

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"The Man at the Plough" by James Tissot

The Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025 • 8 a.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, 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.*



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Arietta*, Op. 68, No. 4

Horatio Parker (1863-1919)

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

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Presider Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

* GLORIA

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All
Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief cornerstone: Grant us so to be joined together in unity of spirit by their teaching, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you; 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: 1 Kings 19:15-16,19-21

Lector The Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place."

So he set out from there, and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again; for what have I done to you?" He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh, and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah, and became his servant.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16 *read by alternating half verse*

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Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; *

I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, *

upon those who are noble among the people.

But those who run after other gods *

shall have their troubles multiplied.

Their libations of blood I will not offer, *

nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; *

it is you who uphold my lot.

My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; *

indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; *

my heart teaches me, night after night.

I have set the Lord always before me; *

because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; *

my body also shall rest in hope.

For you will not abandon me to the grave, *

nor let your holy one see the Pit.

You will show me the path of life; *

in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

Second Lesson: Galatians 5:1,13-25

Lector For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 9:51-62

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

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

Gospeller When the days drew near for Jesus to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village.

As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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 We turn our faces to you in expectation and confidence that you will hear us when we pray, saying,
Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We ask your prayers for the church universal; for true revival to bring us new ways to reach those who
are wary of faith and to embrace those who find their way to us.

Lord in your mercy,

People **Hear our prayer.**

Intercessor We ask your prayers for 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 We ask your prayers for this assembly, that we might experience the living Christ and know, in our deepest selves, that we are loved and were created with purpose.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We ask your prayers for the natural world and all who labor to preserve and protect it for all future generations.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We ask your prayers for those who need healing of heart, healing of mind, and healing of body. 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 We ask your prayers for those who die alone and afraid; for those who die unexpectedly and tragically; for those who die surrounded by their families and full of faith. Bring all those beloved into your light perpetual. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider We offer all these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, our comforter, guide and mediator. **Amen.**

CONFESSON 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 you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you 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

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: 697 "My God, accept my heart this day"

1 My God, ac - cept my heart this day, and make it al - ways thine,
2 Be - fore the cross of him who died, be - hold, I pros - trate fall;
3 A - noint me with thy heaven - ly grace and seal me for thine own,
4 Let ev - ery thought and work and word, to thee be ev - er given;

that I from thee no more may stray, no more from thee de - cline.
let ev - ery sin be cru - ci - fied, and Christ be all in all.
that I may see thy glo - rious face, and wor - ship near thy throne.
then life shall be thy ser - vice, Lord, and death the gate of heaven.

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* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**All We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

Presider And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [_____ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

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.

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
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.*

On the first Sunday of each month, prayer for healing is offered at the prayer desk until the close of worship.

* 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

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* CLOSING HYMN: 706 "In your mercy, Lord, you called me"

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VOLUNTARY: Jubilate

Roy Douglas (1907-2015)

Pulpit Swap!

Today we welcome The Very Rev. Torey Lightcap and his wife Jacquie to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. Dean Torey is preaching here today and Dean Andy is at Grace Cathedral in Topeka, Kansas.

Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Torey Lightcap, Dean, Grace Cathedral, Topeka
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. CJ Duffie
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell
Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Altar Guild	Jennifer Mason

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

June 29

Becky Johnson
Lili Eichman

July 1

Jan Duncan
Isabelle McCaffree

July 2

Pat Woolley
Theo Elisabeth

July 3

Bob Bucker

July 4

Mary Lou Brous
Marsy Gordon
Freya Lagergren

Weekly Calendar

Learn more about our weekly services & opportunities for study and fellowship: 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.*

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Keri Kirby; Juliana Johnson; John and Yvette Hoffman; Donna Knoell; Ron Letson; Tom Taylor; Jeremy Oliver; Jim Holstein; Peg Brown; Jody Beck; Cliff Mosley; Sandra Fuhrman; Cathy Hager; Alan Greer; Janet; John Luce; Joyce Bellinghausen; Sally Livengood; Diane Barker; Ralph; Iris Parsons; Phineas Gitta; Jeffrey and family; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Joyce Morrow; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Charlotte Colburn; 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: Victoria Meredith; Patrick Gaboriau; 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: The Episcopal Church of the Resurrection, Blue Springs—The Rev. Jonathan Galles
Clergy Spouses & Surviving Spouses

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

View the prayer list anytime: kccathedral.org/prayers

Today's flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God & in thanksgiving for our 61st anniversary by Pat & Kay Woolley.

Altar flowers are a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations of any amount toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives.



See kccathedral.org/flowers for more information or contact Julie Toma.

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.

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 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 for more details.

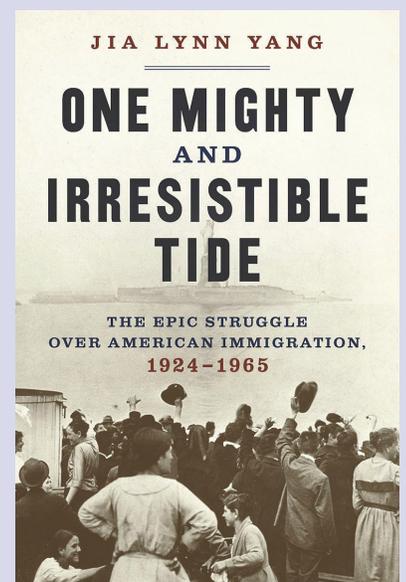
Diversity and Reconciliation Book Study: *One Mighty and Irresistible Tide*

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.



