Holy Cross
Lutheran Church & School

Welcome

We're so glad you're here!

OCTOBER 31 & NOVEMBER 1, 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY

SERMON MESSAGE: "All Saints' Day-Teaching Moments"

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 7:9-17

Epistle Reading
1 John 3:1-3

Holy Gospel
Matthew 5:1-12

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

Please note: The pastors' day off is Friday.

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AS WE GATHER All Saints' Day has become a day to remember the faithful departed. But today is not only about the saints of the past. The saints of the present faithfully fill our pews and confess the name of Jesus. While Christ has called home His church triumphant, the church militant continues His mission to make disciples of all nations. On this day, we celebrate the victory of Jesus, who makes a home for those who rest in the faith and fuels the church in active service to His kingdom.

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 HYMN "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

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SCRIPTURE READINGS

SERMON HYMN "For All the Saints"

MESSAGE FROM GOD'S WORD

NICENE CREED

RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERING SONG "Here I Am to Worship"

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

PRAYERS

LORD'S PRAYER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION SONG "Revelation Song"

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

Order of Worship

SUNDAY 8:00AM

PRELUDE "Our God Leads Us" — Arr. Schram
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SERMON
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OFFERTORY *(tune: p. 159)*
RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS
SPECIAL MUSIC: *"In Remembrance"*
– Arr. by Russell Schultz-Widmar
COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED
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DISTRIBUTION HYMNS
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"God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It" #594
"Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior" #619
BENEDICTION
SENDING HYMN
"Children of the Heavenly Father" #725
POSTLUDE "Suites de Symphonies" — Arr. Mouret

SUNDAY 11:00AM

PRELUDE "Our God Leads Us" — Arr. Schram
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Worship Participants

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

Saturday

Music.....Praise and Worship Team; Morgan Dunst, leader
Media Team.....Jamie Riddle and Curtis Holtzen
Communion Assistants.....Aaron Mayes, Brian Austin, Dave Ochs

Sunday

Organist.....Ted Boettcher
Violins and Vocals.....Morgan Dunst and Ann Harms
Adult Choir Director.....Ron Mallory
Acolytes.....Henry Livernois and Anna Woltjer (8:00)
Faith Kombe (11:00)
Media Team.....Caleb Harms, Ryan Harms, Les Bach, Greg Harms (8:00)
Curtis Holtzen (11:00)
Greeters.....Carl and Gail Burger, Kim Hansen, Sandra Thomas Dorsey (8:00)
John and Susan Evans, Vicki Engelhardt, Vonny Hass (11:00)
Communion Assistants.....Aaron Zimmerman, Dylan Clark, Jim Johnson,
Adam Heil, Anthony Livernois
Blessing Place.....Haley Marshall and Holly Mills (9:30)
Maria Shields, Lily Shields, Liam Shields, Clara Ziegelbein (10:30)

Prayers & Joys

PARISH PRAYERS:

- Please pray for the family of John Bode as they grieve his death on October 24.
- Please pray for Trevin Smith, son of Holy Cross custodian Tyna Glenn, as he is undergoing medical care.
- Bob and Fran Ohm give thanks to God for the many blessings they have received as they celebrate their 74th wedding anniversary on November 1.

We encourage you to post your prayers and view the prayers of others on the Holy Cross Prayer Wall: https://holycrosslutheran.net/pray/

Staff Appreciation Weekend

Join us for coffee and cookies after the 8am service as we celebrate and thank our Holy Cross staff for their dedication, care, and faithful service to our congregation and families. We are blessed by all they do!

All Saints Weekend

We pause to remember these dearly departed saints who have died in the Lord in the past year: Dee Quasebarth, Mark Aberle, Glenda Holt, Debra Schmidt, Ruth Zych, Jane Johnson, Mark Vague, Terry Fortine, Matthew Allen, Nancy Delaney, Marlow Schaefer, Bill Lauer and John Bode.

Reformation Festival

Trinity Lutheran Church, 611 S Erie
Sunday, November 1 at 4:00 pm

Help Loading a container for Ukraine

Orphan Grain Train | 911 W Maple
Wednesday, November 4 | 9am-Noon

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

All veterans and military of Holy Cross (and any of your military friends in the area) are invited to come with your families for a special veterans' appreciation night and dessert reception. It will be held during our LWML meeting this Tuesday, November 10, at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please RSVP by November 6 to 316-803-9651.

