



Our Mission:

With the help of God,
Holy Cross Lutheran Church
grows disciples
and transforms hearts
for Christ.

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Saturdays, 3PM

Sundays, 8AM & 10:45AM

Live Stream on Sunday AT 8AM

Education Hour AT 9:30AM

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[Holy Cross Lutheran Church](http://HolyCrossLutheranChurch.org)
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If you want an audio recording (CD) of the Sunday 8AM service, please notify the office. We also send out bulletins, weekly newsletters, and DVD recordings (visual) to those who request them.

CHURCH OFFICE

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News & Notes for March 28&29, 2026

Palm Sunday

WELCOME TO EVERYONE JOINING US FOR WORSHIP TODAY

PRAYER REQUESTS: Submit prayer requests by filling out a prayer card found in the pew and putting it in the offering plate. Or call or email the church office. Confidential prayer requests are shared with the Pastors but not published.

WE PRAY FOR OUR MEMBERS:

Gerri Beckmann; Dennis Benassi; Paul & Carolyn Bertram; Mary Kay Bethke; Judy Bonney; Kacey Booth; Nancy Caldwell; Doris Coots; Logan Day; Shirley Day; Bob & Carolyn Delohi; Edna Deubel; Sandy Dietz; Sherien Duello; Brenda Duncan; Renea Erickson; Rich Franzer; Ken & Sandie Fussner; Peggy Gallagher; Connie Gamache; Don Grzina; Iris Hackbarth; Janine Haffer; Kay Hardman; Marie Herrington; Elaine Howard; Jayne Jepsen; Lizzie Johansmann; Mike Kahler; Frieda Karl; Edna Kee; Ron Kettler; Judith Kirby; Sandra Kohrs; Debra Korte; Joyce Lang; Betty Lee; Sadie Liefer; Albert & Ingrid Marhanka; Terry McCann; Bill Price; Gloria Rariden; Zeita Reed; Eileen Reichert; Darlene Rhodes; Carol Santoyo; Roger Sawall; Vita Sayers; Betty Schroeder; Wayne Walkenhorst; Larry Williams; Ernestine Wilson.

WE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

JERRY BRADLEY entered the Church Triumphant on March 21, 2026. Arrangements are pending. Visitation, funeral and burial will be held at Baue Funeral Home — Cave Springs on Sat., April 11, 2026. Visitation will be noon to 3PM; funeral at 3PM; graveside service at 4PM at St. Charles Memorial Gardens.

WE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AND FRIENDS:

