

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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Pastor: James J. Stefanic

Rev. Tyler McMiller, Missionary
Michael Conroy, Vicar
Wayne Johanning, Organist
John Mark Stefanic, Acolyte

Last Sunday of the Church Year
November 22, 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: O God, the strength of all who put their trust in you, because of the weakness of our sinful nature we can do nothing to earn salvation. Grant us the help of your grace that we may please you with faith and obedience; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

Our Order of Worship this Last Sunday of the Church Year:
The Liturgy: ……..... LSB Divine Service Three, p. 184ff
Hymn of Invocation: LSB # 514 *The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us*
Hymn of the Day: ... LSB # 516 *Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying*
Closing Hymn: … LSB # 676 *Behold a Host, Arrayed in White*
Hymn of the Month
Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 65:17–25
Epistle Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
The Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13



How We Praised the Lord Last Week:

Worship Attendance:	72; a year ago,	50
Communed:	55; a year ago,	41
Sunday School:	17; a year ago,	9
Table Talks:	11; a year ago,	8

<u>Spiritual Discipline (November):</u>
Invite a member of the Congregation to dinner
<u>Hymn of the Month (November):</u>
LSB #676. "Behold a Host, Arrayed in White"

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



This Week's Events:

Thursday: Thanksgiving Day Service ……9:00 a.m.
Saturday: LYF decorating the Church for Christmas 9:00 a.m.
Sunday: Worship Service..... 10:00 a.m.

Celebrating Birthdays & Anniversaries This Week:

23rd – Sarah Stefanic
23rd – Jaxson Mueller
26th – Laura Henry

22nd – Kenny & Sandy Schultheis (A)
22nd – Dale & Kim Robert (A)
26th – Mark & Suzanne Wilson (A)
27th – Jason & Krissy Bartosik (A)

In Our Prayers: Larry Matzenbacher; Peggy Pflasterer; Harold Keller; Johanna Dougherty; Henry Koch; Kathy Baker; Joe Whelan; Ella Guebert. Jeff Baker;
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: *Family of David Rodenburg and Carolyn Henry*; Jo Ann Candler; Heather Sensel; Zaiyah Rain***;*** Jonah Cooksey; Andrea Kuehner; Dave Moore; Floyd Higgerson; 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, Jacob Miller.
Vicar**:** Michael Conroy
With Child: Sarah Stefanic

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.

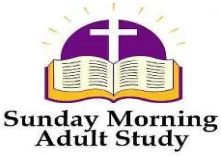
Communion Wine: The wine is offered in individual glasses. If for health or personal reasons you cannot drink full strength wine, the lighter color glasses in the middle of the tray contain a small amount of wine mixed with water. This allows communicants to receive the Sacrament without health concerns.

Serving on Thursday, November 26:
Elder : Bill Kunkel
Head Usher: Mark Seboldt
Ushers: Wayne Seders, Steve Henry
Neil Huntley, John Mark Stefanic
Acolyte: John Mark Stefanic
Counters: Kenny & Sandy Schultheis



Serving on Sunday, November 29:
Head Usher: Mark Seboldt
Ushers: Bob Keller, Mark Ottoson,
Donald Schultheis, Austin Melliere
Acolyte: Jaxon Pigg
Counters: Bob & Linda Keller





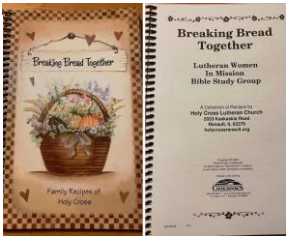
Sunday Education Hour: Join us each Sunday morning at 9am for a Bible Study on the book of Exodus. Today our study is centered on chapters 34-35.

Sunday School: Today, we will study "Signs of the True God," as student learn more about Moses and the plagues. God guides Moses to release His people from their slavery in Egypt, but Pharaoh proves less than cooperative. A series of plagues—foretold by Moses and sent by God—brings destruction and pain upon the Egyptians but only serves to harden Pharaoh's heart against Moses and the Israelites.



Our next Friday morning Bible Study will be **December 4 @ 10:15 a.m.** Join us for a study through Romans.

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



Last Sunday
of the Church Year
Worship Service



2026 Calendar of Upcoming Events:

Nov 26: Thanksgiving Day 9:00 am
Nov 28: LYF Christmas Decorating
Dec 2: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Dec 2: Advent Vespers 7:30 pm
Dec 2: Elders' Meeting 8:15 pm
Dec 4, 11, 18: Friday Bible Study 10:15 am
Dec 6: Christmas Eve Practice 11:15 am
Dec 6: Parsonage Open House 3:30 pm – 6:30 pm
Dec 9: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Dec 9: Advent Vespers 7:30 pm
Dec 11: January Voice Deadline
Dec 13: Election Meeting 11:15 am
Dec 13: Christmas Eve Practice 11:30 am
Dec 16: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Dec 16: Advent Vespers 7:30 pm
Dec 18: Annual Report due
Dec 20: Christmas Eve Practice 9:00 & 11:15 am
Dec 24: Christmas Eve Service 7:00 pm
Dec 25: Christmas Day Service 9:00 am



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Jan 3: Christmas Decorations taken down
Jan 6: Women's Bible Study 10:00 a & 7:00 pm
Jan 6: Confirmation Class 6:00 pm
Jan 6: Elders' Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 12: Council Meeting 7:00 pm
Jan 17: Congregational/Voters' Meeting 11:15am
Jan 20: SS Trs & Bd of Ch Ed meeting 7:15 pm



November 26
9:00 a.m.



