

# Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 7, 2026 • 5 p.m.



GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY  
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

## Welcome! We are glad you are here.

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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

### 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 his 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.

O God, from whom all good proceeds: Grant that by your inspiration we may think those things that are right, and by your merciful guiding may do them; 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: Genesis 12:1-9

Lector Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 33:1-12 *read by alternating whole verse*

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Rejoice in the Lord, you righteous; \*  
it is good for the just to sing praises.

**Praise the Lord with the harp; \***  
**play to him upon the psaltery and lyre.**

Sing for him a new song; \*  
sound a fanfare with all your skill upon the trumpet.

**For the word of the Lord is right, \***  
**and all his works are sure.**

He loves righteousness and justice; \*  
the loving-kindness of the Lord fills the whole earth.

**By the word of the Lord were the heavens made, \***  
**by the breath of his mouth all the heavenly hosts.**

He gathers up the waters of the ocean as in a water-skin \*  
and stores up the depths of the sea.

**Let all the earth fear the Lord; \***  
**let all who dwell in the world stand in awe of him.**

For he spoke, and it came to pass; \*  
he commanded, and it stood fast.

**The Lord brings the will of the nations to naught; \***  
**he thwarts the designs of the peoples.**

But the Lord's will stands fast for ever, \*  
and the designs of his heart from age to age.

**Happy is the nation whose God is the Lord! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!**

## Second Lesson: Romans 4:13-25

**Lector** The promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be." He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness." Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

The Word of the Lord.

**People** Thanks be to God.

## \* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

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

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

**Gospeller** As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, "Follow me."

And he got up and followed him. And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" But when he heard this, he said, "Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners."

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, "My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live." And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from hemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well." Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, "Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping." And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

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 prayers published by the Diocese of West Missouri

Intercessor

Inspire us, O God, with the gift of wholeness and the promise of your presence. Give us wisdom to seek nonviolence as an answer to the violence of our lives and world. Give us courage to seek wholeness in a fractured and divided world, to find reconciliation rather than revenge, to abandon the instruments of violence and death and entrust our lives, our homes and our families to you. May your presence fill us and others with the thirst for unity, wholeness, and the desire to see all people valued as created in your image. May we and others be faithful instruments of your love.

Intercessor We pray especially for the victims of gun violence.  
We call to mind the many victims of gun violence, those who have lost their lives, those who have lost their livelihood, and those who have lost life's passion. We pray especially for those who have been killed here Kansas City and we hold their stories and their memories dear. May their loss not be in vain, and may we shape a new story of hope from the broken pieces of grief. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for friends & family of gun violence victims.  
We stand with those who have been left behind, the families, friends, and loves ones of those taken by gun violence. We pray that in this time of heartbreak, grief, and loss that they might find comfort and hope to face the days ahead, and that their tears may be turned into songs of joy. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for communities torn by gun violence.  
We tell the story of homes, communities, neighborhoods, cities and town shattered by gun violence. We call the time the sacred ground around our nation that has been watered with the blood of loss and the tears of grief. We especially remember any cities and towns you wish to name here.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Grant that we may work tirelessly towards a vision where all may sit under their own vine and fig tree in safety and security. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for first responders.  
We stand with first responders, those who live with the horror of gun violence in service to the common good. We stand with them and their families as they heal from bearing witness to the aftermath of lives ended in violence. Grant that we, with them, may create a world where all are protected, all are honored and all are seen, valued and beloved. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for suicide & unintentional shootings.  
We remember those who ended their lives at their own hands with a gun, those who lost their lives by unintentional shootings, and those children whose promise of life was cut short. We pray that we may be strength to those in despair, hope to in those in desolation, and comfort to those in misery. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for those who feel helpless in the face of gun violence.  
We stand in solidarity with those who feel helpless, dejected, or powerless in the face of the gun violence epidemic. We know that gun violence touches all cultures, classes, genders, races, tribes, and nations. We pray that we may not be overwhelmed by gun violence but that we may overwhelm the world with love. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for the perpetrators of gun violence.  
We remember the perpetrators of gun violence. We pray for their families, their friends, and those who love them. We pray for those who see no other way than violence. We pray for those who suffer from mental illness, social isolation, loneliness, and debilitating fear. Grant that we may reach out in love and transform ferocity into friendship and fear into faith. And so we pray,

**All God of sacred stories, heal us and make us whole.**

Intercessor We pray especially for ourselves & for others.  
We pray for ourselves and others in our lives who have been touched by gun violence. During the silent pause, we invite you to offer their names either silently or aloud.