Rachel Butkovich (Tom & Sue Haywood)	Sara Shroth (choir accompanist)	Scott Brockmann; Lois Jobe (Jan Flentke)
Elizabeth Cash (Heather Koepke)	David Steinbacher (Ernestine Wilson)	Bennett Hoemann, Eileen Marting (Mark Hoemann)
Layne Chartrand (Mark & Linda Ziolko)	Tim (Charity Smith)	Matt & Alissa Schneider (Jean Holthe)
Gina Chitwood (William Wichern)	Ryan Stover (Brenda Marhanka)	Tim Deppe, Rich Waiwood (Kent & Janine Haffer)
Mark Chiodini (Nicholas Chiodini)	Stanika Todorova (Juliana Frerichs)	Penni Gronewald, Kathy Dore Jepsen, Mike Vanover (Jayne Jepsen)
Charles Claxton Jr. (Matthew Claxton)	Rita Unzer (Karl Schnoor)	Alicia & Mark Kincaid, Alicia Kleb (Michelle Kincaid)
John Darby (Rick Walkenhorst)	Linda Vesper (Mike Vesper)	George & Sandra Roberts (Elma Jane Kramer)
Blake Davis (Kari Spearman)	Frank Wachter (Elaine Howard)	John Bach, Rachel Long (Betty Lee)
Hobie Dufort (Jonathan Frasch)	Lance Watkins (Jesse Smith)	Pat & Edna McCarty (Orion Melton)
Olivia Erickson (Ralph & Renae Erickson)	Bobette Wetzel (Faith Blackwell)	James Olek, Susan Maag, Steve Wulff (Neal & Cynthia Menscher)
Sandra Fleak (Becky Edgar)	Sandy Wischmeyer (Marilyn Mana)	Gorman Cooper, Janie Machens (Tina Morrison)
Rev. Dr. Lee Hagan, LCMS Missouri District President	Keith Wooden (Randy Jones)	Violet Mittenberg, Paul Palombi, Elsie Palombi (Diane Palombi)
Mark Hanna (Michael Hanna)	Mary Young (Elaine Alton)	Brian Rubar, Chase Russell, Carol Sills (Barb Parson)
Jan Hilton (Zeita Reed)	John Allquist III, Duane Stuewe (Janet Allquist)	Sarah Hall, Katie Hawkey; Mary Ellen McAlister; Maeve Pardee & Family (Jayme Price)
Jeff Johns (Denice Johns)	Ina Guethle, Brian Lewis, Dale Stumpf (Amanda Alton)	Amy Mueller, Lary Schenk (Carol Santoyo)
Bobbi Kistler (Mike Kahler)	Carson Aston, Chlaara Aston, & Sharon Staten (Lisa Aston)	Charlotte Gaines, Nisseem , Daniel , Dr. Eric Semler (Sandra Semler)
Bill Knehans (Bob & Barb Knehans)	Krill Family (Trudy Belter)	Scott Steinbruegge, Marcia Sheppard (Bob & Karen Steinbruegge)
Joyce Kroll (David Schlesselman)	Mike & Norma , Terry (Greg & Judy Bonney)	Connie Uhlis, Tommy Uhlis (Sue Williams)
Sandy Lockwood (David Gilson)	Carl Bradley, Kathy Lewis (Jerry & Darlene Bradley)	
Malu Martin (Dawn Kahler)	Eddie Collier, Bruce Brown, Rush Brown (Denise Collier)	
Kenny Meyer (Carla Cooper, Karen Copper)	Tom Heins, Tony LaChance, Bill Pratt (Becky Coomer)	
Mike (Debbie Parks)	Brian Ottinger, Scott Ottinger (Carla Cooper)	
Barton Moenster (Carolyn Bertram)	Duane Dafler, William Dafler (Wes Dafler)	
Mike Niewald (Niewalds)	Ben & Pat Northcutt (Bryan Drilling)	
Vera Piazza (Robert & Sherry Piazza)	Janet Davidson, Lowell Duncan (Don Duncan)	
Cindy Preston (Maryanne McDaniel)		
Kelly Schlereth (Patti Koepf)		
Brenda McCowan (Loretta Ezell)		
Blake Schmalzer (Rebecca Schmalzer)		
Rosemary Schreiber (Peggy Gallagher)		
Christine Scott (Dianne Helvey)		
Mark Shearman (Lois Foster)		
Noel Scott Shipley (Amy Schipper)		

WE PRAY FOR ACTIVE MILITARY MEMBERS & RELATIVES

Dominic Bisesi, **Andrew** Chema, **Jacob** Franke, **Josh** Linn, **Thomas** Matoushek, **Doug** Mundt, **Justin** Quinn, **Joshua** Rainwater, **Jackson** Redfield, **Jesse** Smith.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

SATURDAY, March 28, 2026

10AM TO NOON Easter Egg Hunt
3PM Holy Communion

SUNDAY, March 29, 2026

HOLY WEEK — SEE SCHEDULE ON PAGE 4
PALM SUNDAY + PROCESSIONAL SUNDAY

8AM & 10:45AM Holy Communion
9:30AM Education Hour
1:30PM Board of Elders Meeting

MONDAY, March 30, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON
9:30AM TOPS

9:30AM Preschool Gym
11AM Line Dancing

PRESCHOOL FUNDRAISER PICKUP (GYM)

3PM to 5PM PICKUP
6:30PM Bell Choir

TUESDAY, March 31, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:10AM Preschool Gym
10AM Women's Bible Study (Rm 1&2)
12:30PM Staff Meeting

WEDNESDAY, April 1, 2026

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO NOON

PRESCHOOL: Easter Celebrations (Classroom)

9AM Preschool Chapel
9:30AM Adult Bible Class
10AM Visitation—Daniel Rattner (offsite)
11AM Memorial Service — D. Rattner (offsite)
11AM Preschool Gym
6:30PM Adult Choir

