Holy Cross
Lutheran Church & School

Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

OCTOBER 24 & 25, 2026

REFORMATION

SERMON MESSAGE: "Time to Get Off the Treadmill"

Sharing God's love through faith in Christ

WORSHIP RESOURCES

WORSHIP AIDS
Hearing impaired devices and noise-reduction headsets are available from an usher.

CHILD CARE
The Blessing Place Nursery (located in the Pre-3 Classroom) is available for children up to 36 months during the Sunday School hour, 10:37 and 11:00 worship services. The Parlor (to the left of the Worship Center) is also available during worship services. Diaper-changing facilities are found in the nursery, Parlor and both restrooms.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

First Reading
Revelation 14:6-7

Second Reading
Romans 3:19-28

Holy Gospel
John 8:31-36

FIRST-TIME GUEST?

Please fill out a connect card - we'd love to be in touch and get to know you..

CHECK-IN

Use the Holy Cross APP, complete a connect card or scan here:

MEET OUR TEAM

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AS WE GATHER Have you ever wondered what Lutherans are all about? Today is a great day to remind ourselves that the heart of our faith is simply the heart of Christianity itself—that our salvation from sin, death, and Satan is the work of Christ alone. He frees us from evil to love the Lord who loved us first and loves us still. The hallmarks of our faith came back into focus in the era of the reformers, when faithful leaders like Martin Luther put the truth of Holy Scripture back into the hands, minds, and mouths of God's church. Christ comes to free the sinner from slavery to darkness. Join Him in the freedom of His light—free to sing, free to confess, and free to share the eternal Gospel of Christ crucified and risen again!

HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord's Supper is celebrated in the joyful, confident confession that it is the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the bread and wine, instituted by Christ Himself for us Christians to eat and to drink (Matt. 26:26-29). Personal examination, prior to participation, is encouraged by the Scriptures (1 Cor. 11:28), and might include these questions:

- Am I a sinner?
- Am I sorry for my sins?
- Do I believe Jesus gives me His body & blood together with the bread & wine for the forgiveness of sins?
- Do I intend by the Power of the Holy Spirit to amend my sinful life?

As members of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS), we believe the Scriptures affirm that our participation in Holy Communion is an expression of our unity in faith. If you desire to participate and are not an LCMS member, please call the Church Office to speak to one of our pastors. You may also speak to a pastor or Elder before the worship service. If you are unable to speak to someone before the service, we invite you to come forward for a blessing. Please fold your arms across your chest as the pastor comes to you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.

For more information, please see Matt. 5:23-24; 26:26-29; 1 Cor. 10:15-17; 11:17-34.

Gluten-free wafers and non-alcoholic wine are available upon request.

Order of Worship

SATURDAY 6:00 PM

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG OF PRAISE

"All Creatures of Our God and King"

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SERMON SONG

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

APOSTLES' CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG "Beautiful Savior"

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

CLOSING SONG

"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word"

Order of Worship

SUNDAY 8:00AM

PRELUDE "Beach Spring"
— Arr. by Lloyd Larson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING HYMN
"A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" #656

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HOLY GOSPEL

CHOIR ANTHEM Kindergarten Choir
"Lord Jesus, Be My Song" – Kenneth T. Kosche

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

HYMN OF THE DAY
"Amazing Grace" #744

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RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SPECIAL MUSIC: *"Onward, Christian Soldiers"*
– Arr. by James Curnow

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN
"Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word" #655

POSTLUDE "The Rejoicing"
— Arr. by Douglas Smith

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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
"Your Table I Approach" #628
"The Tree of Life" #561
"The Infant Priest was Holy Born" #624

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Worship Participants

Preacher.....Pastor Ryan Ankersen
Liturgist (8:00 & 11:00).....Pastor Shawn Fenske

Saturday

Music.....Praise and Worship Team; Morgan Dunst, leader
Acolyte.....Hannah Deutsch
Media Team.....Jamie Riddle and Debbie Irvin