Thanksgiving Day Service

Thanksgiving Day Communion Service
on Thursday, November 26
at 9:00 a.m.

A monetary offering received
to be divided equally between

AbleLight

(Previously known as)

Bethesda

&

Unity Lutheran
CHRISTIAN ELEMENTARY





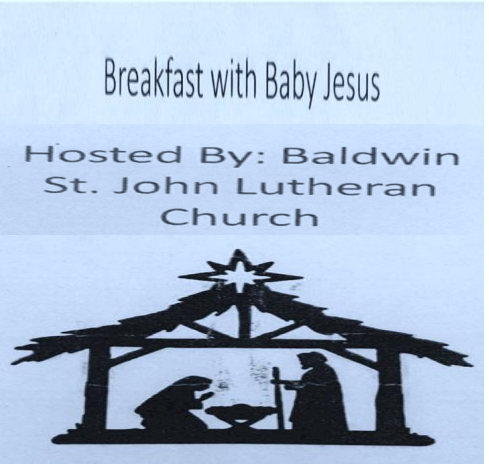
Poinsettia Reminder

Please let Pam Melching know no later than
Sunday, November 29th
if you are interested in purchasing a poinsettia this year.
They will be **$8** each.
Poinsettia order cards are in the Narthex.
You may leave money in the collection basket
marked with "Poinsettia" along with
your name and "In Thanksgiving of" or "In Memory of".
You can also mail it to:
Pam Melching
5131 Southfork Road
Prairie du Rocher, IL 62277
Note: not Renault, IL
Please make checks payable to Pam Melching.
Thank you, Pam

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BREAKFAST WITH BABY JESUS: When: Dec. 5th 9:00 am – 11:00 am. Admission is an option of one canned good per child (to be donated to the Baldwin Food Pantry). Where: meet in Baldwin at church/school gym. **R.S.V.P. by Nov. 29th**. What will be provided?? Breakfast, the story of baby Jesus, and a small craft project. All children 8 years old and younger with supervising adult(s) are invited. Don't forget to register with Jeff Rowold (314)920-6996 or Clint Reiman (618)318-1143. We can't wait to see you.



Join us for midweek Advent services on December 2, 9, and 16 as we explore Christ in the Psalms. We will together rejoice in how the prophecies long foretold find their fulfillment in Christ.



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

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WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE SOMEONE'S CHRISTMAS BRIGHTER?

We have gift lists for some residents of Accolade (the former Oak Hill) in Waterloo who can be blessed with your kindness. There will be envelopes available in the back of the church containing a resident's name along with a few items they would like for Christmas. Instructions and date to return gifts are also included in the envelope. If you would like to participate but don't care to shop, you may give a monetary donation and the Board will help complete their wishes.

Return items:

By Sunday, December 13

Table in church basement

Contact Person - Sharon Bartosik, (618)340-2524

We have a very generous congregation here at Holy Cross. You have always come through with showing your love for others. The Board of Community Outreach thanks all of you for your participation.

Please Stop by

You Are Invited!



CHRISTMAS open house

Sunday, December 6, 2026
3:30 – 6:30 pm

Holy Cross Parsonage
2037 Kaskaskia Road,
Renault, IL

hosted by

The Stefanic Family



VOTERS' MEETING

Sunday, December 13

Election Meeting

At 11:15 am

The Nominating Committee is
looking for volunteers.
If you are interested in being
on the nominating committee
and/or on the ballot for one of the boards,
please contact Linda Keller, Sue & Bill Kunkel.
The following offices will be on the ballot.
Secretary,
Financial Secretary,
Elder,
Board of Christian Education,
Board of Finance,
Board of Trustees,
Board of Community Outreach
Sunday School Superintendent
Thanks in advance for volunteering!



Preparing for Sunday:
CATECHESIS FOR THE
HOME AND CONGREGATION

"In all circumstances... take up the sword of the spirit."

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR Winter 2026-2027 *Preparing for Sunday*
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
Renault, IL

DAILY DEVOTIONALS FOR WINTER
are in the back of church.
Extra copies are available.

GINGERBREAD NATIVITY CONTEST

Transform simple ingredients into magical frosted mangers to celebrate the reason for the season

DECEMBER 13, 2026

TRINITY LUTHERAN CHURCH

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR INFO AND REGISTRATION