THURSDAY, April 2, 2026

MAUNDY THURSDAY

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS: 9AM TO 11AM

NEWS&NOTES DEADLINE 8AM

NOTE: HOPE SEEDS WILL NOT MEET IN APRIL

PRESCHOOL: Easter Celebrations (Classroom)

9:10AM Preschool Recess
11AM Holy Communion
7PM Holy Communion + First Communion

FRIDAY, April 3, 2026

GOOD FRIDAY

CHURCH OFFICE & PRESCHOOL CLOSED

NOON TO 3PM: Tre Ore
7PM Tenebrae Vespers

SATURDAY, April 4, 2026

EASTER VIGIL

7PM Holy Communion
+ Confirmation

SUNDAY, April 5, 2026

EASTER SUNDAY:

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD

Holy Communion: 7AM, 9AM, 11AM
Easter Breakfast in the gym: 7:30AM to 11AM
11AM Setup for Tuesday Election in Gym

MONDAY, April 6, 2026: Easter Monday

Offices & Preschool Closed.

TUESDAY, April 7, 2026: Election Day

5AM—10PM: Electioneers (gym)
6:30PM Stew. & Mission Boards (Rm 1&2)

Church Attendance for March 21&22, 2026

Service	Attendance	Communion
3PM	52	51
8AM	102	75
10:45AM	92	78
TOTAL	246	204
LENT MIDWEEK ATTENDANCE: MARCH 25, 2026		
11AM	52	—
7PM	89	—
TOTAL	141	—

Bible Class Attendance Week of March 22, 2026

NA=not applicable; NR=not reported; C= cancelled

Little Lambs, Sunday	2
Sunday School: PreK to Gr 5	17
Sunday School: Gr. 6-12	8
Sunday Adult Bible Class	61
New Member Orientation	—
Tuesday Women's 10AM	NR
Tuesday Evening, 6:30PM	7
Men's Breakfast & Bible	NA
Wednesday AM Bible Class	36
Wednesday Nights	NR
20s&30s Thursday	9

Offerings: -March 16-22, 2026

General Fund	\$	16,236.18
Endowment	\$	20.00
Building Fund	\$	320.00
Missions Weekly	\$	955.02
Missions 1st Qtr	\$	7,726.82

Year to Date as of 02/28/2026

Income	\$	125,703.31
Expenses	\$	130,625.06
(Deficit)	\$	(4,921.75)

See Holy Week Schedule

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MISSION BOARD provides *fresh fruits and vegetables* to **Concordia Seminary students**. Write your check to Holy Cross with a memo line for *Mission Board Fresh Foods to the Seminary*.

HOPE Ministries food bank donations are accepted in the bin *beneath the Mission Board bulletin board in the Welcome Center*. Requested food for March: *Cereal, Oatmeal, Boxed Potatoes (scalloped, au-gratin), Canned Beef Stew or other canned meats*.

H.O.P.E. FOOD MINISTRIES: Weekly Totals: March 25, 2026
Families: 81 Individuals: 257 New Families: 2

ELDER COMMUNICATION

HEARING ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE:

Those with hearing aids can download and use a smartphone or tablet app which broadcasts the service to your hearing aids (Bluetooth connection required). Instructions for its use are provided in the Welcome Center.

CONTACT AN ELDER: Their pictures are displayed in the Welcome Center, so contact them if you have questions or concerns regarding services, policies, procedures, personal or other issues. You may also contact either Pastor. Personal issues will be kept confidential.

PORTALS OF PRAYER for April—June 2026 and new issues of *Lutheran Witness* are on the Welcome Center table.

Lutheran Education Tuition Assistance

Holy Cross Lutheran Church supports families who desire a Lutheran Education. Students who, along with parent(s) or legal guardian(s), are members of Holy Cross are eligible for Tuition assistance. Students must be enrolled in grades K-12 at an LCMS Lutheran school in St. Charles County or in a Concordia University System (LCMS) higher education institution.



Applications are in the Welcome Center and must be turned in by March 31.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS: Join the class at 9:30AM to learn about the Easter Vigil service.

THANK YOU! The Ladies' Guild Flower & Plant Sale has ended for this year. The support shown by the Holy Cross congregation is greatly appreciated! Flowers will be available for pickup on May 1 & 2. Watch for reminders and more information in the *News&Notes*.

