



Holy Cross Lutheran Church

A Member of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

Education Hour: Sunday 9:00 am

Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 am

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Elijah Stefanic, Acolyte

Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

October 11, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Holy Cross

This is our Father's House. May no one feel strange or far from home. We hope you will join in our worship, and that you will find Christian friendliness which brings you back again.

Entering the Sanctuary Prayer: Almighty God, we, your servants, trusting not in our own merits, pray that you will not deal with us as we deserve but according to your mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Our Order of Worship this Nineteenth Sunday After Trinity:

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

Hymn of Invocation: LSB # 822 *Alleluia! Let Praises Ring*

Hymn of the Day: LSB # 708 *Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart*

Closing Hymn: ... LSB # 610 *Lord Jesus, Think on Me*

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 28:10-17

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 4:22-28

The Gospel: Matthew 9:1-8

How We Praised the Lord Last Week:

Worship Attendance: 81; a year ago, 60

Communed: 58; a year ago, 49

Sunday School: 16; a year ago, 9

Table Talks:..... 20; a year ago, 8

This Week's Events:

Tuesday: Circuit Confessions Study 10:00 a.m.

Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday: Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.

SS Teachers & Bd of Ch Ed 7:15 p.m.

Friday: Friday morning Bible Study 10:15 a.m.

Saturday: Church Workday for Wurstmart 8:00 a.m.

Sunday: Sunday School/Education Hour 9:00 a.m.

Worship/Communion Service 10:00 a.m.



Together in Mission: October is the last month in 2026 that is set aside to receive gifts for Together in Mission. Rev. Tyler and Yanela McMiller are our missionaries in Italy. Please place your gift in the "Special Mission" envelope that is in your offering envelope box.

Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week:

October 12 – CJ Veach 12 – Mark & Sandra Ottoson (A)
13 – Marlene Deterding 16 – Dwight Jacobs
13 – Christi Keller 16 – Erica Lenhardt
14 – Justin Braun 17 – Evan Keller
14 – Kathryn Kelley 17 – John Mark Stefanic
14 – Gina Matzenbacher 17 – Abbie Yearian
15 – Allen Kent

Spiritual Discipline (October): Attend Education Hour &
Divine Service Every Sunday

Hymn of the Month (October): LSB #555 *Salvation unto Us
Has Come*

In Our Prayers: Peggy Pflasterer; Harold Keller; Johanna Dougherty; Henry Koch; Larry Matzenbacher; Kathy Baker; Joe Whelan; Ella Guebert.

Rich In Years Members: Virginia Strong; Roger Johnson; Anita Mueller; Laverne Hinrichs; Wilma Heller; Marlene Deterding; Roger Toenjes; Bonita Kent.

friends and family of members: Jeff Baker; Zaiyah Rain; Jonah Cooksey; Jo Ann Candler; Andrea Kuehner; Dave Moore; Floyd Higginson; Ashley Schrader; Randy Wetzler; Evelyn Marquardt; Allison Ford; Zachary Glenn; Carolyn Henry; Janine Drury;

Members, family, and friends in the military: John Michael Glossip; Brett Biernbaum; Luke Crider; Gage Baldwin; Madelyn Brown; Stephen Beaulieu; Cameron Hill; Cameron Jackson; Chase Jackson. Luke Kennedy

Vicar: Michael Conroy

With Child: Sarah Stefanic, Lindsay Phillips

Serving on Sunday October 18:

Elder: Mark Ottoson

Head Usher: Jim Seboldt

Ushers: Tim Dougherty, Bella Corona
Matt Keller, Tad Henry

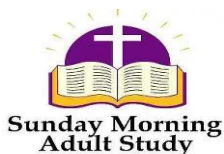
Acolyte: Elijah Stefanic

Counters: Kenny & Sandy Schultheis



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





Education Hour: Join us each Sunday morning at 9am for a Bible Study on the book of Exodus. Today our study is centered on chapters 29-31.

Sunday School: This weeks lesson is “A Servant’s Mission.” Abraham tasks a faithful servant with finding a wife for Isaac from Abraham’s homeland. The servant prays for a sign and waits at a well outside the city of Nahor. Rebekah appears, offering to draw water for both man and beast—the sign the servant had asked for. Rebekah invites the servant to come to her family home. Having received gifts from Abraham, Rebekah’s family sends her to Isaac with their blessings.

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Apple Butter

Quarts \$11

Pints \$6

(Same price as last year)

For sale in the old hall.



Cookbooks are in. We are selling them for \$10 each. Checks payable to Holy Cross. See Linda.

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Tuesday
October 13
7:00 pm
Social Hall



& Bd of Ch Ed.

