

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 12, 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.
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Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
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HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: *Sursum corda*

John Ireland (1879-1962)

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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: 2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c

Lector Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the Lord had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy."

When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the Lord his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean'?" So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 111 *read by alternating whole verse*

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Hallelujah! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

**He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.**

The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

**They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.**

He sent redemption to his people; he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

**The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding; his praise endures for ever.**

Second Lesson: 2 Timothy 2:8-15

Lector Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David— that is my gospel, for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained. Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, so that they may also obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus, with eternal glory. The saying is sure:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;
if we endure, we will also reign with him;
if we deny him, he will also deny us;
if we are faithless, he remains faithful—
for he cannot deny himself.

Remind them of this, and warn them before God that they are to avoid wrangling over words, which does no good but only ruins those who are listening. Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved by him, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly explaining the word of truth.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 17:11-19

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

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

Gospeller On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" When he saw them, he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus' feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, "Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" Then he said to him, "Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well."

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 Healing God, we praise you and we thank you for all your gifts; hear now our prayers as we lift our voices and say, Lord in mercy, hear our prayer.

Grant that your church might be a light in the darkness, a refuge in uncertainty, and an example of love in action to bring forth a world healed by love.

Lord in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Bring together the people of this nation in reconciliation and peace, that together we might build a community whose foundation is the recognition of the dignity of all people.

Lord in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Light a fire in our hearts, that we might feel compelled to show your love in our actions and words through the moments of our daily lives.
Lord in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Intercessor May your peace and justice prevail in areas of conflict around the world, that all people everywhere may know liberty and be free to live into their God-granted potential.
Lord in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Intercessor Mend what is broken and make whole what is missing in the lives of all who suffer and grant your healing power to those in need. 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 May those who have died know the eternal embrace of your love and welcome each of us in the moment of our death into your presence. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy,
People hear our prayer.

Presider Loving God, you have always provided all that we need and showed us the path to abundant life made manifest in your Son, our Lord, Christ Jesus, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, One God, now and always. **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.**

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: 411 "O bless the Lord, my soul!"

1 O bless the Lord, my soul! His grace to thee pro - claim!
 2 O bless the Lord, my soul! His mer - cies bear in mind!
 3 He will not al - ways chide; he will with pa - tience wait;
 4 He par - dons all thy sins, pro - longs thy fee - ble breath;
 5 He clothes thee with his love, up - holds thee with his truth;

1 And all that is with - in me join to bless his ho - ly Name!
 2 For - get not all his ben - e - fits! The Lord to thee is kind.
 3 his wrath is ev - er slow to rise and rea - dy to a - bate.
 4 he heal - eth thine in - fir - mi - ties and ran - soms thee from death.
 5 and like the ea - gle he re - news the vi - gor of thy youth.

6 Then bless his holy Name,
 whose grace hath made thee whole,
 whose loving-kindness crowns thy days:
 O bless the Lord, my soul!

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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 Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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: 655 “O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end”

1 O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 2 O let me hear thee speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still,
 3 O Je - sus, thou hast prom - ised to all who fol - low thee,
 be thou for ev - er near me, my Mas - ter and my friend;
 a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will;
 that where thou art in glo - ry there shall thy ser - vant be;
 I shall not fear the bat - tle, if thou art by my side,
 O speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
 and, Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve thee to the end;
 nor wan - der from the path - way, if thou wilt be my guide.
 O speak, and make me lis - ten, thou guard - ian of my soul.
 O give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

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VOLUNTARY: “Alla Marcia”

John Ireland (1879-1962)

Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Word	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Deacon of the Table	The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
Organists	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	
Eucharistic Minister	
Usher	
Altar Guild	
Healing Minister	

Cathedral Prayer List

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

Pray for: LaGreta Gitta; Kim Heitzenrater; Elliott Oliver; Marian Philip; The High Family; Joan and Joe Bacchus; Elaine Karsten; Kathy Manning; Terri Wesner; Norma Brooks; Lenette Johnson; Don Brown; Kay Steiner; Jim Holstein; Sandra Fuhrman; Joel; Brian and Amy Hummell; Diego Garcia; Ken McCandless; Jeremy Oliver; Jody Beck; George Nodler; George Helmkamp; Judith Poitier; Holly; Tom Taylor; Peg Brown; Phyllis Biddle; Betty Buck and Family; Cathy Hager; Daylin and Capt Aryk Bingham; Sandie Sorbo; Benjamin Jones Family; Charlotte Colburn; Gloria Stocks; Iris Parsons; Jeffrey and family; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Larry McMullen; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; All those fighting chronic illness; All families affected by gun violence; First Responders; All Immigrants

Comfort and Peace for the families of the departed.