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS Available at Holy Cross

Would you like to eat fresh vegetables and save money at the grocery store? Holy Cross will again have 10-foot by 12-foot garden plots available for members this year. Compost was added last fall, and the ground will be tilled once the weather warms up. You may plant whatever you like; and are responsible for weeding, watering, and harvesting. The cost for a plot is \$20 for the season. If you are interested in a plot, please contact David Schlesselman at 636-636.578.1766.

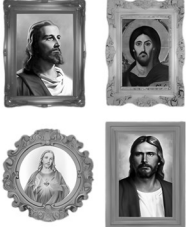
MISSIONS BOARD: Starting April 1 through July 31, **MISSION OF THE QUARTER** will support National Lutheran Outdoors Ministry Association (NLOMA) camps, helping provide camp experiences that nurture faith and fellowship for youth and families.

The Missions & Stewardship Board invites you to participate in Holy Cross' annual **SHINE EVENT** will be at **Camp Wartburg on April 11**, where volunteers will assist with service projects: painting picnic tables, trail maintenance, gardening, and organizing storage. Lunch and a devotion will be included in the day, with carpooling from Holy Cross. This is a whole-day event. Sign-ups will be available until March 29 in the Welcome Center.

EASTER LILLIES: Sign up at the Flower Book in the Welcome Center. Cost is \$12 per plant. Pick up lilies after final Easter service.

CALENDAR NOTES FOR THIS WEEK:

- ◆ No Lenten services or dinner on Wednesday.
- ◆ HOPE Seeds will not meet this month.



PORTRAITS of JESUS
Matthew, Mark, Luke, & John
Women's Bible Study
Tuesdays at 10 AM
Led by Pastor Andy Gimbel

PRESCHOOL BUTTER BRAIDS FUNDRAISER:

Pick-up items on Mon., March 30, 3 to 5 PM, in the gym.

Funds raised will be used for playground improvements.

HOLY CROSS LADIES GUILD collects packaged and canned **food** and all types of **soap** for the Concordia Seminary Food Bank. Most needed: **soap — all types; gluten-free items; canned soup, toothpaste, canned vegetables. Thank you for filling those bins!**

MITES: Pick up a Mite box from the LWML table to collect change for LWML grants to missions around the world.

STAMP COLLECTION: Ladies Guild collects canceled postage stamps to raise money for missions. Cut stamps from envelopes with about half an inch of paper left all around. Collection baskets are on the Welcome Center bookshelf and above the coat rack by the kitchen.

The highly acclaimed **American Kantorei** will return to perform the *St. John Passion* Version II (1725) by Johann Sebastian Bach at 3PM Palm Sunday, March 29, in the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus on the Concordia Seminary campus at 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105. The public is invited to this Service of Sacred Music. The *St. John Passion* is part of the annual Concordia Seminary Music Series.

LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL —ST. CHARLES COUNTY NEWS
Congratulations to **Kennedy Stowers & Kyrii Franklin** on being named nominees for the 2026 McDonald's All-American Game! An incredible honor and a testament to their hard work, dedication, and talent.

Summer Camp Registration is OPEN! Join us at Lutheran High School this summer for camps filled with fun, skill-building, and Cougar spirit. There's something for everyone! Spots fill fast—register today! <https://lutheranhighstcharles.com/athletics/summer-camps/>

Support LHS Prom and feed your family. LHS Prom Committee will host a fundraiser at the Texas Roadhouse O'Fallon location on Mon., March 30, from 3:30-9:30 PM. Ten percent of food sales go towards Prom!

LHS Student Artwork Featured in Gateway Exhibition

Thirty-eight students have had their artwork selected for the Fourth Annual Gateway Lutheran High School Art Exhibition! This special exhibition will showcase student work from Lutheran South, Lutheran North, Metro East Lutheran, and Lutheran St. Charles. The artwork will be on display at the LCMS International Center from March 24–27, 9:00 AM–4:00 PM.

Lutheran High needs **volunteers** to help the Director of Maintenance with small projects and odd jobs around campus. Tasks may include light repairs, basic maintenance, or other simple hands-on projects. The schedule is flexible. Contact Matt Aslin at 314-412-3067 or maslin@lhssc.org.

