

Religious liberty is a gift, and we don't take that for granted! This Thanksgiving, give your family the gift of an LCRL subscription at http://www.lcrlfreedom.org/subscribe (It's free! We won't tell them if you won't.)

KARAOKE FOR CHRISTIAN HYMNS… You can sing hymns like "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," "Jesus Priceless Treasure," "Abide with Me" and more. Lutheran Public Radio has produced YouTube videos of more than 60 hymns featuring the Lutheran Public Radio Choir. Sing along at lutheranpublicradio.org/karaoke.

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.