



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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Michael Conroy, Vicar

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Elijah Stefanic, Acolyte

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

October 18, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Welcome to Holy Cross

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.

Entering the Sanctuary Prayer: Gracious Lord of all, let nothing interfere with our commitment to you. Give us that sense of priority that values all things properly and treasures nothing above 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 Twentieth Sunday After Trinity:

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

Hymn of Invocation: LSB # 568 If Your Beloved Son, O God

Hymn of the Day: LSB # 627 Jesus Christ, Our Blessed Savior

Distribution Hymns: LSB #633 At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

LSB #689 Let Me Be Thine Forever

LSB #731 O God, Forsake Me Not

Closing Hymn: LSB #919 Abide, O Dearest Jesus

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 55:1-9

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 5:15-21

The Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

How We Praised the Lord Last Week:

Worship Attendance: 80; a year ago, ... 78

Sunday School: 18; a year ago, ... 9

Table Talks:..... 15; a year ago, ... 9

This Week's Events:

Monday: Voters' Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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

Wednesday: Confirmation Class 6:00 p.m.

November Voice deadline

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

LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship

Sunday: Worship Service 9:00 a.m.

Sunday School 10:00 a.m.-10:30 a.m.

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



Celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries This Week:

October 20 – Mike Melching 20 – Leland & Wendy Mueller (A)
21 – Bobby & Karen Schultheis (A)

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

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.

Serving on Sunday October 25:

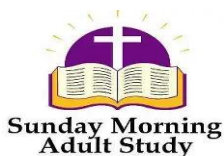
Head Usher: Bill Kunkel

Ushers: Wayne Seders, Steve Henry,
Neil Huntley, John Mark Stefanic

Acolyte: Andrew Candler

Counters: Bob & Linda Keller





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. Adult Bible Class will **not** be meeting next Sunday, October 25.

Sunday School: The account of Esau and Jacob serves as today's lesson, "Twin Troubles." When Isaac is sixty years old, Rebekah gives birth to very different twin boys—Esau and Jacob. Isaac ignores God's promise to Jacob and favors Esau. Esau's hunger gets the best of him as he sells his birthright for a bowl of stew. Rebekah enables further deception as she plots with Jacob, her favored son, so that he receives Isaac's blessing. When Esau vows to kill Jacob, Rebekah sends Jacob away for his own safety.

Apple Butter

Quarts \$11

Pints \$6

(Same price as last year)

For sale in the old hall.



Monday
October 19

7:00 pm

Church Sanctuary



Holy Cross Wurstmarkt is next Sunday

Worship Service is at 9:00 am

Sunday School is at 10:00 am

EACH FAMILY PLEASE BRING

3 homemade pies for the dining room

Bakery item for the Country Store

Butter or stick margarine (Members whose last name begins with A through K)

Milk (Members whose last name begins with L through Z)



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



2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events:

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 Wurstmarkt
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: Annual Fall Festival with Our Lady of Good Council
Nov 11: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Nov 11: Veterans' Day
Nov 15: Council Meeting 11:00 am
Nov 18: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am
Dec 2: Confirmation Class 5:00 pm; Advent Service 7:00 pm
Dec 2: Elders' Meeting 8:15 pm
Dec 6: Christmas Eve Practice 11:00 am
Dec 9: Confirmation Class 5:00 pm; Advent Service 7:00 pm
Dec 13: Election Meeting 11:00 am; Chr. Eve Practice 11:15 a
Dec 16: Confirmation Class 5:00 pm
Dec 16: Advent Service 7:00 pm
Dec 20: Christmas Eve Practice 11:00 am
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
Dec 25: Christmas Day Service 9:00 am



Our next Friday morning Bible Study
will be **October 23 @ 10:15 a.m.**
Join us for a study through Romans.



Order of The Service or The Communion

The Votum



*The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.*

Where in the Scripture is the Votum found?

In St. Paul's Epistle to Philippians, chapter 4, verse 7.

What is the Votum?

It is the benediction after the Sermon, assuring the believing worshipers that the peace of God, in Christ Jesus, offered and bestowed in the preached Word, will keep their hearts and minds in true faith unto everlasting life.

The Votum appropriately concludes and sums up Part II of the Office of the Word.

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Our church's Christmas Gift Giving opportunity this year will be towards the residents of Accolade. The former Oak Hill. Please be watching for more information to come as we look forward to making their Christmas brighter!



*Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Children's Bulletin
A Member of the Lutheran Church –
Missouri Synod*

**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**

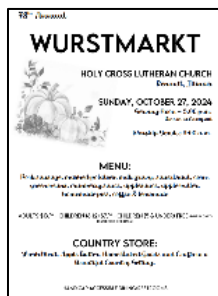


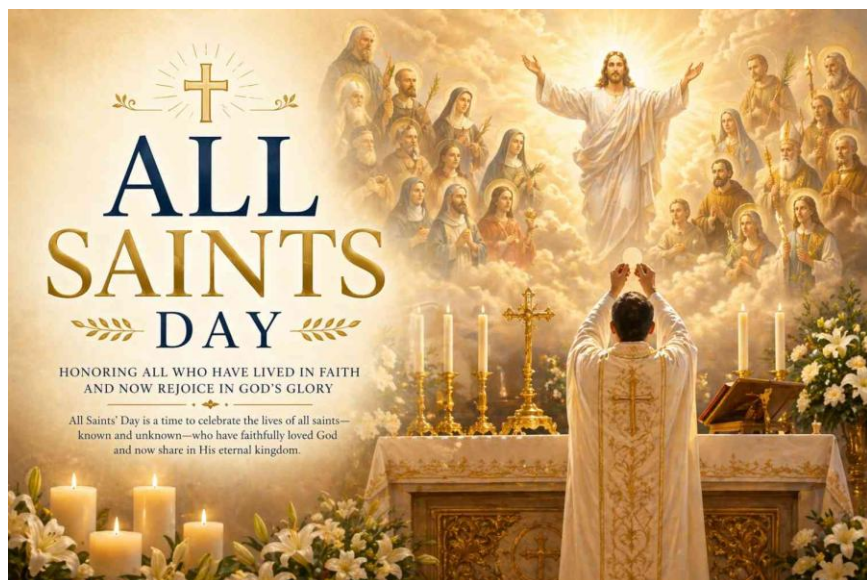
**DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR Fall
– 2026 Preparing for Sunday
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Renault, IL**

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)



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.



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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A special thank you to Donna Garigletti and Sharon Bartosik for
all their work in researching for and purchasing a funeral pall. We
thank God for you ladies and your desire to add beauty to our
funeral services.

Ladies' Bunco Night

for fun & friendship!



Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2026
6:30 PM

Immanuel Lutheran Church
Multipurpose Room
522 S. Church St.
Waterloo, IL 62298

- Doors open at 6:00 PM with fellowship & refreshments.
- Entrance fee: \$2.00/person –OR– 2 or more non-perishable food items for the Bi-Country Backpack Program (no glass jars or bottles)
- No RSVP is necessary.
- Additional info: call Immanuel's office 618.939.6480

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Peace Lutheran Church St Louis MO
December 3, 4, 5 & 6, 2026

A 1300's medieval Christmas pageant
Celebrating the birth of Jesus Christ

Tickets are free and
available November 2.

See flyer in the back of church



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

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
pronunciate: _____