Wednesday
October 14
7:15 pm



Monday
October 19
7:00 pm
Church Sanctuary



2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- Oct 11: LWML Sunday
- Oct 13: Council Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 14: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
- Oct 14: SS Teachers & Bd Of Ch Ed Meeting 7:15 pm
- Oct 16: Friday Morning Bible Study 10:15 am
- Oct 17: Church Workday for Wurstmart 8:00 am
- Oct 18: Planning Your Legacy @ St. Paul's Columbia 6:30 pm
- Oct 19: Voters' Meeting 7:00 pm
- Oct 21: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
- Oct 21: November Voice Deadline
- Oct 23: Friday Morning Bible Study 10:15 am
- Oct 23: Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship 8:30 am
- Oct 25: HC Wurstmart
- Oct 27-29: Pastor @ SID Pastoral Rest & Respite Retreat
- Oct 30: Friday Morning Bible Study 10:15 am
- Oct 31: Circuit Reformation Hymn Festival @ St. Paul's Columbia
- Nov 1: All Saints Day
- Nov 4: Women's Bible Study 10:00 am / 7:00 pm
- Nov 4: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
- Nov 4: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
- Nov 7: Sarah's Baby Shower 11:00 am
- Nov 8: Recognition of our Military Veterans
- Nov 8: Council Meeting 11:00 am
- Nov 11: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
- Nov 11: Veterans' Day
- Nov 18: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
- Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am



Our next Friday morning Bible Study will be **October 16 @ 10:15 a.m.** Join us for a study through Romans.

Funeral Pall

What is the Funeral Pall?

The funeral pall, given to the glory of God in memory of Joyce Heller, is used in the funeral service to cover the casket. It is a visible reminder of the baptismal garments of Christ's righteousness.

The funeral service begins with the remembrance of Baptism in the draping of the pall. The pastor and congregation read responsively from Romans 6:4, where Paul reminds us that our Baptism is a burial with Christ: ***"We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life."***

In the first few centuries of the Church there arose the practice of clothing the baptized in a white garment. This practice is retained on p. 271 of our hymnal: "Receive this white garment to show you that you have been clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covers all your sin. So shall you stand without fear before the judgment seat of Christ to receive the inheritance prepared for you from the foundation of the world."

Revelation 7 gives us the beautiful vision of the holy martyrs wrapped in resplendent robes, bleached white and perfectly cleansed by the blood of the Lamb. Already in baptism, you are cleaned and righteous in the sight of God because of the blood of Jesus.

This is why we can make use of a funeral pall. In life we have nothing to cling to but Christ and His work for us. In death, our only assurance is Christ and the righteousness He clothes us in. The funeral pall says of the deceased: "You were baptized into Christ, and He has not let you go. Christ's righteousness, His purity, His holiness covers all your sins. You have already died and now you await the resurrection to come as you rest in the loving arms of your Savior."



Our **80th Annual Wurstmarkt** will be held on **Sunday, October 25, 2026.**

Wurstmarkt Reminders:

- Workday is Saturday, October 17, 2026. Beginning at 8:00 am
 - If you are unable to help this day, please look at the list in the Social Hall and complete a task beforehand to help.
- Church on Sunday, October 25 is at 9:00 am
- Check your worker slips to know your shift and job

Thank you for everyone's cooperation and willingness to serve. It takes more than just the committees to make the Wurstmarkt a success!!

In Christ's service,

Kitchen Committee: Laura Henry, Sandra Ottoson, Kinsey Schultheis, Brenda Seboldt

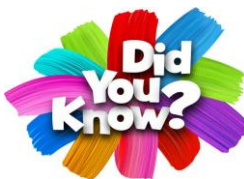
Butchering Committee: Jason Bartosik, Donald Schultheis, Kenny Schultheis, Wayne Seders



Shower gift ideas if you don't want to go thru Amazon Baby Registry:

baby play mat, onesies of all sizes, Huggies diapers (all sizes), wipes, diaper cream, etc., silicone pocket bibs, drool bibs, stainless steel toddler silverware, muslin swaddle blankets, white noise machine, baby booties (snap on), socks, baby toothbrush, board books.

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*Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Children's Bulletin*
*A Member of the Lutheran Church –
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Education Hour: Sunday 9:00 am
Worship Service: Sunday 10:00 am

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity
August 30, 2026
10:00 A.M.

*Children's Bulletins
Are available
On the Ushers' table.*



*The next topic for our
LWML Women's Bible Study
is "When Service Isn't
Sparkly".*
There are copies on the
Ushers' Table if you would
like to preview before the
next month.

