

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



*Mosaic of the exorcism of the Gerasene demoniac from the Basilica of Sant'Apollinare Nuovo*

## The Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 22, 2025 • 5 p.m.

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

### Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (\*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org), by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine. *Thank you for your generosity.*



# ORDER FOR EVENING AND HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Pastorale*

Charles Wesley (1757-1834)

## The Order for Evening

### \* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND PRAYER FOR LIGHT

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*Cantor*  *People* 

Light and peace, in Je - sus Christ our Lord. Thanks be to God.

*The presider adds a prayer for light.*

### \* O GRACIOUS LIGHT *Phos hilaron*: 25



1 O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, in  
2 Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, the  
3 Wor - thy are you of end - less praise, O



you the Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lamps are lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and  
Son of God, Life - giv - ing Lord; where - fore you are through



blest is he, and blest are you, his ho - ly Son.  
Spi - rit: God who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.  
all the earth and in the high - est heaven a - dored.

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# The Word of God

## \* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider      The Lord be with you.

People        **And also with you.**

Presider      Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your lovingkindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## THE LESSONS

### First Lesson: Isaiah 65:1-9

Lector        I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
                  to be found by those who did not seek me.  
I said, "Here I am, here I am,"  
                  to a nation that did not call on my name.  
I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good,  
                  following their own devices;  
a people who provoke me  
                  to my face continually,  
sacrificing in gardens  
                  and offering incense on bricks;  
who sit inside tombs,  
                  and spend the night in secret places;  
who eat swine's flesh,  
                  with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
who say, "Keep to yourself,  
                  do not come near me, for I am too holy for you."  
These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
                  a fire that burns all day long.  
See, it is written before me:  
                  I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
I will indeed repay into their laps  
                  their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord;  
because they offered incense on the mountains  
                  and reviled me on the hills,  
I will measure into their laps  
                  full payment for their actions.  
Thus says the Lord:  
As the wine is found in the cluster,  
                  and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it,"  
so I will do for my servants' sake,  
                  and not destroy them all.  
I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
                  and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
my chosen shall inherit it,  
                  and my servants shall settle there.

The Word of the Lord.

People        **Thanks be to God.**



Cantor Be not far away, | O Lord; \*  
                   you are my strength; | hasten to help me.

All Save me from | the sword, \*  
                   my life from the | power of the dog.  
 Save me from the | lion’s mouth, \*  
                   my wretched body from the | horns of wild bulls.  
 I will declare your Name to my | brethren; \*  
                   in the midst of the congregation | I will praise you.  
 Praise the Lord, you that | fear him; \*  
                   stand in awe of him, O offspring of Israel; all you of Jacob’s | line, give glory.  
 For he does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither does he hide his | face from them; \*  
                   but when they cry to | him he hears them.  
 My praise is of him in the great as|sembly; \*  
                   I will perform my vows in the presence of those | who worship him.  
 The poor shall eat and be satisfied, and those who seek the Lord shall | praise him: \*  
                   “May your heart | live for ever!”  
 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to | the Lord, \*  
                   and all the families of the nations shall | bow before him.  
 For kingship belongs to | the Lord; \*  
                   he rules | over the nations.

Second Lesson: Galatians 3:23-29

Lector Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

\* ALLELUIA VERSE *Cantor; then People*



Al-le-lu-ia, al - le-lu-ia, al-le - lu - ia.

Cantor



Sing to the Lord and ^ bless his Name; proclaim the good news of his salvation from / day to day.

All repeat the three alleluias.

\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 8:26-39

Gospeller      The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People            **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller      Jesus and his disciples arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me" – for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion"; for many demons had entered him. They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.

Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.

When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, "Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you." So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People            **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

All We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

Intercessor God, there are no places your love cannot penetrate; give us eyes to see you in darkness, ears to hear you in silence, and minds that rest in your stillness. Hear these prayers and the prayers of our deepest hearts as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant to those who love you, and those who long to love you more, the deep desire to do your will and seek you in all times and circumstances.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Inspire our hearts to carry your message to all those who lead this nation and all nations, for those who lead in towns and communities around the world that compassion and service will overcome fear and hatred and that we might have peace and relationships among all people.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Give to those who have authority over us the desire to serve your people with mercy and justice.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Bless us with a great unease in the face of hunger, poverty, injustice, and persecution that we might find peace only in the way of the Lord as demonstrated by your son Jesus, our Lord.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Comfort the afflicted, the wounded, the sick and the dying with the certain promise of your constant love in this life and the next. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor Welcome the dying and comfort the grieving; let their entrance into the land of light and life give us comfort and hope for our future. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.  
Lord in your mercy,

**People Hear our prayer.**

Presider Glory and honor to you, O Lord, for you are the one who seeks us out, provides for our needs, and directs our path. Bless us and keep us this day and always through the grace of your Son and the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

#### CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**All Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. Amen.

