THIS WEEK AT HOLY CROSS

November 29, 2026

The Lord Jesus Comes in Humility to Redeem Us

The new Church Year begins by focusing on the humble coming of our Lord. "*Behold, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey*" (Matt. 21:5). Even as He was born in a lowly manger, so Jesus rides into Jerusalem on a beast of burden. For He bears the sin of the world. He is the Son of David riding to His enthronement on the cross, where He shows Himself to be "*The LORD is our Righteousness*" (Jer. 23:5–6). Our Lord still comes in great humility to deliver His righteousness to us in the Word and Sacraments. Before receiving Christ's body and blood, we also sing, "*Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!*" (Matt. 21:9) And as we receive the Sacrament, we set our hearts on His return in glory, for "*our salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed*" (Rom. 13:11).

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 22: 74; Sunday School: 3; Adult Bible Class: 21

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

Stewardship Thoughts— Deuteronomy 8:3 – "And he humbled you…that he might make you know that man does not live by bread alone, but man lives by every word that comes from the mouth of the LORD." The flip side to this statement is what Jesus told us about worrying in Matthew 6:33: "Seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you." When we put things in the right order — with God, His kingdom and His Word first — everything else falls into place.

Life Thoughts from Lutherans For Life– "The Lord is our righteousness" (Jeremiah 23:6b). What comforting truth for hearts troubled with sin's guilt that keeps resurfacing. Sometimes a past sin can be so haunting that we do not always feel forgiven, or we cannot forgive ourselves. The sin of abortion is a prime example. But our righteousness does not depend upon us or our feelings. Our righteousness is Christ! *Prayer: O Lord our Righteousness, may my comfort and hope be anchored in You and not my feelings. Amen.*

Swaddling Clothes - We will have a workday on Wednesday, December 9th from 10:30-12:30 pm. Everyone is welcome to help! 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).

Are you a baker? Swaddling Clothes needs your help! We are planning to give out Christmas cookies to our families at our shopping day on December 12th. We need 45 dozen cookies (homemade or store bought cookies - either are fine.) We are asking that the cookies do not contain nuts or peanut butter. Cookies can be brought to church next Sunday and we will freeze them or you can drop them off on Saturday, December 12th by 9:00 am. Please contact Nancy at (816)556-6555 if you have any questions or would like to donate cookies.

The Chancel Guild is offering poinsettias for purchase to beautify our sanctuary. The plants are $9.00 and can be taken home after our service on Friday, December 25th. The envelopes for ordering can be found in the chancel mail box or next to the flower chart. 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.

New Social Media - You can now follow Holy Cross on social media by visiting https://bit.ly/HolyCrossFB or by following @HolyCrossKC on Instagram. Please help us to spread awareness of our congregation and ministries by giving us a follow and sharing our posts. You can also follow along with the ECC at Holy Cross Lutheran Early Childhood Center on Facebook.

Long-Term Planning - Thank you for everyone who attended the congregation's long term planning meeting last Sunday. If you weren't able to attend, materials from the meeting are available on the cabinet in the Narthex. Please consider completing the CADDS survey from the meeting and returning it to the church office. Congregational leadership will be using the survey results to gauge the perspectives of the membership as we begin to solidify a plan. Next steps will be discussed at the Council meeting on December 1. All are welcome to attend and share their input.

On the Calendar

Sunday, November 29:	Corporate Confession & Absolution	8:00 A.M.
	Adult Bible Class & Sunday School	8:45 A.M.
	Divine Service	**10:00 A.M.**
Monday, November 30:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel	9:15 A.M.
Tuesday, December 1:	Men's Bible Breakfast	7:00 A.M.
	Matins	8:00 A.M.
	Ladies' Night Out (Cascone's)	5:30 P.M.
	Church Council Meeting	7:00 P.M.
Wednesday, December 2:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	Bible Class	9:00 A.M.
	Evening Prayer	7:00 P.M.
	Choir Rehearsal	7:45 P.M.
Thursday, December 3:	Matins	7:30 A.M.
	ECC Chapel	9:15 A.M.
Saturday, December 5:	Matins	8:30 A.M.
	Handbell Choir Rehearsal	9:00 A.M.
Sunday, December 6:	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.

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.

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. **Pledge cards** are available on the counter in the Narthex. If you would still like to pledge for 2027, please fill out a card and place it in the offering plate.

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.

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 held on Wednesdays at 9:00 am. Our Bible study is a video series led by Rev. Jacob Benson on "The Saints and Virtue." Join us when we resume class this Wednesday, December 2nd.

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.

Turkey, pie, or the freedom to confess your faith—only one of those has stuck with you past Thanksgiving. Give thanks for it by subscribing to www.LCRLFreedom.org/subscribe

SACRED MUSIC FOR THE ADVENT SEASON… "Savior of the Nations, Come," "On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry," "Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending," "Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding," "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel." You can listen to sacred music for the Advent season 24/7 at lutheranpublicradio.org, Amazon Alexa, Google Home, Apple HomePod, TuneIn and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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.