Sunday

Organist.....Ted Boettcher
Brass Ensemble.....Brett Hansen, Don Hansen, Caleb Harms, Kyle Harms, Ryan Harms
Heather Holle, Haley Marshall, Joshua Marshall
School Choir Director.....Morgan Dunst
Acolytes.....Olivia Gerstenberger and Henry Livernois (8:00)
Abbe Ankersen and Gabriel Meyer (11:00)
Media Team.....Greg Harms, Curtis Holtzen, Les Bach, Steven Segraves (8:00)
Curtis Holtzen (11:00)
Greeters.....Brad and Sheryl Deutsch, Linda Godwin, Harlow Safford (8:00)
Ted and Carolyn Helmer, Delores Boyer, Marc Moore (11:00)
Communion Assistants.....Stan Koster, David Boxman, Frank Miller, Rod Lenz, Pat Hoskinson
Blessing Place.....Haley Marshall and Holly Mills (9:30)
Brandon and Kayla Siemonsma, Cailin McAnally, Kenzie McAnally (10:30)

Prayers & Joys

HOSPITALIZED THIS PAST WEEK:

Yvonne Kuhrt (released).....Wesley
Todd Poulos.....St. Francis

PARISH PRAYERS:

- Please pray for Lavada Pitcox, friend of Leitha Wills-Mullen, who has recently been hospitalized and will be dismissed under Hospice care
- Please pray for Reverend Wallace “Wally” Behrhorst, stepfather of Mayra McCrea, and former pastor in Kansas and professor at St. John’s College, as he is under Hospice care.
- Thank you to all who supported Fairmount Ministries’ 8th Annual The Gathering event through gifts of time, talents and treasures. We are grateful for your generosity and thankful for God’s abundant blessings. This year’s event was a tremendous success!

Christmas Poinsettias are $15 and the order deadline is Thursday, October 29.
Contact Melissa in the Church Office 684-5201 or mgreen@hcwichita.net.

News & Events

Pastor Appreciation at Fairmount

Thursday, October 29 | 6:30-8pm

All pastors and their congregations are welcome to come show your gratitude for our ministerial staff. Coffee bar will be open.

Fall Work Day

Saturday, October 31 | 8am

Help us get our BEAUTIFUL campus ready for the Fall/Winter months. All ages are welcome, bring any yard tools you may have. Contact David Boxman with any questions.

Reformation Festival

Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 pm
Trinity Lutheran Church, 611 S Erie
Amy Filipek | 316-685-1571

A meal will follow the service. Meat will be provided, you're welcome to bring a side dish or dessert. For those interested, the choir will practice at Trinity on October 28 (5-6pm).

Care Packages to Thank our Military

Will you help LWML collect care items for our military men and women? When asked, they overwhelmingly requested devotionals, journals, and pocket-size scripture/prayer books. A couple also asked for fun activities (games) for their kids (6 months to 7 years). Please put your items and handwritten cards of thanks in the basket under the LWML table by the stairs in the Narthex by **November 7**.

Veterans/Military Appreciation

Our next LWML meeting will be **Tuesday, November 10**, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. All women are invited, of course, plus a special invitation to our veterans and families for a veterans' appreciation night and dessert reception. Speak to Karen Pinedo to RSVP.

Attendance for October 17/18, 2026	
Worship (77, 213, 82, 149, Online 64)	585
Children's Sunday School	69
Adult Bible Classes	142
Youth Bible Study	34
Record of Our Response as of October 18, 2026	
Annual General Offering Budget	$2,746,600
Year-to-date offering budget	$792,086
Year-to-date offering receipts	$792,120
YTD Difference:	**$34**

Operation Christmas Child!

This year, our goal is to make 319 gift-filled shoeboxes to share Jesus with boys and girls in need around the globe. You can find all the information you need, plus empty shoeboxes, on the display in the entryway to the Worship Center. If you don't have the time to get out and shop, you can make a box online at https://samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child/buildonline/. If you do, please let the office or Ann Harms know how many box(es) you made so we can include them in our total. Boxes should be returned to the church **no later than Nov 18, 9am.**

40 Days for Life

Now–November 1
Contact: Ann Harms 316-712-0877

This is a worldwide peaceful prayer vigil seeking to end abortion. The Wichita vigil is held outside Planned Parenthood (2212 E Central) from 7am–7pm, seven days a week. You're invited to join members of Holy Cross who will gather there on the following Sundays from 2-3pm: Oct. 18, 25, and Nov. 1. **Ann Harms will lead a group this Sunday, October 25.** To sign up for an hour, visit **40daysforlife.com**.