Pray for the Departed: Sue King; Jay Robert Sherwood; Hunter Simoncic; Rev. Cindy Carter; Margaret Hall; Rev. Elizabeth Phillips; Dr. Robert Toth; Ralph Wegener; Pat Bridgforth; Deputy Elijah Ming; Anupama Vaidya; Warren Sheldon; Scott Johnson; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Grace Episcopal Church, Chillicothe—The Rev. Michael Johns, Deacon in Charge

St. Luke's Health System, Hospitals and Nursing Center

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Please contact the Cathedral office (jtoma@kccathedral.org) if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary.

October 12

Barbara & Stephen Carlson
Mattie & Jason Ransom
Miranda & Tyler Schmidt
Jeremy Atherton

October 15

Dave Barker
Trish Lambert
Ethan Evans

October 13

Jack Ransom
Dick Woods
Carol Coleman
Andy Keyse

October 16

Eric Vianello

October 17

Valerie Johnson

October 18

Tom Kretsinger & Bailey
Darr

October 14

Lori Childs
John Shelton

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, October 12

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. *No Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices*
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
11:30 a.m. Coffee Hour
5 p.m. Order for Evening and Holy Eucharist

Monday, October 13

Cathedral office and buildings closed, Indigenous People's Day

Tuesday, October 14

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

Wednesday, October 15

10 a.m. Staff Gathering
12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
12 p.m. AA Meeting in Multipurpose Room
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
6:30 p.m. Rehearsal: Cathedral Bell Ringers
7 p.m. Meeting: Daughters of the King

Thursday, October 16

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Sunday, October 19 • Healing Services

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Episcopal Beliefs and Practices
9:15 a.m. Label Containers at Pete's Garden
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m. All Parish Lunch & Label Containers for Pete's Garden
5 p.m. Choral Evensong

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

Dear Cathedral Family,

The Season of Pentecost is a season of growth. During this time, we have readings that are meant to teach us about being better people as we grow in faith and in doing all that Christ calls us to do. We hear from prophets and apostles about loving God and our neighbor, and we hear from Jesus about how to be better stewards of all that God has given us.

Growth is vital to us as individuals and as a family of faith. Learning and growing is something we all do together as we hear the words and teachings of Jesus and are supported by the great cloud of witnesses who have come before to show us the way. Bearing this in mind, our theme for our 2026 Stewardship campaign is *Love in Action: Growing in Faith and Community*.

In my Dean's Report this year, and at our Annual Meeting, I asked that all of us work to help grow our community. Our Vestry retreat this year focused on ways to invite more people in, make more people aware of who we are, and grow our community.

I'm happy to say all of our efforts are working.

- ✦ By actively loving one another and our neighbors we have grown our congregation. We have visitors every Sunday and we are adding new members to our community. We are sharing who we are and what we do on our social media pages and platforms and through livestreaming our services. We grow in community by inviting others in and sharing what we have.
- ✦ We grow in faith through our many offerings of formation on Sundays and throughout the week.
- ✦ We are showing love in action through our parish gatherings, game nights, and movie nights. We are showing love in action by gathering to help others through our monthly outreach collections, volunteering at food pantries, or helping package and label meals through Pete's Garden. We are showing love in action when we respect the dignity of every human being.

Though the season of Pentecost will once again come to an end, love never ends. Growth never ends. Our faith remains strong as long as we are actively loving one another. The writer of Hebrews told us a few weeks ago to "let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have..." Paul writes to Timothy and says that the people "are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share..." In keeping with these teachings, we ask that we all continue our commitment to the work and ministry of our Cathedral in 2026.