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Intercessor We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
**People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

*Silence is kept for a time.*

Intercessor Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Intercessor Together we pray.

**All God of the Weary, God of the Hopeful, mend that which is wounded, bind up that which is broken, soothe that which is shattered. Enliven us with courage, passion, and strength to renew and recreate our world in the likeness of lasting peace; through the One who comes with healing and hope; Jesus Christ our Savior. 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*

\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer D

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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 our thanks and praise.

*Then, facing the Holy Table, the Presider proceeds*

Presider It is truly right to glorify you, Father, and to give you thanks; for you alone are God, living and true, dwelling in light inaccessible from before time and for ever.

Fountain of life and source of all goodness, you made all things and fill them with your blessing; you created them to rejoice in the splendor of your radiance.

Countless throngs of angels stand before you to serve you night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer you unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim you, and glorify your Name, as we sing (say),

**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.**

*The people stand or kneel.*

Presider We acclaim you, holy Lord, glorious in power. Your mighty works reveal your wisdom and love. You formed us in your own image, giving the whole world into our care, so that, in obedience to you, our Creator, we might rule and serve all your creatures. When our disobedience took us far from you, you did not abandon us to the power of death. In your mercy you came to our help, so that in seeking you we might find you. Again and again you called us into covenant with you, and through the prophets you taught us to hope for salvation.

Father, you loved the world so much that in the fullness of time you sent your only Son to be our Savior. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, he lived as one of us, yet without sin. To the poor he proclaimed the good news of salvation; to prisoners, freedom; to the sorrowful, joy. To fulfill your purpose he gave himself up to death; and, rising from the grave, destroyed death, and made the whole creation new.

And, that we might live no longer for ourselves, but for him who died and rose for us, he sent the Holy Spirit, his own first gift for those who believe, to complete his work in the world, and to bring to fulfillment the sanctification of all.

When the hour had come for him to be glorified by you, his heavenly Father, having loved his own who were in the world, he loved them to the end; at supper with them he 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."

Father, we now celebrate this memorial of our redemption. Recalling Christ's death and his descent among the dead, proclaiming his resurrection and ascension to your right hand, awaiting his coming in glory; and offering to you, from the gifts you have given us, this bread and this cup, we praise you and we bless you.

**All**                    **We praise you, we bless you,  
we give thanks to you,  
and we pray to you, Lord our God.**

**Presider**            Lord, we pray that in your goodness and mercy your Holy Spirit may descend upon us, and upon these gifts, sanctifying them and showing them to be holy gifts for your holy people, the bread of life and the cup of salvation, the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ.

Grant that all who share this bread and cup may become one body and one spirit, a living sacrifice in Christ, to the praise of your Name.

Remember, Lord, your one holy catholic and apostolic Church, redeemed by the blood of your Christ. Reveal its unity, guard its faith, and preserve it in peace.

And grant that we may find our inheritance with [the Blessed Virgin Mary, with patriarchs, prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and all the saints who have found favor with you in ages past. We praise you in union with them and give you glory through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, all honor and glory are yours, Almighty God and Father, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, for ever and ever.

\* 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 Almighty and everliving God,  
we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious Body and Blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the Body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal kingdom.  
And now, Father, send us out  
to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you  
as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.  
To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,  
be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.

