

The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 2026 • 5 p.m.



"Wheat Fields with Reaper" by Vincent van Gogh

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

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

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.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son 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: Genesis 28:10-19a

Lector Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, "I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the Lord is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 *read by alternating half verse*

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Lord, you have searched me out and known me; *

you know my sitting down and my rising up; you discern my thoughts from afar.

You trace my journeys and my resting-places *

and are acquainted with all my ways.

Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *

but you, O Lord, know it altogether.

You press upon me behind and before *

and lay your hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *

it is so high that I cannot attain to it.

Where can I go then from your Spirit? *

where can I flee from your presence?

If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *

if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.

If I take the wings of the morning *

and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,

Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.
 If I say, "Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,"
 Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

Second Lesson: Romans 8:12-25

Lector Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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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*

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| Intercessor | Almighty God, to know you is joy, to follow your will is true life; hear now our prayers and respond that we might know and follow you more as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Inspire your church to be the wellspring of hope for all people; refine and perfect it so that we may be known only for our love.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Come and dwell in the hearts of our leaders and those with authority in our lives; lead them to desire justice and peace that we might fully live into our liberty and be a beacon of hope to the world.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Embolden us to be agents of your love in our local community, that it might be a place of promise and possibility where all people might grow and thrive in the light of your grace.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Enliven our minds that we might creatively, effectively, and sustainably respond to the crises we face, that we might build a way of life that more fully reflects the kingdom of God.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Mend what is broken, heal what is sick, comfort what is disturbed in our lives and in the lives of all who suffer, that we might know peace and vitality. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Welcome the dying into your love; allow us growth into your kingdom even in death, so that we and all whom we love might one day rise again in your eternal reign. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
Lord in your mercy, |
| People | Hear our prayer. |
| Presider | All this we ask through Christ, our example, our advocate, and our Lord who stands over all creation and who abides with you and the Holy Spirit now and always. Amen. |

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.

All **AMEN.**

*** THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

*** 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 O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **have mercy upon us.**

Presider O Lamb of God, that takes away the sins of the world,

People **grant us your peace.**

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.

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.

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.

DISMISSAL

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

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

Serving Today

Presider & Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Lector	Mariah Kettler

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: Those impacted by Wildfires; Frances Henrietta Gates; George Parry; Those impacted by the earthquakes in Venezuela; Randal Loy; Camila Rose; Evelyn; Pat Decker; Barbara Cipolla; Family of Cipriano Don Candillo; Mike Bennett; Matt Bissett; Orin Jones; Shaun Kelly & Family; Amrit Prasad; Zachary Brewer; Carlyle Conley; Steve Sprague; Norbert King; Derek Mattson; Shandell Debrec; Cherry Barthel; Sharon; Diego Garcia; Those suffering in the summer heat; Ashleigh; Melanie Boyd; Jacob and Sophia Purcell; Sandra Fuhrman; Sandra Brown; Vicki Price; Brend; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Wayne Alexander; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Joyce Morrow; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; Yvonne Kehoe Meier; Jeffrey and family; Charlotte Colburn; Those affected by gun violence; First Responders; Immigrants

Pray for the Departed: Emily Barker; Nick Hutcherson; Sydney Watson; Joe Anderson; Jessica Manning; Deacon Bill Crain; Cipriano Don Candillo; Phil Carroll; Cherry Barthel; Dolly Galus; Phyllis Hart; Loretta Stotts; Gianvito Liantonio; John Graham; Those lost in the earthquakes in Venezuela; Those lost in the plane crash from Edwards Air Force Base; Those lost in the plane crash in Butler Missouri; Those lost in the San Diego Mosque shooting; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence; Military members killed in action

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. Nicholas Episcopal Church, Noel—The Rev. Canon Jose Palma, Priest-in-Charge; Mr. Hector Torres, Bishop's Warden

Beginning Well Program

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, July 19

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* & Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, July 20

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, July 21

7:30 a.m. Meeting: Finance Committee
12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday, July 22

12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Thursday, July 23

5:30 p.m. Meeting: Vestry

Sunday, July 26

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

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and
in thanksgiving for the Cathedral's music ministry by Sara Kambouris.