#### \* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.  
*Ephesians 5:2*

\* OFFERTORY HYMN: 295 "Sing praise to our Creator"

1 Sing praise to our Cre - a - tor, O you of Ad-am's race—  
2 To Je - sus Christ give glo - ry, God's co - e - ter - nal Son;  
3 And praise the Ho - ly Spi - rit poured forth up - on the earth;

God's chil - dren by a - dop - tion, bap - tized in - to his grace.  
as mem - bers of his Bo - dy we live in him as one.  
who sanc - ti - fies and guides us, made strong in our re - birth.

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Presider Almighty Father, whose dear Son, on the night before he suffered, instituted the Sacrament of his Body and Blood: Mercifully grant that we may receive it thankfully in remembrance of Jesus Christ our Lord, who in these holy mysteries gives us a pledge of eternal life; and who lives and reigns for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

\* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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Presider And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.  
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.  
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

\* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father,  
you have graciously accepted us as living members  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,  
and you have fed us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.  
Send us now into the world in peace,  
and grant us strength and courage  
to love and serve you  
with gladness and singleness of heart;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\* THE BLESSING

DISMISSAL

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Presider The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, be with us all evermore. Amen.

*Following the dismissal,*

People Thanks be to God.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 408 "Sing praise to God who reigns above"



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all cre -  
 2 What God's al-might - y power hath made, his gra - cious mer - cy  
 3 Let all who name Christ's ho - ly Name give God all praise and



a - tion, the God of power, the God of love, the God of  
 keep-eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade his watch - ful  
 glo - ry; let all who know his power pro - claim a - loud the



our sal - va - tion; with heal - ing balm my soul he fills, and  
 eye ne'er sleep-eth. With - in the king - dom of his might, lo!  
 won - drous sto - ry! Cast each false i - dol from its throne, the



ev - ery faith - less mur - mur stills: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 All is just and all is right: to God all praise and glo - ry.  
 Lord is God, and he a - lone: to God all praise and glo - ry.

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VOLUNTARY: Fugue in C Major

attr. G.F. Handel (1685-1759)

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. CJ Duffie
Lector & Eucharistic Minister	
Cantor	Katie Crawford
Organist	Dr. William McCandless

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

## June 22

Ron & Angela Michka  
Gregory Smith  
Ryan Thomas

## June 23

Otis & Jodi Robinson

## June 25

Dave & Diane Barker  
Steve King  
Christopher Reed

## June 26

Kathleen & Phil Chaney  
Barry & Mary Howe

## June 27

Pat & Kay Woolley

## June 28

Mary Mullis Keyse

## Text us! (816) 310-1888

- Text LOOP to stay in the loop about Cathedral updates (weather closures, reminders).
- Text GUEST if you are new with us & want to know more.
- Text PRAYER to submit prayer requests.

You'll then receive a return text with a link to a form requesting your name and email. Once you've completed the form for the first time, the system will recognize you when you text again.

*Note: this number is for texts only, not voice calls.*

# Cathedral Prayer List

**Pray for:** Juliana Johnson; John and Yvette Hoffman; Iris Parsons; Tom Taylor; Patrick Gaboriau; Jeremy Oliver; Jim Holstein; Donna Knoell; Ralph; Phineas Gitta; Jeffrey and family; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Charlotte Colburn; Ron Letson; Peg Brown; Jody Beck; Cliff Mosley; Sandra Fuhrman; Cathy Hager; Alan Greer; Janet; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Sally Livengood; Diane Barker; All fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; Legal immigrants who are being separated from family and friends

## Comfort and Peace for the families of the departed.

**Pray for the Departed:** Melissa and Mark Hortman; Cecil Neal; Fran Brunner; Yaron Lischinsky; Sarah Milgrim; Bob Richmond; Gabriella Ann Collins; Congressman Wes Watkins; Isaiah Russell III; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. George Episcopal Church, Camdenton—The Rev. Laretta Hughes

Church Musicians, Nurses and Sunday School Teachers

To place a person on this prayer list, text PRAYER to (816) 310-1888 or email Deacon Barbara Wegener, [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

View the prayer list anytime: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

## Help Us Keep Cooking: The Future of the Nourish KC Community Kitchen Depends on You

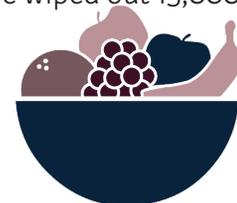
According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2024 report:

- 1 in 7 neighbors in our region are food insecure
- 1 in 6 children don't know where their next meal will come from

Meanwhile, recent cuts to TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program) have wiped out 15,000 pounds of food per month a critical loss to our community kitchen and the neighbors we serve.