\* THE BLESSING

\* DISMISSAL

*Following the dismissal,*

People Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher

The Rev. Canon Lisa Senuta, Canon for Spiritual Life and Clergy Care, The Episcopal Diocese of Kansas

# Cathedral Prayer List

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

**Pray for:** Mike Bennett; Matt Bissett; Orin Jones; Shaun Kelly & Family; Amrit Prasad; Zachary Brewer; Wayne Alexander; Carlyle Conley; Steve Sprague; Derek Mattson; Cherry Barthel; Shandell Debroc; Norbert King; Sharon; Cathy Thomas; Jacob and Sophia Purcell; Melanie Boyd; Randal Loy; Sandra Fuhrman; Sandra Brown; Vicki Price; Cheryl Kennedy; Penny Sullivan; Sheila Denton; Ann Ryder; Zachary Pierce; Diego Garcia; Zane Thomas Rhea Reed; Michael DeFeo; Hanah Kizer; Eva Blanco; Heather; Brend; Charlotte Colburn; Families affected by gun violence; First Responders; Gloria Stocks; Immigrants; Iris Parsons; Jeffrey and family; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Larry McMullen; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Those fighting chronic illness; Yvonne Kehoe Meier

**Pray for the Departed:** Phil Carroll; Cherry Barthel; Those lost in the San Diego Mosque shooting; Dolly Galus; Phyllis Hart; Loretta Stotts; Gianvito Liantonio; John Graham; Those lost in the shooting tragedy in Shreveport, LA; Keith Matthews; Lt Col Brandon Shah; Military members killed in action; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence

**For all military members** and their families, especially: Taya Velasco; Ethan Bergeron; Alexandria Puls; Capt. Aryk Bingham; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Adam; Anita Feugate Opperman; Brian Chellgren; Charles Braden Fowler; Colin Walker; Connor Spake; James Brown; John K. Baker; Joshua Gordon; Lt. Col. Kevin Thomas; Lexi Puls; Nick; Patrick Williams; Steve Conner; The Rev. Ben Newland

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. James Episcopal Church, Springfield—The Rev. Isaac Petty Pierjok, Rector; The Rev. Silas Engstrom, Curate; The Rev. Suzy Lynch, Deacon LGBTQ+ Committee

# This Week at GHTC

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

## Sunday, June 7

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Monday, June 8

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

## Tuesday, June 9

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

## Wednesday, June 10

- 10 a.m. Staff Gathering
- 12 p.m. Noonday Prayer\*
- 12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
- 12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

## Saturday, June 13

- 9 a.m. Volunteer at HappyBottoms

## Sunday, June 14

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist\* (Family Worship)
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

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

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

<b>June 7</b> Mark Matzeder	<b>June 9</b> Bill Bruning	<b>June 11</b> Ken McDonald Henry Galus Lucy Shelton	<b>June 12</b> Michael & Cathy Thomas Tom Garrison Sullivan Lilian Atherton	<b>June 13</b> Connie & Bill Boyd Patti Ryder Kate Norris
<b>June 8</b> Marcille & Bill McCandless Terry & Yvonne Meier	<b>June 10</b> Kathy Gates			

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

## Grace, Faith, and Inclusion

### "Abraham and Sarah" Illumination (Genesis 12:1-4)

Today's lectionary readings confront us with the scandal of God's inclusive grace, the righteousness of faith over legalistic religion, and God's transformative call to discipleship. Both the Old Testament and Epistle readings highlight Abraham and Sarah's obedience, trust in God's promise, and choice to leave behind the familiar in order to accept God's invitation to become a blessing to the world. The Gospel reading narrates Jesus' practice of keeping company with sinners and tax collectors, emphasizing the fact that God's mercy is unearned. The Hosea text contrasts empty ritualistic sacrifices over against God's desire for steadfast love, mercy, and living relationship. These readings challenge us to earnestly pray in union with today's collect that we might live in steadfast faith and love, and by God's grace proclaim his truth with boldness and minister his justice with compassion.