Join us for our **6th & 7th Grade Discovery Night** and explore what makes Lutheran High a great place to grow. Join us on April 28 at 6:30pm to meet students and teachers, learn about academics, activities, and athletics, and discover how we partner with families for the future.

Lent/Holy Week Service & Event Schedules

Holy Week

Palm Sunday ~ Holy Communion

Sat., March 28, 10AM to NOON Egg Hunt

Sat., March 23, 3PM

Sun., March 24, 8AM & 10:45AM

+Palm Processional

Maundy Thursday, April 2

Holy Communion

11AM & 7PM (CHOIR AT 7PM + FIRST COMMUNION)

Good Friday, April 3

NOON TO 3PM Good Friday Tre Ore

7PM Tenebrae Vespers

Holy Saturday, April 4

7PM: Easter Vigil with Holy Communion

+ Confirmation + Beginning Bell Choir

Resurrection of Our Lord (Easter), April 5

Holy Communion at all services

+ 7AM, 9AM, 11AM

Youth Easter Breakfast: 7:30AM to 11AM (gym)

11AM Setup for Tuesday St. Charles Cty Election (gym)

Easter Monday, April 6

Church Office and Preschool closed

Holy Cross will host a Tre Ore service at 12 NOON TO 3PM on Good Friday. The service is broken down into nine sections of 20 minutes each. No one is expected to attend all three hours, though everyone is more than welcome to do so. Historically, parishioners would come and leave at their choosing throughout the three hours, and we would like to continue that practice as well. All who attend are permitted to arrive late to church and leave early.

Tre Ore Assignments 2026

Sections:

The Suffering Servant (12:00) - no sermon

Host pastor as liturgist: Jason Kohm, Holy Cross, O'Fallon

The First Word (12:20) "Father, forgive them..."

Jason Kohm, Holy Cross, O'Fallon

Psalm 32:1-5, 10

Luke 23:32-38

LSB 453 Upon the Cross Extended sts. 1, 3-4, 6-7

The Second Word (12:40)

"You Will be With Me in Paradise"

Jeremy Klaustermeier, St. John Warrenton

Psalm 16

Luke 23:39-43

439 O Dearest Jesus, What Law Hast Thou Broken

sts. 1, 4, 7, 12, 15

"At the Cross" by McDonald.

The Third Word (1:00) "Woman, behold, your son!"

Rev. Andrew Gimbel, Holy Cross O'Fallon

Psalm 116:1-9

John 19:23-27

LSB 425 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

The Fourth Word (1:20)

"My God, my God, why have You forsaken me?"

Rev. Don Stock, Wentzville Circuit Visitor

Psalm 22:1-8, 11

Matthew 27:39-49

LSB 451 Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

The Fifth Word (1:40) "I thirst."

Rev. Denis Wittenberger, emeritus

Psalm 42:1-3, 7-11

John 19:28-29

LSB 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded sts. 1-4

The Sixth Word (2:00) "It is finished"

Rev. Don Stock, Wentzville Circuit Visitor

Psalm 130

John 19:30

LSB 452 O Perfect Life of Love

The Seventh Word (2:20) "Father, into Your hands I commit My spirit!"

Rev. Andrew Gimbel, Holy Cross O'Fallon

Psalm 143:1-8

Luke 23:44-49

LSB 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded sts. 5-7

Prayer (2:40) - no sermon

Host Pastors Kohm and Gimbel

Bidding Prayer

Reproaches



*Easter
Breakfast*

7:30AM to 11AM

In the gym

**Served by
Holy Cross Youth**

This year, the youth will host an Easter Breakfast from 7:30-11AM, featuring breakfast casseroles and baked goods. The youth use the Easter Breakfast to serve the congregation and to raise funds for the Youth Gathering, much like the Mystery Dinner. The Youth Board asks two things of the congregation: 1) help keep costs low for the Easter Breakfast: pick up a 9x13 tin from the Welcome Center and fill it with either a casserole or baked goods. You'll find further instructions inside the tins themselves; 2) There will be a free-will offering taken at the breakfast. Please consider donating. We continue to thank you for the generous congregation of Holy Cross!

Please review the prayer list and update the church office with any changes.