That's why we launched the Keep Us Cooking Campaign, an urgent appeal to raise \$100,000 by June 30 to help us continue operating the Nourish KC Community Kitchen at full capacity.

Donate now and help fight hunger: <https://bit.ly/4dJxWvp>



# NOURISHKC

# Formation for All Ages

## Children: Sundays

### Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

Cathedral Kids meets during the first half of the 10:30 a.m. worship service and during this time we weave together our sacred stories and our Episcopal identity with the Weaving God's Promises curriculum. Children attending Cathedral Kids will meet their parents or guardians inside the tower doors during the passing of the peace.

Once a month, we observe **Family Worship Sundays**. These Sundays provide an opportunity for families to worship together. Worship Boxes with resources for children are in the back cross aisle.

*Upcoming Dates:* July 27, August 24

## Youth

- **Kansas Happening (June 27-29):** At St. David's, Topeka.
- **MissionPalooza (July 15-20):** Hosted at St. Paul's, Kansas City.

## Adults: Sundays

### Flames of Love: A Quick Study of the Holy Spirit • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

#### Sundays in June

We explore the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, viewing it through the lens of love and God's relational nature. Join Deacon CJ in this special summer study.

## Adults: Tuesdays

### GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC's Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30-9 a.m. For details, visit [kccathedral.org/other-activities](http://kccathedral.org/other-activities).

### Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, [kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs) for more information.

### Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, [kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs) for more details.

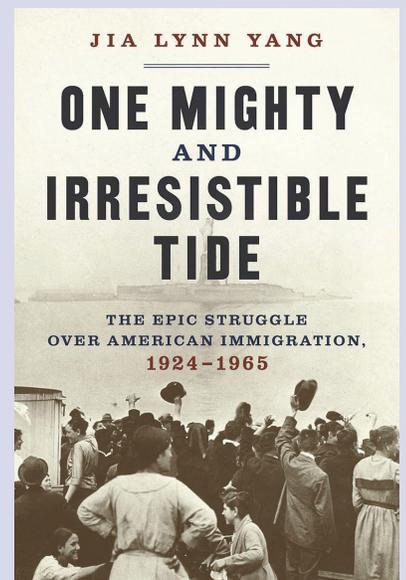
## Diversity and Reconciliation Book Study: *One Mighty and Irresistible Tide*

July 10-August 7 • 7 p.m. on Zoom

Join the Diversity and Reconciliation Commission for a book study on Thursday's starting July 10 through August 7 at 7 p.m. This book study will focus on *One Mighty and Irresistible Tide*, a "powerful and cogent" (Bethanne Patrick, Washington Post) account of the twentieth-century battle for immigration reform that set the stage for today's roiling debates.

Sign up today to be part of the book study. A zoom link with details will be emailed closer to the date of the book study.

Sign up: [diowestmo.org/events](http://diowestmo.org/events).



Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God.

### Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart.

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.



For more information: [kccathedral.org/flowers](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) or contact Julie Toma, [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org).

# Weekly Calendar

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: [kccathedral.org](http://kccathedral.org)

## Sunday

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist  
9 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time  
9:15 a.m. Formation for Adults & Youth  
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\*  
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids  
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour/Hospitality Time  
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist  
6 p.m. Youth Group

## Tuesday

7:30 a.m. GHTC's Virtual Cafe+  
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+  
6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

## Wednesday

12:00 p.m. Noonday Prayer\*  
12:00 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room  
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist  
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Bell Choir

## Thursday

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

\*In person and streamed on YouTube @kccathedral +On Zoom

Note: Morning Prayer is on summer break. But you can still pray!

Morning Prayer starts on page 75 in the Book of Common Prayer, or online at [prayer.forwardmovement.org/pray](http://prayer.forwardmovement.org/pray).

# Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon.

St. Paul's receives delivery of several pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters each month. Friendly volunteers are needed to break down the pallets and repackage the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we open the doors to those in need and start handing out the food.

Upcoming TEFAP dates:

July 19, August 16

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

## Pete's Garden

In the lower level of Founders' Hall, Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations each day. Pete's Garden meals are then distributed through social service agencies that serve children and their families. Most of the families who receive Pete's Garden meals are headed by single women in low paying jobs, living below federal poverty guidelines.

Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families.

Sign up for a shift at [petesgarden.org/volunteer](http://petesgarden.org/volunteer).