Parents' Night Out

Go out to dinner, do some shopping, or simply enjoy an evening to yourselves! Holy Cross high school youth and adult volunteers will host **Parents' Night Out** at the church on **Saturday, November 14,** 5:30–8:00 pm, for children ages 3 (potty trained) through 5th grade. Children will enjoy a pizza dinner. A freewill offering will help purchase gifts for the Christmas Angel Tree Program. Please register using the QR code by **Monday, November 9.**

Holy Cross Student Ministries

Middle School Ministry
Sunday Morning Bible Class meets in the gym 9:30-10:30am. This fall we are studying **The Gospel of Mattew** through Bible Backroads.

High School Ministries
Sunday Morning Bible Class meets in the Lighthouse at 9:30am. Join us as we study Hidden Heroes of the Old Testament.

Wednesday Night Bible Study meets in the Lighthouse at 7pm to study **Faith in Real Life**.

College Ministry at Fairmount
Located at 3815 E. 17th, across the street from the WSU campus.

Tuesday Evening Bible Study meets every week at 6:45 pm at Fairmount Ministries. Bring a Bible and a friend!

2nd Grader Bible Buddy Program

Letters were emailed out Friday. Parents, please check your email to confirm you received this. If not, contact the Church Office at 684-5201.

Concordia Academy Trap Team

Sale of tickets close November 13
Purchase your raffle ticket now for a chance to win a Ruger 10/22 rifle. Click the QR code for more information.

Holy Cross Lutheran School

The first quarter has been completed! Most of our teachers were able to attend a Regional LCMS Conference at Concordia University this past weekend. Mrs. Reida presented a technology session. Everyone brought back new ideas to sharpen their skills.

Wednesday, our chapel families made blankets to give to families (individuals) at the Catholic Care Center for the upcoming winter weather.

This Week
Oct 29-30 - No School (Parent Conferences)
Oct 28-30 - Rummage Sale

Upcoming
Nov 3 - No School (Voting Site)
Nov 11 - No School (Veterans Day)

Middle School Rummage Sale

Donation Dropoff
Tuesday, Oct 27 - 3:30-8:00 pm
Wednesday, Oct 28 - 8:00 am-7:00 pm

We will pick up larger items from you (no large appliances)
Katie Nelson 719-238-2459

Sale Hours
Wednesday, Oct. 28 | 7:00–8:00 pm
Shop early for a cash donation of $10 or more upon entry!
No haggling—early bird prices are firm.

Thursday, Oct. 29 | 7:00 am–6:00 pm

Friday, Oct. 30 | 7:00–10:00 am
Fill a bag for $5 or a box for $10—and make a deal!

Questions?
Jen Myers 970-397-1088

Thrivent Members: Holy Cross is still seeking a Thrivent Action Grant to help fund Project Christmas Hope Christmas Party. Even if you've never applied for one before, Christine Tuck or Melanie Turner can walk you through the process. If you're willing to help, contact Christine in the Church Office.

Bible Studies

Are you in a Bible Study? We offer a number of opportunities. For more information, talk to one of the pastors or call the Church Office.

Weekly review of the Back to the Basics Bible reading plan led by Pastor Fenske at 9:30 a.m. in the Worship Center.

Hebrews & James led by Pastor Myers & Troy Nordman on Saturday at 4:45 pm in the Parlor and on Sunday at 9:30 am in the Concordia Room.

Discovering Our Faith led by Wes Powell & Pastor Ankersen at 9:30 am in the Church Library.

Women's Bible Study, "God's Relentless Love: A Study of Hosea" led by Kris Osler at 9:30 am in the Church Office Conference Room.

James, Jude and Johannian Letters (Part 3: James) led by Dr. Lionel Alford at 9:30 am in the 6th Grade Classroom.

Christ-Centered Parenting led by Brett & Megan Klepacki at 9:45 am in the Music Room.

"Back to the Basics" review & study led by Carl Nelson at 9:30 am in the Art Room (by the Bell Tower).

In the Beginning... led by Aaron Zimmerman at 9:30 am in the Parlor.

High School Youth Bible Study at 9:30 am in the Lighthouse.

Sunday School for those with Special Needs led by Linda Paschka at 9:30 am in the School Library.