In the coming weeks, we are offering ways to come together as a community, as a family, to learn more about actively loving and growing together. We will have a stewardship lunch on October 19, following the 10:30 service. While there, you will have the opportunity to sign up to come to someone's home in your part of Kansas City to continue in fellowship and conversation, to continue in love and growth.

You may make your financial commitment and support our continued growth by returning the enclosed pledge card to the Cathedral, by turning your card in at the lunch, home visits, or in the offering plate. You may also make your commitment online through the Cathedral's website: kccathedral.org/stewardship. Thank you for your continued care and support of Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral.

Yours faithfully in Christ,



The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Dean



Steve Moore, Stewardship Committee Chair





October Food Drive for Shelter KC

During the month of October, we are collecting food for Shelter KC.

Items most needed:

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| Canned fruits & vegetables | Stuffing |
| Canned sweet potatoes | Gravy Packets |
| Mac & cheese | Dinner Rolls |
| | Canned Cranberry Sauce |

COME ONE COME ALL! LET'S CELEBRATE FALL!

OCTOBER 26 | 11:45 A.M.

FALL FESTIVAL

TRICKS TREATS AND FUN!

SCAVENGER HUNT
CHILI
COSTUME CONTEST
GAMES
PIE CONTEST

Altar Flowers

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshippers 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.

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



Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

God's Abundance and Our Response

"Elisha and the Six Miracles" Illumination (2 Kings 5:1-15)

Today's lectionary themes emphasize God's abundant provision and our need to respond with faith and action. The focal illumination comes from today's Old Testament, track 1, text – 2 Kings 5:1-15. The *visio divina* lesson is drawn from one of the six panels of this illumination treating the story of the healing of Naaman from leprosy.

The Naaman narrative recounts an incident in the life of a successful military general from Aram who contracts a disease that was incurable in that day. After all available medical treatments fail to cure the disease, in desperation he follows the advice of a Jewish slave girl in his employ who tells him to seek help from the prophet Elisha. Naaman goes to Elisha but feels insulted when the prophet tells him to bathe seven times in the muddy Jordan River as a treatment. The general almost misses his opportunity for healing when he prepares to depart compelled by indignation without doing what Elisha has instructed. The servant's question: "If the prophet had commanded something difficult, would you not have done it?" redeems the situation. Naaman goes to the Jordan, bathes seven times as Elisha had told him, and the general is immediately cured.

Sometimes the easy thing might be the most difficult thing for us. Doing something difficult enhances our own courage, fortitude, ability, and intelligence. It allows us to feel strong and in control. The easy thing offends our sensibilities and leaves us feeling silly, unsophisticated, and vulnerable. The easy thing requires us to trust people and power beyond our control.

The "Elisha and the Six Miracles" illumination conveys an important message about God's provision and our need to respond in faith and action. In this

depiction, illuminator Aidan Hart shows Elisha wearing Elijah's mantle. He is dressed in green, the color of the prophets, and is embedded in the panels suggesting that he is part of the events portrayed. The illumination is divided into six panels, each conveying an incident in Elisha's ministry when God's love is poured out: providing bread for the hungry, jugs of oil for a widow in need, a barren Shunammite woman conceiving a son then later the boy's resuscitation after his untimely death, Naaman's healing, and a floating ax head. These miracles address the needs of a wide range of people: for food, for money to pay bills, for the health of children, for curing leprosy, and for tools to provide needed shelter.

Panel five, the focus of today's narrative, contains the surprising image of the

AIDS virus as seen under a microscope, not Naaman's healing as might be expected. It represents the many "underworld" forces that threaten our lives today; forces against which we often feel helpless and vulnerable. From this story we learn important lessons about God's healing presence. We learn the need to live simply and vulnerably and to rely on the grace and hospitality of God and others.

In what ways do the experiences portrayed in today's illumination upend your expectations? How does that reversal challenge you to live differently?



Formation for All Ages

Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. • Common Room

Episcopal Beliefs & Practices: A Study of the Prayer Book

Through a weekly study of the 1979 Book of Common Prayer we will explore the beliefs and practices of the Episcopal Church. If you are curious about the Anglican way of Christianity, want to better understand familiar prayers and liturgies, or are seeking to engage more deeply in Christian practice and theology then this course is for you! No preparation needed, prayer books will be provided in class.