## Nourish KC

Volunteers are the heart and soul of NourishKC. Every meal served, every pantry stocked, and every food item redistributed is made possible because of the time, energy, and dedication of our volunteers. Your support ensures that they can continue providing nutritious meals, offering essential pantry staples, and building a hunger-free community. By volunteering with Nourish KC, you become part of a compassionate movement that transforms lives—one meal at a time. Whether it's lending a hand in our Community Kitchen, assisting with pantry distribution, or helping with events, your contribution makes a lasting impact.

Sign up for a shift at [theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc](http://theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc).

# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

## Second Sunday after Pentecost – God's Provision & Call to Faith

### "After the Fire" Illumination (1 Kings 19:1-15a)

Today's lectionary texts address themes related to periods of personal crisis, God's provision, and the call to faith and service. Psalm 22 pleads for God to deliver the writer from "the power of the dog" (v. 20), "the mouth of the lion," and "the horns of the wild oxen" (v. 21), then offers praise celebrating God's deliverance. 1 Kings 19 (a track 1 lectionary reading) narrates Elijah's distress and fear for his life, followed by God's deliverance and summon to service. Luke 8 addresses the situation of a hopeless man exiled to the margins of society who is healed by Jesus and afterward called to serve as a witness of God's work. In Galatians 3 the Apostle Paul speaks of the liberation and equality faith has brought to those in Christ.

These themes are captured compellingly in today's focal illumination, "After the Fire." This depiction builds upon the narrative of Elijah's showdown with the priests of Baal on Mount Carmel, which ended in their destruction. Threatened with death himself, Elijah had to flee the wrath of Jezebel, wife of Ahab (King of Israel). After forty days on the run, he holds up temporarily in a cave on Mount Horeb (the "mountain of God" where Moses received the Ten Commandments). There a voice tells him to go outside because God is going to pass by that place. While waiting, a rock-splitting windstorm comes through, followed by a catastrophic earthquake, and finally by an all-consuming fire. But the Lord was not in any of those earth-shattering events. Then came a sound of sheer silence. Elijah pulls his mantel to cover his face and goes out to meet God in the silence.

In this illumination a wall of chaos is depicted which includes the wind, earthquake, and fire just described. Elijah is pictured as the small green figure at the bottom right (green is used in the Saint John's Bible to indicate prophets) with his face covered in a posture of reverence and awe. Two angels in white stand to the side watching over him.

The silver bars embedded in the wall (depicting the silence) are masked by the grey tones on the parchment. A careful, prolonged observation of what initially appears to be a solid wall can bring surprise to the unsuspecting observer as the silver bars suddenly emerge into view. The glory was there all along, embedded in the illumination, but the viewer had to be still and attentive to perceive it.

Amid the turmoil and crises of life it can be difficult to detect God's presence. Do you find help by reflecting on Elijah's experience? What thoughts does this illumination inspire in you about God's presence during hard times?



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# Northwest-Metro Deanery

## Ice Cream Social

The Northwest-Metro Deanery ice cream social will be a chance for people to gather and meet the bishop, ask questions, and hear from the bishop on her vision for The Diocese of West Missouri.

**Saturday**  
July 19

3-5 p.m.  
HJs at St. Andrew's

6401 Wornall Ter., Kansas City, MO 64113

**Register by July 14 @  
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# Upcoming Events & Announcements

For more info and signup links: [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events)

## You're the movie boss

Get ready for a flick-tastic Friday on July 25—it's movie night! We'll be transforming the Founders' Hall courtyard into a cinema under the stars. The Cathedral's got your munchies covered with popcorn and soda. Don't forget to bring your chairs, blankets, and perhaps some beloved movie candy to share with the crew! But first, the big question is: what are we watching? Cast your vote at [kccathedral.org/events](http://kccathedral.org/events) or just scan the QR code!



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## All Parish Breakfast

July 13, 9 a.m.

Please join us in Founders' Hall at 9 a.m. for breakfast and fellowship. Hope to see you there!

## Northwest-Metro Deanery Ice Cream Social

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Join us for the Northwest-Metro ice cream social at HJ's Youth and Community Center hosted by St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kansas City. The ice cream social will be a chance for people to gather and meet the bishop, ask questions, and hear from the bishop on her vision for The Diocese of West Missouri.

### Schedule

3–3:30 p.m. – Ice cream and social time

3:30–4 p.m. – Bishop speaks and answers questions

4–5 p.m. – Informal mingling and conversation

Please register by Monday, July 14. We can't wait to celebrate another wonderful year with you as a deanery!

## Save the Date

July 13 | Book Study with Fr. James begins, 9:15 a.m.

July 25 | Outdoor Movie Night, 7 p.m.

July 26 | Diocesan Ordinations, 10 a.m.

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