Offering a visual expression of these theological themes, the "Abraham and Sarah" illumination emerges out of a larger story of God's mysterious call to Abraham, directing that he and his family leave their home in Haran and embark on a journey of faith not knowing where they were going or exactly why. The only thing they were convinced of was that God was calling them to do this. Subsequently, by sheer faith they accepted their lack of understanding in the matter, handed to God their need to be in control of the venture, and chose to live by trust in God's promise.

Still, living by radical trust in God's promise, purpose, and guidance did not resolve all fear, doubt, and questions. Having embraced the promise that their descendants would constitute a great nation, decades passed and they still had no heirs or kingdom of their own. Today's featured illumination celebrates God's fulfillment of his promise – an accomplishment that Abraham and Sarah never fully witnessed during their lifetime. They were privileged only to see the child, Isaac, through whom the promise would be advanced. The

"great nation" they had been promised would be an achievement of future generations.

Today's illumination is built upon the names of Abraham and Sarah, symbolizing the foundational role their faith played in the realization of God's mission to the world. Upon this foundation a family tree arises in the shape of a menorah with the Hebrew names of their great grandsons at the top. From them the promised nation eventually becomes a reality – a nation not limited by human political boundaries, but ultimately including persons "from all tribes and peoples and languages" (Rev. 7:9)

Abraham and Sarah's trust in God led them to subvert conventional thinking and move beyond the normal human fears that would have accompanied a call to such action. Rather than living in paralysis spawned by ignorance and loss of control, they ventured upon a journey into the unknown. They gave themselves to be the instruments of God's promise of a universal blessing to all peoples. In the face of contradictory indicators, they believed God would do the impossible. Today's illumination portrays the successful results of their steadfast faith. Can you identify ways their story inspires you to trust God more fully in your spiritual journey?



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**FAMILY REUNION**

**ROOTS, RHYTHM & FREEDOM**

# **JUNE** *Teenth*

**CELEBRATE  
THE DAY OF  
FREEDOM**

**SATURDAY, JUNE 20  
GRACE & HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL  
11:00AM-3:00PM**

Join us as we honor Juneteenth — a powerful day of remembrance, resilience, and joy.

**LET'S CELEBRATE -TOGETHER!**  
SOULFOOD, CARIBBEAN FOOD, BBO,  
YARD GAMES, TRIVIA,  
GREAT MUSIC,  
FAMILY FUN!

**FREE  
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# Formation for All Ages

## Adults: Sundays

Sundays in June • 9:15 a.m.

Exile. Wandering. Living as an outsider. The Old Testament is full of people who knew what it felt like to be out of place. Join us this June as we read their stories and ask: what does faithfulness look like when we feel like strangers in a strange land? Each week we'll read and discuss what these stories have to say to us today.



## 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.

### Family Worship Sundays

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.

### Missionpalooza 2026: July 21-26:

Registration link at [kccathedral.org/youth](http://kccathedral.org/youth)

This gathering is all about rolling up our sleeves, putting our faith into motion, and discovering just how much good we can do together. During the week we will spread out across the greater Kansas City area, offering our hands, hearts, and laughter to the places that need us most.

## Adults: Tuesdays

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

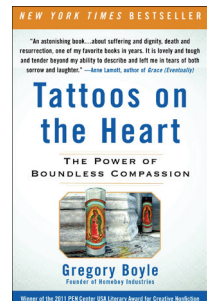
The Virtual Café is open every Tuesday morning for Cathedral members and friends to connect; discuss current topics and activities happening at the Cathedral and in our community; and share what's on your mind.

For details, visit [kccathedral.org/other-activities](http://kccathedral.org/other-activities).

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

Women's Bible Study (WBS) meets by Zoom every Tuesday at 12:30 p.m. for about an hour. As we gather we share joys and concerns followed by discussion of the selected topic or Bible study book. Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit our website, [kccathedral.org/adultformation](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation), for the Zoom link.

