# THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

## November 15, 2026

***The Strength of the Lord Is Our Salvation from Sin, Death, and Darkness***

A shroud of darkness engulfs us. Sin, death, and disease threaten to sever us from life's fullest measure. Without new life in Christ Jesus, there would be no light to dissipate, dispel, or curb grief and sadness. But Jesus has qualified us *"to share in the inheritance of the saints of light"* delivering us from the dark domain (Col. 1:9–14). *"I have put my words in your mouth and covered you in the shadow of my hand,…You are my people"* (Is. 51:9–16). The presence of Christ, in word, wine, bread, and water, confronts our sinful nature with forgiveness. In the sacraments, God claims us to be His very own children, creating, and sustaining our faith. So in Christ, we humbly receive the words, *"your faith has made you well"* (Matt. 9:18–26). On the last day God will surely awaken us also from slumber in resurrection glory.

**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 8: 77; Sunday School: 4; Adult Bible Class: 22

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

**Stewardship Thoughts—** Colossians 1:10 – "Walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him: bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God." Living a godly life really is its own reward. Does the life St. Paul describes here sound more enjoyable than a life of worry, self-aggrandizement and self-centeredness? God wants us to walk closely to our Lord and imitate Jesus for a reason: so that we will be blessed and happy.

**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** - We will have a SC workday TOMORROW, Monday, November 16 from 9:00am - 12:00pm. Meet in SC area. We have lots of Rhea Lana items to sort. Everyone welcome! Any questions see, call or text Shara at (816) 654-2294. Thank you! Our next SC opening will be Saturday, December 12 (10:00am - 1:00pm). If you would like to help at our opening PLEASE sign-up on the SC bulletin board by Sunday, December 6. Signing up ahead of time helps us to know how many volunteers are available for our opening! Any questions please see, call or text Nancy Neill (816-556-6555) or Carolyn Falls (816-674-5021). Please note: Nancy and Carolyn are co-directing SC for Dec. 2026 through Feb. 2027. Thank you ladies!

**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" - Today is Harvest Sunday.** 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 on the counter in the Narthex**. Giving envelopes are available for pickup in the Narthex. If you didn't get a set of giving envelopes for this current year & wish to receive 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!

**Early Childhood Center Christmas Program -** You are invited to attend the Holy Cross Early Childhood Center Christmas Program on Thursday, December 10th at 5:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall. This is a great opportunity to interact with some of our ECC families and listen to the children share about the birth of Jesus! Refreshments will be served following the short program.

**Ladies' Night Out** will be held **TUESDAY, December 1st at 5:30 pm at Cascone's** (3733 N. Oak Trfy, Kansas City, MO 64116). **Please note the change of day from our usual monthly get-togethers.** Please sign up on the counter in the Narthex if you plan to attend. If you have any questions, please contact Elenita Wendt.

**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. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex to bring a dish or dessert to share.

# On the Calendar

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| **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.** |
| **Monday, November 16:** | Matins | 7:30 A.M. |
| | ECC Chapel | 9:15 A.M. |
| | Swaddling Clothes Workday | 9:00-12:00 P.M. |
| **Tuesday, November 17:** | Men's Bible Breakfast | 7:00 A.M. |
| | NO Matins | |
| | Kansas City Metro Winkel | 8:30 A.M. |
| | Theology on Tap | 6:30 P.M. |
| **Wednesday, November 18:** | Matins | 7:30 A.M. |
| | Bible Class | 9:00 A.M. |
| **Thursday, November 19** | Matins | 7:30 A.M. |
| | ECC Chapel | 9:15 A.M. |
| **Saturday, November 21:** | Matins | 8:00 A.M. |
| | Handbell Choir Rehearsal | 9:00 A.M. |
| | Choir Rehearsal | 10:00 A.M. |
| | Brass Rehearsal | 11:00 A.M. |
| **Sunday, November 22:** | Corporate Confession & Absolution | 8:00 A.M. |
| | Adult Bible Class & Sunday School | 8:45 A.M. |
| | Divine Service | **10:00 A.M.** |

**Men's Dart Ball Team -** Our congregation is fielding a team for the Kansas City - North Circuit Dartball league. Like last year, games are played at Christ Lutheran Church, Platte Woods on Thursday nights at 7pm, every second Thursday of the month, The next game night will be Thursday, December 10th. Interested? Contact Mike Schaunaman at 816-507-0974.

**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.

**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.)

**WHERE DOCTRINE IS LIFE..** 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 subjects include: Hymn Therapy for Depression, The Case for Technological Foot-Dragging, Worship in the Book of Revelation, Feminism & Grievance Culture and more. You can listen at your convenience at issuesetc.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn, the LPR mobile app and a podcast provider.

**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.