Prayers

Our College Students (group 3): UNV of Kansas: Joann Bruce-Mushi, Christopher Kelly, Mya Marciniak, Holden Morris; Bethel College: Brookelyn Patty; Sterling College: April Isbell; McPherson College: Austin Zimmerman; Hutchinson Community College: Grant Hatzenbuehler; Colorado State: Deliza Mayes; South Dakota State UNV: Avery Holmberg.

For "Adopt-A-Student" seminarian: Micah Mayes at Concordia, Fort Wayne.

Those who are expecting children: Brian & Karen Maxson, Alex & Kaylee Menkee, Jordan & Monta Meyer and Trevor & Natalie Shreve.

Those with health concerns: Pastor Michael Bingenheimer, Greg Boles, Kayla Brotemarkle, Karlyn Brown, Aubrey Chinberg, Barb Hull, Barbara Klaus, Leo Klaus, Patricia Linhardt, Joan Plummer, Carla Ridener, Jack Ritchie, Crystal Steiner, Wendy Stephano, Trudi Stigge, Don Vesper, Jay Wantland, Roberta Yacko.

Our troops: Lillian Brown, Marshall Darden, Nicole Davis, Arthur Dugger, Adam Edwards, Evan Fiegenbaum, Joshua Gerstenberger, Joanna Hannum, Ben Herrs, Cameron Maltz, Nathan Mavia, Peace Alcindor, David Nordman, Courtney Schnell, Mason Wingate and Joshua Weidner.

Those who are currently serving in harms way: Call the Church Office to add to this list.

Next Week's Scriptures

Revelation 7:(2–8) 9–17 | 1 John 3:1–3 | Matthew 5:1–12

This Week at Holy Cross

The LWML Harvest Market for Missions is this weekend! The funds raised will help support Orphan Grain Train and the Risen Savior food panty for single mothers.

Saturday, October 24

Saturday Bible Class	4:45 pm
Blended Worship	6:00 pm

Sunday, October 25

Traditional Worship	8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes	9:30 am
Modern Worship w/Communion	10:37 am
Blended Worship w/Communion	11:00 am
HS Youth Fall Freenzy	5:00-7:00 pm

Monday, October 26

LWML Board Meeting	7:00 pm

Tuesday, October 27

Rummage Sale Drop off	3:30-8:00 pm
Church Council	7:00 pm

Wednesday, October 28

Men's Bible Study	6:30 am
Rummage Sale Drop off	8:00am-7:00 pm
Braille	8:00 am
Chapel	8:20 am
Women's Bible Study	9:30 am
Handbell Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Rummage Sale (Early Bird)	7:00-8:00 pm
High School Bible Study	7:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30 pm

Thursday, October 29

HCLS - No School - Parent Conferences	
HCLS Rummage Sale	7:00 am-6:00 pm
LifeLight Bible Study	9 am & 4:30 pm
10:37 Praise Band Practice	6:00 pm
Crossways	6:30 pm

Friday, October 30

HCLS - No School - Parent Conferences	
HCLS Rummage Sale	7:00-10:00 am

Saturday, October 31

Fall Work Day	8:00 am
Saturday Bible Class	4:45 pm
Blended Worship w/Communion	6:00 pm

Sunday, November 1

Daylight Savings "Fall Back"	2:00 am
Traditional Worship w/Communion	8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes	9:30 am
Modern Worship	10:37 am
Traditional Worship	11:00 am

Happy Birthday

October 24: Beth Davis, Xander Kientz, Emalee Paskiewicz, Kim Waggy

October 25: Kayla Brotemarkle, Alex Corby, Nicole Corby, Luke McKay, Jeffrey Presnell, Kathy Riley

October 26: Ron Rathgeber, Liam Shields, Dan Warnke, Rich Webber, Anna Woltjer

October 27: Peyton Fenn, Addison Fielding, Jakob Hansson, Carolyn Helmer, Marya McCrae, Barbara McKay, Lindsey Minar

October 28: Dean Gier, Jake Scales, Mary Sykes, Gregg Wolgast

October 29: Nathan Haberichter, Keith Lewallen, Mary Ochs, Tom Osler

October 30: Benjamin Campbell, Chelsea Foxx, Roderick Pipes, Ryder Schmidt, Lauklin Story, Kaitlyn Terry

October 31: Ashley Walz

November 1: none