Sponsor the Altar Flowers

Altar flowers are a great way to beautify the sanctuary and remind your fellow worshipers of the new life that Jesus brings. They are also a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone and are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site. For more information: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

July 19

Jordan Buckner
Joselyn Verschelden
Marcille McCandless
Leonardo Zamora

July 20

Jonathan & Meredith
Sternberg

July 21

John Rich

July 22

Mary Boomer

July 23

Susan Ahn
Jonathan Kemper
Grace Sparks-Towner
Isaac Pasley
Heather Shore

July 24

Al Schneider
Elin Johnson

AUGUST

SAVE THE DATE

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ALL PARISH BREAKFAST

Come by Founders' Hall for a morning of breakfast delights and camaraderie!

9 a.m.

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TRIVIA GAME NIGHT

Team up with your fellow GHTCers to score you the ultimate prize at trivia night!

6 p.m.

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ORDINATIONS

Come join us for ordinations to the Sacred Order of Priests (including Deacon Richard!).
A reception follows in Founders' Hall.

10 a.m.

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners



- Backpacks (*biggest need*)
- Expo dry erase markers (4 count)
- Highlighters (yellow, pink, green, blue)
- Spiral notebooks
- 5-tab dividers (for 3-ring notebooks)
- 2-3 inch 3-ring binders
- Pocket folders
- Pens (black, blue and red ink)
- Colored pencils
- Crayola markers (10 pack)
- Crayola washable markers (fine line)
- Pink erasers
- Black sharpies
- Composition notebooks
- Rulers
- Loose leaf notebook paper (wide and college ruled)
- Scientific calculators
- School boxes
- Mechanical pencils
- Pens (blue ink)

Volunteer Opportunities

Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

TODAY, August 16 | 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. 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, August 15, September 19 | 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, repackage the food into family-sized portions and then hand out the food. To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or bwegener@kccathedral.org.

Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, *Canon for Adult Formation*; The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano, *Associate for Children, Youth & College*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; The Rev. Dr. Richard Liantonio, *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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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Adoption, Endurance, & Kingdom Triumph

"Jacob's Ladder" Illumination (Genesis 28:10-19)

Today's *Lectio Divina* is drawn from lectionary themes speaking to the grace of adoption as children of God, patient endurance, and the ultimate triumph of God's kingdom. The Genesis reading narrates the "Ladder to Heaven" dream of Jacob at Bethel. It emphasizes God's covenant promise and reveals that holy ground (Bethel means "the house of God") is found in unexpected places. The Epistle reading addresses the "groaning" of a suffering creation which anxiously awaits redemption. It encourages the faithful to secure their hope in the unseen workings of God rather than decipher them through their present trials. The Gospel reading emphasizes patience and grace over judgement. Rather than attempting to extract the flawed elements of this world prematurely, disciples are urged to trust God's ultimate harvest when the righteous shall "shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father." Amid these themes the alternate Old Testament reading from the Wisdom of Solomon emphasizes God's supreme justice and unfailing mercy for those who seek it. Today's Collect draws these elements together in a prayer that acknowledges our weakness and blindness while praying for God's merciful provision.

The events surrounding today's illumination challenge many of our presuppositions about how, where, and with whom God works. The unfamiliar reader might experience amazement, mystery, or even shock that God should be present in such a decisive way to this exiled young man. Why would the sovereign God bind himself

to this treacherous fugitive. The event is inexplicable. It occurs "between places" where nothing significant is expected. But, its occurrence transforms this "non-place" into a crucial and memorable place now identified by the name "house of God." At the same time Jacob, until now a conniving "non-person" is transformed into a person crucial for the achievement of God's promise.

In this experience, Jacob discovers that there is traffic between heaven and earth. Earth is not left to its own resources. Heaven is not a remote domain exclusive to the "gods." This realization shakes Jacob's world to its core. He left home assuming he was alone with survival as his primary goal. After his encounter with God he recognizes that earth is a place of possibility because it is connected to the providential presence and working of God.

