

HOLY CROSS LUTHERAN CHURCH

2033 Kaskaskia Rd

Renault, Illinois

Sunday School/Table Talks 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Rev. James Stefanic, Pastor

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Wendy Mueller, Organist 6:30 am

Cailyn Wilson, Acolyte 6:30 am

Wayne Johanning, Organist 10 am

1853 – “COMFORT, COMFORT YE MY PEOPLE” – 2026

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THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

April 5, 2026

Communion Sunday



Welcome: In the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, we welcome all our guests and members this morning. Jesus Christ promises us that all who come unto Him will have their burdens lifted. We pray that our guests and members will leave this morning full of the joy imparted by hearing God’s Word. We pray that you will worship with us often.

Our Worship on the Resurrection of Our Lord:

The Liturgy: LSB Divine Service Three, pp. 184 ff

Easter Sunrise Hymns: 457, 488, 467, 155, 461, 548, 482 & 478

Easter Day Hymns:: 463, 488, 458, 633, 483 & 465

Communion: Because the serving of the Lord’s Body and Blood is an act of pastoral care, and because Holy Communion is a confession of the faith confessed at this altar, any who are not currently members of this congregation, and yet desire to receive the Sacrament, please speak with the pastor before the service.

Communion Wine: The wine is offered in individual glasses. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink full strength wine, the lighter color glasses in the middle of the tray contain a small amount of wine mixed with water. This allows communicants to receive the Sacrament without health concerns.

**** Please sign the record book in your pew before leaving.**

Save the Date – Wurstmart is Sunday, October 25 ***

Everyone’s help is appreciated.

How We Praised the Lord Last Week in The Parish:

Worship Attendance:74; a year ago, 109

Sunday School:19; a year ago, 11

Adult Bible Class:10; a year ago, 10

Maundy Thursday:47; a year ago, 31

Communed:37; a year ago, 30

Good Friday:56; a year ago, 27

Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week in The Parish:

April 7 – Tad Henry 8 – Ricky Wetzler

8 – Erin Haake 11 – Ashley Ottoson

At Work and Worship This Week in The Parish:

Today: Easter Sunrise Service 6:30 a.m.

LYF serving Breakfast 7:30 a.m.

Sunday School 8:30 a.m.

Easter Day Communion Service 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday: Elders’ Meeting..... 7:00 p.m.

Thursday: Oak Hill, Cedarhurst, Garden Place 9:45 a.m.

Sunday: Sunday School & Table Talks9:00 a.m.

Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

Confirmation Reunion Sunday

In Our Prayers: Johanna Dougherty; Henry Koch; Glen Meyer; Mark Ottoson; Larry Matzenbacher; Kathy Baker; Jim Keller; Joe Whelan; Ella Guebert. ***Rich In Years Members:*** Anita Mueller; Laverne Hinrichs; Virginia Strong; Roger Johnson; Wilma Heller; Marlene Deterding; Roger Toenjes. ***friends and family of members:*** Ziayah Rain; Jonah Cooksey; Jo Ann Candler; Andrea Kuehner; Dave Moore; Floyd Higginson; Rosemary Schultheis; Riley Foster; Kenneth Kelley; Ashley Schrader; Randy Wetzler; Evelyn Marquardt; Doris Wilson; Allison Ford; Zachary Glenn; Carolyn Henry; Janine Drury; Troy Biernbaum. ***Members, family, and friends in the military:*** John Michael Glossip; Brett Biernbaum; Luke Crider; Gage Baldwin; Madelyn Brown; Stephen Beaulieu; Cameron Hill; Cameron Jackson.

Sunday School & Table Talks on Easter Sunday:

TableTalks is not meeting today.

Sunday School will be from 8:30 am – 9:30 am.

We are having an Easter Celebration Party in the Sunday School Rooms.

April Voices are ready & located in the narthex. Please pick up yours today and any family members you will see.