This summer, we will take a break from our usual scripture-based studies and do a book study. Beginning June 2, we will begin a study of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr. Gregory Boyle. *Tattoos on the Heart* is a collection of essays "about kinship and the sacredness of life" drawn from Fr. Boyles' 20+ years of gang intervention ministry in Los Angeles. Boyle distills his experience working in the ghetto into a series of parables inspired by faith. Each chapter/parable stands on its own so members of the group can easily move in and out of the study allowing for altered summer schedules. Books can be found at your favorite bookseller. Don't worry if you haven't had time to do the reading or even if you have the book. We're always happy to see you regardless of what time you have to spend with us.



### 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](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation), for more details.

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## Spire Choral Conducting Institute Free Community Concert

*Each year, Spire Chamber Ensemble invites emerging choral conductors and vocal scholars to participate in the annual Choral Conducting Institute, where young musicians travel from around the world to focus on crucial skills of specific gestural communication, efficient rehearsal techniques, and deeper musical understanding that each score presents. Their final performance is free and open to the public.*

*June 12, 2026, 4:30 pm*

*Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral*

*415 W 13th St*

*Kansas City, MO 64105*

**[info@spirechamberensemble.org](mailto:info@spirechamberensemble.org)**



# Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

we can  
**end gun violence**  
**wear orange**



Find ways you  
can help end  
gun violence

Today we observe Wear Orange Sunday, in honor of the victims and survivors of gun violence in our country. We wear orange to honor the more than 40,000 people who are killed with guns and approximately 85,000 who are shot and wounded every year.

## All Parish Breakfast

**Sunday, June 14 | 9 a.m. | Founders' Hall**

Rise and shine! Swing by Founders' Hall for some breakfast and good company. We can't wait to see your bright and cheery face there!

## Juneteenth Celebration

**Saturday, June 20 | 11 a.m.-3 p.m. | GHTC North Lawn**

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to a Juneteenth celebration: *Remembering the Past, Shaping the Future*. Come and learn about the history and significance of Juneteenth through fun activities including a Reconciliation Tribute & Liturgy, food, dancing, karaoke/sing along and more. RSVP by Monday, June 15. There is no cost to attend. We look forward to celebrating with you this Juneteenth!

## Game Night: Bunco

**Friday, June 26 | 6 p.m. | Common Room**

Gather your family, friends, and fellow game enthusiasts for an evening of thrilling games, fabulous fellowship, and unforgettable memories. Bring a snack and/or drink to share and join in the fun. Sign up on our website.

# Outreach

Learn more: [kccathedral.org/outreach](http://kccathedral.org/outreach)

## Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms: June

**Not having a clean diaper can really stink**

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like SNAP (food stamps), Medicaid, or WIC.
- 1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers
- Families with young children experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they did not have the required number of diapers for their child to attend daycare.

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower or purchase diapers through HappyBottoms (use group name: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral).

**Donate Onesies**  
FOR MAISON DE NAISSANCE

Thank you to everyone who donated onesies for babies at Maison de Naissance. Your donations will make a difference for families in Haiti.

# Outreach Volunteer Opportunities

## Volunteer at HappyBottoms

**Saturday, June 13 | 9-11 a.m.**

You are invited to learn how HappyBottoms is working to eliminate diaper need in the KC region, tour the warehouse then wrap diaper packages, fill monthly orders for agencies and hospitals, clean distribution bag tags, and complete other tasks as requested. Sign up to volunteer at [kccathedral.org/outreach/#volunteer](http://kccathedral.org/outreach/#volunteer).

## Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

**June 21, July 19 | 9:15 a.m. & 12:15 p.m.**

Volunteer with fellow parishioners during coffee hour to put labels on the containers that will be used to package meals for families in need by Pete's Garden. We label upstairs in

Founders' Hall at both morning coffee hours. This is a great opportunity to help at Pete's Garden. All ages are welcome; younger children should have a parent present.

## The Emergency Food Assistance Program

**Saturday, June 20, July 18 | 8 a.m.-noon**

We help St. Paul's on Main organize and distribute food as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). Friendly volunteers are needed to break down pallets of shelf-stable and frozen food from Harvesters and repackage the food into family-sized boxes and bags. Then we start handing out the food. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).