The "Jacob's Ladder" illumination is a modern interpretation of Jacob's dream. It combines ancient methods with modern motifs – abstract gold angels ascending and descending, accented with fragments of fragile butterfly wings representing the fleeting nature of Jacob's divine vision. The recondite fluid shapes of burnished gold express the celestial connection between heaven and earth. Jacob's awed response to this inexplicable encounter is captured in the words at the bottom of the page: "And he was afraid and said, 'How awesome is this place.'" The portrayal captures heaven and earth briefly joining together. It serves as an important moment in the renewal of God's covenant promise.

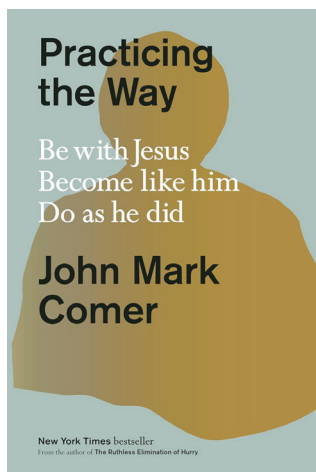
How does your reflection on the butterflies and angels in this illumination connect you personally to perceptions Jacob gained through his vision?



Formation for All Ages

Learn more: kccathedral.org/learn

Adults: Sundays



***Practicing the Way* by Mark Comer**

Sundays | 9:15 a.m. | Common Room

Begins July 26

Our culture is distracted, fragmented, and hurried. Many of us are simply too busy and exhausted to have a meaningful life with God. It's not that people don't want to become like Jesus, or that people aren't trying to become like Jesus. It's that we don't know how to become like Jesus. Join Fr. James for a discussion about how to practice the ways of Jesus.

Copies available for purchase in the Cathedral Bookstore.

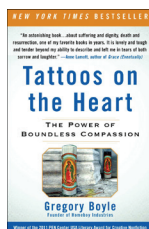
Explore more: www.practicingtheway.org

Adults: Tuesdays

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, for the Zoom link.

This summer, we are studying of *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* by Fr. Gregory Boyle. 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, for more details.

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.

Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Musical Guests at Coffee Hour

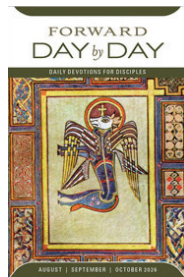
TODAY | 11:45 a.m. | Founders' Hall

During coffee hour on Sunday, July 19, we will enjoy beautiful piano music played by a Band of Angels student. Band of Angels is a nonprofit organization that helps students participate in music by providing musical instruments, music camp scholarships, and other financial support to children who face financial barriers. Please join us!

Forward Day By Day

We provide *Forward Day by Day* to parishioners as a simple and effective daily prayer practice. Each day features a Bible verse from the daily readings and a related reflection written by a different author each month, all in less than 200 words. It even includes the daily feast days, as well as prompts to take faithful action in your daily life.

Printed copies are available in the tower entrance and in Founders' Hall. Read it online at prayer.forwardmovement.org/fdd.



Venezuela Earthquake Relief

On June 24, two strong earthquakes struck north-central Venezuela in rapid succession. Episcopal Relief & Development has been in daily contact with our local partners in Venezuela and nearby dioceses as they check in with congregations and communities to determine who is safe and who needs urgent assistance. As details come into focus, Episcopal Relief & Development is poised to deliver critical, sustained support throughout the evolving recovery process.

Gifts to the International Disaster Response Fund will allow them to send urgently needed critical relief and long-term recovery support. You can make your gift in the offering today or online using the QR code.



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and spirit to make a real impact,
whether you have a few hours or
want to dive into regularly serving.**

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bring food for coffee hour
usher or greet at worship services
acolyte
teach/help with children & youth programs
assist with the Cathedral gardens
sing or ring bells in one of the choirs
outreach volunteering

**Summer is a great
time to try out
volunteering
or try out a new
ministry.**