



In Our Prayers This Week



Throughout the week, please keep these people in your daily prayers. As a model for prayer, consider going through the **A.C.T.S. of prayer**. **Adoration**: praising God for who He is. **Confession**: confessing your sins to God, especially those that weigh on your heart. **Thanksgiving**: thanking God for specific blessings. **Supplication**: asking God for help.

For those who are homebound • Val Rakey, Barb Jones, Sharon Estes, Wanda Bollinger, Doug Arnold, Doris Bayuk, Nick Krege, Caryl Phillips, Pansy Meyer.

For healing and continued recovery • C.J. Kintz (recovering from surgery), Nevaeh Schlueter (recovering from open heart surgery), Kelly Sullivan (recovering from knee surgery), Meaghin Schremp (recovering at home), Bill Staffen (Bonnie Keir's brother, cancer), Dustin Hutson (recovering from a brain bleed), Pastor Jim Kirk (treatment for myeloma), Mike Fitzsimmons (chronic prostatitis, pelvic pain), Sue Schweiss (Cathy Dew's sister, back problems), Race and Clarissa (Connie Schwent's niece's children).

For those celebrating birthdays in September • Bonnie Keir (September 1), Wayne Phillips (September 2), Pat Wibbenmeyer (September 4), Pastor Craig Reiter (September 5), Paula Dustman (September 9), Millicent Manasco (September 14), Connie Skaggs (September 15), Dan Sullivan (September 23), Terry Bollinger (September 30).

For those celebrating wedding anniversaries in September • Frank & Annette Rolfe (September 15), Dan & Rose Kastrup (September 18), Randy & Linda Ruzicka (September 28).

For those who mourn.

For local, state, and national elected officials • that they uphold goodness and work humbly for those they serve.

For our community • that more people believe the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

For our circuit congregations.

For our church family • that we are transformed in Christ to share the hope of eternal life.

For missionaries.

For all prayer requests not listed here.

If you desire a prayer request to be printed in the bulletin, please let Pastor Craig or the church office know by email or phone by noon on Wednesday. Other prayer requests may still be prayed for during the church service by writing the request on the attendance card, folding your card in half, and giving it to an usher or placing it in the offering plate. Additionally, if you would like a prayer request removed, please talk to Pastor Craig, or contact the church office. Please note that if no update is given after a month, the prayer request will be removed from the list.



WE ARE TRANSFORMED IN CHRIST
TO SHARE THE HOPE OF ETERNAL LIFE.

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 2024

Put on the whole armor of God.



Stand therefore, having fastened on the **belt of truth**, **breastplate of righteousness**, and, as **shoes** for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace. Take up the **shield of faith**, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the **helmet of salvation** and the **sword of the Spirit**, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication.

Ephesians 6:10-18



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Welcome to Holy Cross! We're glad you're here!
Guests and visitors, we invite you to worship with us again!
May the Holy Spirit fill your heart and life with peace and joy in service.

As We Gather • There is a lot of good news in the Readings of the day, but you won't find it in today's Holy Gospel, which points out that our fallen hearts produce much of the evil around us. Likewise, the Old Testament Reading warns against not telling the next generation about God's goodness. But the Epistle, which uses the imagery of a suit of armor, tells us to rely on God and His gracious goodness. And the Introit has the Gospel in full measure! While asking for God's forgiveness; we also rejoice that He re-creates us, cleaning us inside out. What a great reason to gather to sing His praises today!

Reminder: Children's Ministry & Evangelism will vote after the service today concerning Pecanapalooza.

Plan to attend our Worship Service and Picnic on Sunday, September 29. The service begins at 10:30 a.m. followed by the church picnic lunch. The church will provide hamburgers, brats, and hotdogs. Please bring a side dish to share (salads, fruits, desserts, chips, etc.). Sign up sheets are posted on the narthex bulletin board. We also need volunteers for setting up, taking down, grilling, and games.

Flowers for the altar: September 15, 22, 29, November 3, 10, 17 are open for flowers for the altar. October has been filled. Thank you! Please clearly print your name and occasion on the flower chart on the wall by the narthex above the water fountain. Please put **\$25** in an envelope; mark it: "Flower Fund"; and place it in the offering plate.

Our Father's Business

SUNDAY September 1	TUESDAY September 3	NEXT SUNDAY September 8
9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion CHILDREN'S MINISTRY & EVANGELISM MEETING after the service BIBLE CLASS after the service	10:30 AM TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS	9:00 AM WORSHIP SERVICE Holy Communion BIBLE CLASS after the service

Your Financial Support of Your Church	8/25/24	Year-to-Date
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$2,777.00	\$91,641.00
Actual Offerings—including online offerings (budget)	\$2,095.47	\$87,660.82
Ahead/Behind Budget Requirement	-\$681.53	-\$3,980.18
% Ahead/Behind	-24.5%	-4.3%

A Note from Pastor • Dear Church Family: Last Sunday, I shared that I am receiving a call from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, to serve as an admissions officer. This means I now have two calls: one to Holy Cross (and through our shared ministry, with Immanuel) and the other to the seminary. Please keep me and my family, Holy Cross, Immanuel, and the seminary in your prayers as I prayerfully deliberate between the two calls and discern where the Lord would have me serve. Your counsel and encouragement are welcomed and appreciated during this process. Thank you and God's peace be with you! —**Pastor Craig**

The apostle Paul writes, "Put on the full armor of God, that you may be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil" (Ephesians 6:11). One man who had a clear awareness of the devil was the reformer Martin Luther. He also knew the only truly effective weapon against the power of evil is God's living and life-giving Word. As you abide in God's living Word, there is power to combat the devil and your sinful appetites. Jesus' resurrection victory over Satan is power sufficient for anything we face, including our worst sins and temptations. Go to Him for strength in the fight.