Serving on Sunday: April 12

Head Usher: Jim Seboldt
Ushers: Tim Dougherty, Bella Corona
Matt Keller, Tad Henry
Acolyte: Aubrey Melching
Counters: Bill & Sue Kunkel



Sunday School : "The Living Wonder" is the title of this week's Bible lesson. After mocking and beating Jesus, the Roman guards take Him to be crucified. As Jesus hangs on the cross, the crowds continue to hurl insults. As Jesus gives up His life, the curtain of the temple splits from top to bottom. Mary Magdalene and Mary, the mother of Joses, see Joseph of Arimathea, lay Jesus' body in the tomb. When the two Marys and Salome come to the tomb on Sunday morning, they find it empty except for a young man in white, who tells them Jesus has risen from the dead.

Spiritual Discipline (April): Learn or relearn one of the chief parts of the Small Catechism

Hymn of the Month (April): LSB #467 "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness"

Together in Mission: April is the second month in 2026 that is set aside to receive gifts for Together in Mission. Please place your gift in the "Special Mission" envelope that is in your offering envelope box.



You are invited!

Vacation Bible School

June 22-26, 2026

9:00 am - Noon



Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault

Our world is filled with exciting things to explore and enjoy. But there are also challenges and hardships we face along the way. Our loving powerful God desired to help us. He seeks us out and leads us to faith. We can trust Him!

Registration is open for Pre-K (ages 4 years old) Through 8th grade.

Join us to learn about our mighty God and Jesus our Savior through Bible stories, sing fun songs, do crazy crafts, eat yummy snacks, play awesome games, and *more*. Can't wait to see you there!

To register, contact 618-604-6666, seboldt1@htc.net or visit <https://vbsmate.com/holycrossrenault> If possible please register by May 1st.

“The Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

~ Luke 19:10



2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- Apr 5: Easter Services 6:30 & 10:00 am
- Apr 8: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
- Apr 9: Garden Place, Oak Hill, Cedarhurst
- Apr 12: Confirmation Reunion
- Apr 14: Pastor @ Winkel, Renault
- Apr 14: Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Apr 18: LWML Spring Retreat
- Apr 21: May Voice Deadline
- Apr 26: Potluck and Trivia Event for Holy Cross Family
- Apr 27: Pastor is guest on KFUD's Thy Strong Word 11 a.m.
- Apr 27: Voters' Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 5: Pastor-Spring Pastors' Conference, Godfrey
- May 6: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- May 6: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
- May 12: Mother's Day
- May 14: Joint Ascension Day Service @ Holy Cross
With Immanuel, Root Beer Floats to Follow
- May 15: June Voice Deadline
- May 19: Council Meeting 11:15 am
- Jun 3: Elders' Mtg 7p
- Jun 10: Wm Bible Study 10:00 am & 7:00 pm
- Jun 14: Council Meeting 11:15 am
- Jun 15: July Voice deadline
- Jun 21: Father's Day
- Jun 22 – 26: VBS Week
- July 6: SS Teachers & Bd of Ch. Ed Mtg 7:15 pm
- Sep 13: Rich in Years Sunday

EASTER SUNDAY – APRIL 5 AT 6:30 A.M.* & 10:00 A.M.*

Outdoor Service at 6:30 a.m.* (Indoors if bad weather)

LYF Easter Breakfast at 7:30 a.m.

Sunday School Classes at 8:30 a.m.

Indoor Service at 10:00 a.m.*



**Indicates the Lord's Supper is celebrated.*



In Loving Memory of:

Gross & Prange Family
 by Betty & Dave Gross

Francis Heller & Terry Heller
 by Joyce Heller and
 Don & Donna Gariglietti*

Judy & Jerry Melliere, Bill Wilson & Mike Wilson
 by Mark & Suzanne Wilson & family*

Jerry & Judy Melliere and Glen & Winnetta Ottoson
 by Mark, Sandra, Andrew & Ashley Ottoson

Our loving parents: S. Ray & June Yankey and
 Judy & Jerry Melliere
 by Roger & Chrissy Melliere & family*

Ira & Esther Plymale and John & Rose Toenjes
 John & Diann Toenjes
 by Roger & Elaine Toenjes*

Carol Seders, Elda Seders & Ruby Liefer
 by Wayne Seders*

Oliver & Jackie Prange and Eugene Prange
 by Bill & Sue Kunkel*

Family members no longer with us
 by Wayne & Therese Johanning

Jane Matzenbacher
 by Larry Matzenbacher & Gina Matzenbacher*

The Hinrichs family and Eddie Roscow
 by Duke & Linda Hinrichs*

Our Loving Mother Michelle
 by Emma & Ella Guebert

Our loving Mother and Grandmother
 By Mary, Kayla, Derek, Caiti & Sara Weiser



In Thanksgiving of:

Prayers answered for sending the Stefanic Family to Guide
 and enrich our lives here at Holy Cross
 By Pam & Augie Melching*

Cailyn, Abby, Ellie, Isabella, Grandson in August and Jesus
 for all his blessings
 by Mark & Suzanne Wilson & family*

Our healthy grandkids
 by Don & Kathy Roth

Our Beautiful Children & Grandsons, Kade & Xavier
 by Roger & Chrissy Melliere*

Our Grandson Gage Baldwin, who makes it home safe from
 the Middle East. Prayers for the rest of our family
 By Gerry & Don Heller

* means denoted more than one.

Since Easter is the central and highest feast of the
 entire church year, it calls for the greatest expression of
 adoration, gratitude, triumph, and joy. Their very number
 creates the effect of shouting Alleluias. What's more, the
 Easter Lily as it opens resembles a trumpet proclaiming
 Christ's victory over death.

Thank you to everyone who donated a lily to help
 create this effect and add to the beauty of our church. Please
 call the church office if any listing has been inadvertently
 omitted or incorrectly typed.





Wednesday, April 8
7:00 pm
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Tuesday, April 14
7:00 pm
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Monday, April 27
7:00 pm
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Order of The Service or The Communion

The Exhortation

Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart, and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to grant us forgiveness.

What is suggested in this Exhortation?

“Let us draw near,” i.e., The entrance to the Divine Sanctuary is always open to us, our great High Priest and Reconciler being there to receive us This approach is the mark of a true believer. Read Hebrews 10:22.

“With a true heart,” i.e., Properly prepared to confess; not hypocritical or double-minded; conscious of our depravity and failings. Read Psalm 32:5 and I John 1:8, 9.

“And confess our sins,” etc. This we do in the following Confession.

“Beseeching Him ... forgiveness.” This we do in the Prayer for Grace.

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**Confirmation
Reunion Sunday
April 12, 2026**

We welcome everyone to join in
on the special celebration
to be held on Sunday, April 12.

We will be recognizing former confirmands
With class years ending in 1 & 6
in a special service.

Following the service
there will be a fellowship meal in the social hall.
The Board will provide the meat and drinks.
Our members may bring sides and desserts.

Books are the Best!!!

Come check out the newly relocated and updated church library! You will find it in the hallway of the Sunday School department. There have been new books added with more to come. You'll find great reading for yourself and neat books to read and share with nieces, nephews, grandkids and more. Sharon Bartosik

TRIVIA

Afternoon
Sponsored by LYF



With our
Holy Cross Family

APRIL 26, 2026

Potluck at noon.

Please bless our food table with one of your
favorite recipes for everyone to try.

Drinks are provided.

Trivia from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Join us
FOR ALL THE
FUN!

**TRIVIA
TIME!**

**** I will be attending the LWML SID
Spring Retreat on April 18th at Carbondale.
If anyone would like to carpool, please let me know.
Linda Keller -- home 618-458-6896 or cell 618-340-1957*****

We invite you to join
Lutheran Women in Mission
Southern Illinois District

2026 Spring Retreat
See How They Love One Another
"By this all people will know that you are my disciples.
if you have love for one another."
John 13:34

APRIL | SAT | 2026
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FROM 9:00AM- 2:30PM

**OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN CHURCH & STUDENT CENTER
700 S. UNIVERSITY CARBONDALE**

Check-In, Coffee & Snacks will be from 9:00-9:30AM
Worship, fellowship & breakout sessions to follow.

Name (First Last): _____

Home Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Home Congregation & Location: _____

Permission to photograph (without names) for LWML publicity?
Yes or No



The ingathering will be a
monetary donation to Our
Savior LWML Refugee
Resettlement Project.
This project is aiding an
Afghan family get to
safety.

Registration Fee: \$20 per Person
(Lunch will be provided)
Please, select how you would like to pay.
Check Number: _____
Or Cash: _____

Checks should be made out to LWML SID
Kindly, RSVP by April 1, 2026 to:
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