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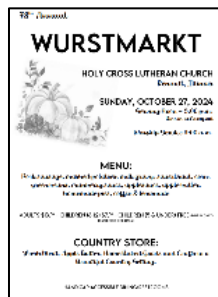
Preparing for Sunday:
**CATECHESIS FOR THE
HOME AND CONGREGATION**

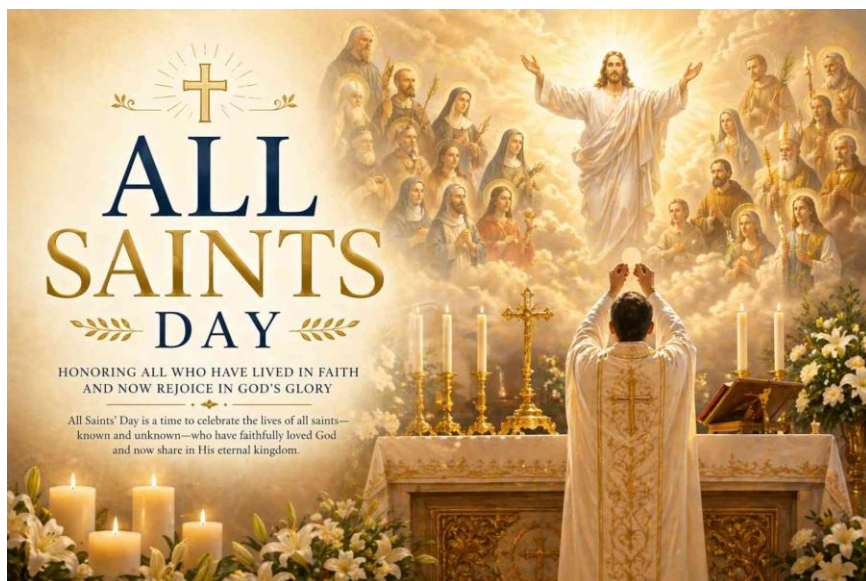


DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR Fall
– 2026 Preparing for Sunday
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Renault, IL

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR Fall
Have been mailed out. Extra
copies are available upon
request.

Wurstmarkt flyers are available in the back
of church. Please let one of the committee
members know where you are taking them to
display.





All Saints Day is commemorated on **November 1**. It is a day set aside on the church calendar to remember those who have passed into eternal life with Jesus. It has been a practice in many Lutheran churches to remember those members of the church who have died in the prior year on All Saints Day or on the Sunday that follows. On Sunday, November 1 this year during the prayer of the church we will remember those who have died this past year. Also, we will include remembrance of family members upon the request of members of the congregation. Please fill out the enclosed form, call the church or send an email to the church with your request. (see page 12)

Reformation Hymn Festival

All are invited to join us at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia for a joint Reformation Hymn Festival on Saturday, October 31, at 3:00 pm

Circuit 6 congregations will join together to

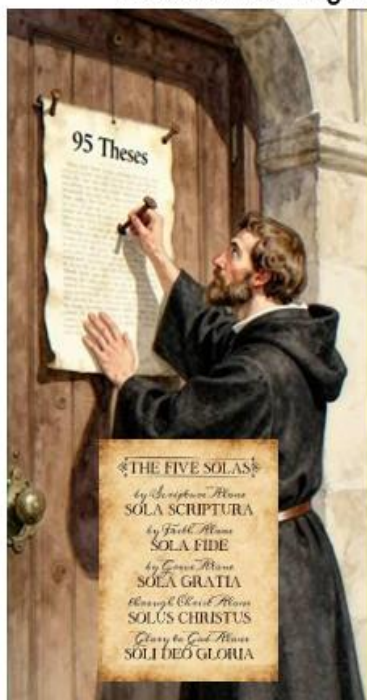
☆ hear God's Word,

☆ sing His praises,

☆ and rejoice

in the Reformation truth

that salvation is God's free gift of grace
received through faith in Jesus Christ.



REFORMATION HYMN FESTIVAL

SATURDAY,
OCTOBER 31 AT 3 PM

ST. PAUL'S
LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLUMBIA, IL
227 North Good Haven

Circuit 6 Congregations
Joint Service

ALL ARE WELCOME!

Following the hymn festival,
light refreshments will be served
in St. Paul's Fellowship Hall.

A free will offering for Eve's Restoration
Home will be received at this event.

Instrumentalists, bell choir members, pastors, and choir members

From the Circuit 6 congregations include:

St. Paul's Lutheran, Columbia; Trinity Lutheran, Millstadt;
Holy Cross Lutheran in Renault; Immanuel Lutheran in Waterloo;
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Wartburg;
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, East Carondelet,
and Our Savior Lutheran Church, Freeburg



Craft Bazaar & Luncheon

Saturday, November 7, 2026

9:30 am – 1:30 pm

(A la carte luncheon featuring homemade soup,
salad, sandwiches, & desserts served from 10:30 – 1:00)

Immanuel Lutheran Church

9733 Olive Blvd., Olivette, MO 63132

Gift Items ❄ Baked Goods ❄ Crafts
Jams & Jellies ❄ Granny's Attic Treasures

Bring your family & friends ... we can't wait to see you!



We will observe the commemoration of the faithful departed at our All Saints Day Divine Service on November 1st. If you have a loved one who has died in Christ since **November 1st, 2026**, you may submit their name to the office to be included in the rite. Please include their first, middle, and last name and a pronunciation guide.

**Please...put in the offering plate, or turn into Suzanne,
in Church Office by Oct. 25th.
Thank you.**

Your Name

In Remembrance Of

How to
pronounce: _____