Attendance for October 24/25, 2026	
Worship (75, 249, 150, 132, Online 83)	689
Children's Sunday School	70
Adult Bible Classes	136
Youth Bible Study	38
Record of Our Response as of October 25, 2026	
Annual General Offering Budget	$2,746,600
Year-to-date offering budget	$843,432
Year-to-date offering receipts	$820,116
YTD Difference (shortfall):	**($23,316)**

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 this Sunday from 2-3pm: **the Myers and Ersland families will lead a group this Sunday, November 1.** 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.

Middle School Night - November 11 at 7pm.

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 **Unashamed**.

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!

Spinning & Weaving in Biblical Times

Monday, November 16 at 7pm
The Sewing Sister's would like to invite you to a wonderful evening of Spinning and Weaving: Fiber and Fleece in Biblical Times. Danielle Smith, Troy Nordman's sister from Nebraska, is presenting a spectacular program. She focuses on Biblical truths concerning the growing and making of a variety of items used in textiles for everyday use even in the world today. Many tools will be demonstrated, and attendees will have a chance to experiment with them.

Holy Cross Lutheran School

This week we enjoyed connecting with parents at conferences.
Girl's middle school basketball season has begun.
Thank you for your donations to the Rumage sale. All left over donations were given to Able Light, Orphan Grain Train, Veterans, Tree Top, Embrace, Care Portal, Youth Horizons and Open Arms.

This Week
Nov 3 - No School (Voting Site)
Nov 6 - PTL Meeting 8:15am

Upcoming
Nov 10 - Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
Nov 11 - No School (Veterans Day)
Nov 14 - Early Childhood Thanksgiving Movie

Parents of 2nd Graders -
be sure to pick up your child's Bible from the Family Life Committee table in the Entryway to the Worship Center next weekend - Nov. 7/8.

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.

Custodial positions available at Holy Cross
part-time & full-time
Contact Vicki at 684-5201

Thrivent Members: Have a Thrivent account but never applied for a Thrivent Action Team? You could be missing out on free funds to support activities and projects at our church or school! Applications for 2026 Action Teams must be submitted by December 31. Contact Danny Witt (316-993-3488) or Melanie Turner (316-617-8765) to learn more.

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 4): Concordia (Seward): Rachel Amey, Annaliese Burger, Elizabeth Burger, Morgan Davis, and Danielle Turner; UNV of Tulsa: James Webster; OKlahoma Christian UNV: Ava Deutsch; Oklahoma State UNV: Chase Haberichter, Maecie Maltz & Charlie Sutherland.

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

Amos 5:18–24 | 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18 | Matthew 25:1–13

This Week at Holy Cross

Saturday, October 31

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
Singles Brunch at Spears (west)	12:30 pm

Tuesday, November 3 - Election Day

HCLS - No School	
Circuit Winkle Meeting	8:30 am
Parish Health	6:30 pm
Guatemala Team	7:00 pm
LWML Group Meeting	7:00 pm

Wednesday, November 4

Men’s Bible Study	6:30 am
Braille	8:00 am
Veterans Assembly	8:20 am
Women’s Bible Study	9:30 am
Homeless Meal	11:15 am
Handbell Choir Practice	6:30 pm
Special Needs Confirmation	7:00 pm
Confirmation	7:00 pm
High School Bible Study	7:00 pm
Adult Choir Practice	7:30 pm

Thursday, November 5

Sewing Sisters	9:00 am
Lord’s Diner Volunteer	5:15 pm
10:37 Praise Band Practice	6:00 pm
Crossways	6:30 pm
Media Team	7:00 pm

Friday, November 6

PTL Meeting	8:15 am

Saturday, November 7

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

Sunday, November 8

Traditional Worship w/Communion	8:00 am
Sunday School/Adult Bible Classes	9:30 am
Modern Worship w/Communion	10:37 am
Traditional Worship w/Communion	11:00 am

Happy Birthday

October 31: Ashley Walz

November 1: April Kientz, Rosella Loflin, Denise Mendoza, Sarah Zepick

November 2: Diedra Ball, John Harford, Ashley Mayes, Wes Powell, Erick Tran

November 3: Brian Lindebak, Shelby Suther

November 4: Janis Bell, Annabelle Campbell, Susan Cox, Ivan Daniels, Cory Longhauser, Jason Mehl, John Ziegelbein

November 5: Nadine Bieker, Dana Burns, Joice Henry, Julia McKee, Stuart Parker, Karina Schwarz

November 6: Chris Aberle, Elon Overton, Samson Stephens

November 7: Jill Hathaway, Kourtney Koster, Jason Schmutz, Terri Vanwey

November 8: Lillian Brown, William Brown, Vicki Engelhardt, Liam Minar