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:

March 15

April 19

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.



TEFAP
The Emergency Food Assistance Program

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 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.



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 we can continue providing nutritious meals, offering essential pantry staples, and building a hunger-free community.

By volunteering with us, 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.

Together, we can achieve more. Join us today and help nourish Kansas City!

Sign up for a shift at theprospectkc.org/nourish-kc.



NOURISHKC

Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; The Rev. CJ Duffie, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; Holly Campbell, *Events Coordinator*; Steve Berman, *Finance Coordinator*; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, *Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator*; Angie Graham, *Facility Manager*; Bianca Jackson, *Assistant Facility Manager*; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, *Dean Emeritus*; Canon John Schaefer, *Canon Musician Emeritus*

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Donations for our Outreach Partners

Diaper Drive for happybottoms™

diapers for families in need

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower

OR

Donate diapers directly through the happybottoms.org site



Donate packages of diapers
Sizes 4, 5, 6 needed most



OR



Use group name:

GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL

help babies
in Kansas City!

Final days
to help!

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

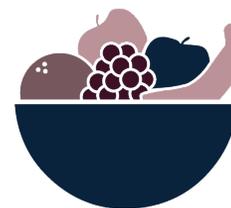
According to Feeding America's Map the Meal Gap 2024 report:

- 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

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Third Sunday After Pentecost – Spiritual Freedom, Guidance, & Discipleship

“Elijah and the Fiery Chariot” Illumination (2 Kings 2:1-14)

Today's lectionary texts address matters of spiritual freedom, living according to the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and committed discipleship. Spiritual freedom should not be mistaken as a license for self-indulgence. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, it is characterized by love and service to others. This freedom prompts commitment to God's will and faithful discipleship.

Today's focal illumination is drawn from 2 Kings 2:1-14 (track 1 of Proper 8 lectionary texts). Titled “Elijah and the Fiery Chariot,” it offers a theological portrayal of the narrative of Elijah's transportation to heaven and the passing of his mantle to his disciple, Elisha. It treats themes of spiritual faithfulness, responsibility, commitment, testing, and discipleship. The plot involves (1) movement from the known to the mysterious and back to the known (signified by the crossings of the Jordan), (2) a disciple's growth to assume the mantle of his mentor, and (3) testing of faith to determine the mentee's readiness for his new responsibilities.

Today's illumination gives visual expression to many elements of the last of the Elijah stories. The company of prophets in the top left is waiting to see what God will do. Elisha, in the center, looks to Elijah who is being transported to heaven in the midst of fire and chariot wheels. This event is paralleled first by Moses' final days when he declares that he must disappear before Joshua his successor will receive his power and also by Jesus' ascension and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon his disciples at Pentecost. The chariot wheels in this illumination are based on the same image as those of Ezekiel in the “Vision at the Chebar” illumination.

At the top of this portrayal are faint, gold arches which are ever present in the Historical Books volume of Saint John's Bible. They are intended to serve as reminders of the kingdom that God is bringing into being through this called people. At the very bottom of the illumination are fish, reeds, and water suggesting the Jordan River, which these prophets must cross to reach the place where the mysterious transportation event occurs. The dominant colors of this illumination also are significant. Purple is indicative of the earthly kingdom. Green represents the office of the prophet. Gold indicates the heavenly kingdom to which these men aspire.

What aspects of this narrative suggest spiritual freedom to you? Which elements suggest discipleship, commitment, and faithful service? Which actions portray divine guidance? What is indicated by the fact that the chariot is described as “fiery”?



Upcoming Events & Announcements

For more info and signup links: 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 or just scan the QR code. The polls close tonight so vote now!



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Office Closed: Independence Day

The Cathedral office is closed Friday, July 4. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256.762.5889, Father James at 816.739.2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.

Summer Hospitality Hosts Needed!

Help us continue the hospitality offered at the Cathedral coffee hours during the summer. We invite you to sign up to bring something simple to go with a cup of coffee, like donuts/donut holes, fruit, brownies or cookies (homemade or from the store) or veggies. Sign up online at kccathedral.org/events. Your help is appreciated.

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

July 19 • St. Andrew's Episcopal Church | 6401 Wornall Ter., Kansas City, MO 64113

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.

Christmas in July: Shop Local and Support Local Kids

Saturday, July 12 | 9 a.m.–3 p.m.

Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd, 4947 NE Chouteau Dr., Kansas City, MO 64119

Join Episcopal Church of the Good Shepherd for "Christmas in July," a festive summer craft fair featuring over 25 vendors, a delicious bake sale, and even a massage therapist on-site from 1–3 p.m.! This fun-filled event isn't just about shopping—it's about making a real difference.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Backpack Shepherds program, a partnership between Church of the Good Shepherd and Bethel United Church of Christ. Together, they support the Harvester's Backsnack Program, a Feeding America initiative providing weekend food for elementary school children facing food insecurity. This past school year, they served 51 students identified by local schools and also helped stock the student pantry at Winnetonka High School. In Kansas City, 1 in 6 children are at risk of hunger, and with grocery prices projected to rise by 3.3% in 2025, the need is growing.

Come shop, snack, relax, and support a vital mission in the community.