No class today, October 12.

Children: Sundays

10:30 a.m. • Haden Hall

Cathedral Kids

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 cabinet in the back cross aisle.

Upcoming Family Worship Dates: October 5

Youth: Sundays

Youth meetings are on a break. Stay tuned for updates on when they will resume.

Adults: Tuesdays

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

The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind. For details, visit kccathedral.org/other-activities.

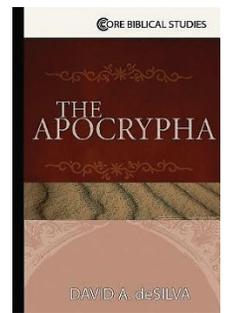
Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome.

We are currently reading David A. Desilva's *The Apocrypha*.

This book studies the Apocrypha "using a thematic approach." Dr. David deSilva gives a brief introduction and summary of these largely unknown and unappreciated books. In addition the book gives an overview to the social and cultural context of the world of the Apocrypha and early Christianity. After surveying the Apocrypha's relevance and impact on Christian practices and spiritual formation, the book highlights the Apocrypha's impact on Jesus, the New Testament, and the formation of the Early Church's doctrines and theology."

Visit our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for the Zoom link.



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

Join us for a discussion of context which will, with God's grace, lead us to a discussion of how an understanding of scripture can restore us to fullness with God and each other in Christ. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or on our website, kccathedral.org/adultformation, for more details.

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Upcoming Events & Announcements

For more info and signup links: kccathedral.org/events

Monday, October 13

Office Closed: Indigenous People's Day

The Cathedral office is closed Monday, October 13. 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.

Sunday, October 19 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.

Rite of Healing

During both morning services, the laying-on-of-hands and anointing for healing will be offered for those desiring it. We observe this sacramental rite annually on the Sunday closest to the feast of St. Luke the Physician, October 18.

Sunday, October 19 | 11:45 a.m.

All Parish Lunch

All are invited to lunch as an opportunity to come together as a community, as a family, to learn more about actively loving and growing together. While at lunch, you will have the chance to sign up for home visits around Kansas City to continue in fellowship and conversation, to continue in love and growth.

Sunday, October 19 | 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.

Help at Pete's Garden

Volunteer with fellow parishioners at Pete's Garden to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need. At 9:15 a.m., meet Deacon Barbara and Colin Chambers in Founders' Hall and head downstairs to Pete's Garden. After the 10:30 service, we will label containers while at the Stewardship Lunch. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

Sunday, October 19 | 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong

Sung by our own Trinity Choir, Choral Evensong is a centuries-old Anglican musical service of sung Evening Prayer that combines music, prayer, and scripture into a contemplative experience providing a peaceful and reflective pause as the day closes. Following the service, all are welcome to take communion in the Chapel.

Thursday, October 23 | 5:30 p.m.

Vestry Meeting

You are welcome to attend the meeting in the Common Room or via Zoom (kccathedral.org/vestry). Non-Vestry members wishing to address the meeting must arrange to be on the agenda by contacting Dean Keyse at akeyse@kccathedral.org by noon the Monday before the meeting.

Friday, October 24 | 6 p.m.

Halloween Bingo!

Bring your sweet and savory Halloween goodies, don your most epic costume to battle it out for fabulous prizes, including some take-home pumpkins! Let us know you're coming at kccathedral.org/events 🎃👻

Sunday, October 26 | 11:45 a.m.

Fall Festival

Embrace the autumn vibes! 🍂 Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 26, right after the 10:30 a.m. service.

Get ready for: 🍁

- An epic scavenger hunt
- Chili to warm your soul
- A costume contest full of flair
- Games galore
- A pie showdown of deliciousness

Pie Contest: Bring your finest pies to enter the pie-baking contest! Judges will evaluate submissions based on appearance, crust, and flavor across three categories: Pumpkin, Fruit, and Other Sweet. Sign up for the pie competition at kccathedral.org/events.

Come for the tricks, stay for the treats, and revel in the fun!

Sunday, November 2

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, we honor all those who have died in the past year. You may submit names of personal friends and family who have passed away in the last twelve months to be included in the bulletin. Submit names by Tuesday, October 28: kccathedral.org/events