

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 23, 2026 • 5 p.m.



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 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Exodus 1:8-2:10

Lector Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?" Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

If the Lord had not been on our side, *
let Israel now say;
If the Lord had not been on our side, *
when enemies rose up against us;
Then would they have swallowed us up alive *
in their fierce anger toward us;
Then would the waters have overwhelmed us *
and the torrent gone over us;
Then would the raging waters *
have gone right over us.
Blessed be the Lord! *
he has not given us over to be a prey for their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird from the snare of the fowler; *
the snare is broken, and we have escaped.
Our help is in the Name of the Lord, *
the maker of heaven and earth.

Second Lesson: Romans 12:1-8

Lector I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 16:13-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” And they said, “Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter answered, “You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.” And Jesus answered him, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.” Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* THE NICENE CREED

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 Heavenly Father, through Christ you came into the world to be truth and life to all who know you. Give us the insight to claim your kingship in our lives and to proclaim this truth to the world as we pray, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, for those who lead worship, for those who pray, for those who prophesy, for those who teach, for those who serve the world in your name. That together, we might fulfill your mission.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for this nation; for all in authority and for those who strive to better the lives of all people in our country, that it might be a place of promise and possibility.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the welfare of the world; for those who are persecuted and cry for justice; for those who hunger and thirst for knowledge and freedom; for those who work for the common good; that we may know peace and justice in all the world.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the needs of our communities, for the hopes of families and for the needs of each of us gathered here; that we might live abundantly.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer, for their relief and comfort and we pray for all who are in need. Asking also that we may be a part of this healing in meaningful ways. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the dying and the deceased, that all may find a loving home in the kingdom promised to us through our savior. We pray also for those who mourn, that they may be comforted now, in their time of need. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Presider We offer all these prayers and praises to you, O God, and ask that they may be granted as may be best for us and for the world. In the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. **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.*

* 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 W. James Yazell

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

August 23

Emily Akins
Helen Smith

August 27

Kendall McNeil
Cooper Newton

August 24

Daniel Zamora

August 28

Agie Pedroza

August 25

Cheryl McDonald
Claudia Brown

August 29

Bob Bennett
Ron Verhaeghe

LEARN, SEE, HEAR

A New Organ for the Cathedral

Sunday, August 30

12:30 p.m.

Nave

All are invited to an informational meeting after coffee hour on August 30 about the proposed new organ.

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: Mike Bennett; Charlene Thomas; Ysidro Quintero; Sakue Ide; Willard Welch; Greg Smith; Daniel Mufich; Those impacted worldwide by recent earthquakes; Luke McCullough; Those impacted by flooding; Barbara Martin; Ben Schoonover; Jane Anderson; Jeanne Hoeft; Mary Margaret Saxon; Sid and Mary Breese; Carrie Robertson Gentry; Meribeth Risebig; Those impacted by Wildfires; Randal Loy; Camila Rose; Frances Henrietta Gates; George Parry; Evelyn; Pat Decker; Barbara Cipolla; Family of Cipriano Don Candillo; Janet Baar; Brend; Rick Jordahl; Marcille McCandless; Mike Barzee & Family; Phineas Gitta; Those fighting chronic illness; Iris Parsons; Wayne Alexander; 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

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: The Episcopal Diocese of Rio Grande – Albuquerque—The Rt. Rev. Michael Buerkel Hunn, Bishop
Canons of the Diocese

Pray for the Departed: Brennan P. Younger; Drew Ross; Marv Schroeder; Nathan Matthews; Sgt. Michael Emmanuel Swinton; Pvt Isabella Gonzales; 1st Lt. Tyler James Feehan; Larry McMullen; Emily Barker; Nick Hutcherson; Sydney Watson; Joe Anderson; Jessica Manning; Deacon Bill Crain; Phil Carroll; Cherry Barthel; Dolly Galus; Those lost in recent earthquakes; Those lost in the plane crash from Edwards Air Force Base; Those lost in the plane crash in Butler Missouri; 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

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for the betrothal of Cpl. John Edward Marlowe and Lydia Epps by Sara Kambouris.



For more information about how you can donate to the flowers: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, August 23

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation Book Study
- 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, August 24

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, August 25

- 12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
- 5:30 p.m. Meeting: Vestry
- 6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday, August 26

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

Thursday, August 27

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Saturday, August 29

- 10 a.m. Ordinations

Sunday, August 30

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 9:15 a.m. Adult Formation Book Study
- 9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
- 10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* & Cathedral Kids
- 11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
- 12:30 p.m. Information Meeting: A New Organ
- 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

+On Zoom

*In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Formation for All Ages

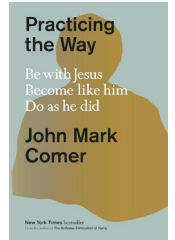
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Adults: Sundays

Practicing the Way

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

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.



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.

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. Zoom link: kccathedral.org/adultformation

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.

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners



At Shelter KC, every life is believed to hold God-given dignity and purpose. More than a place to sleep, Shelter KC is a Christ-centered community where men and women find healing, recovery, and a path toward a renewed future. Through emergency shelter, long-term recovery programs, education, and discipleship, lives that once seemed lost begin to transform. Addiction is overcome, relationships are restored, and hope is rebuilt.

Bring full size unopened toiletries to the basket in the Tower during the month of August.

- Shampoo/Conditioner
- Razors/Shaving Cream
- Deodorant
- Non-scented Lotion
- Non-Flavored Chapstick

Please: No bars of soap

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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Volunteer Opportunities

Backsnack Drivers

We are looking for volunteers to drive once a month to two schools in the NKC school district; the schools are only blocks apart. The Harvesters BackSnack program provides a weekly backpack filled with nutritious, child-friendly food for schoolchildren at elementary and some middle schools to take home over the weekend.

What would you do? Load boxes into your vehicle at the Cathedral, then drop off the boxes at the assigned schools. Each box weighs about 20 pounds. Interested? Contact Ric Sweeting at ricsweeting@gmail.com or phone the Cathedral office.

Serve at Sheffield Place

Sunday, September 13 | Afternoon/Evening

The Outreach Committee and the Daughters of the King invite you to join us in preparing and serving dinner for women and children at Sheffield Place on Sunday, September 13th. This is a fun and hands-on way to live out our baptismal call to love and serve others. There are several ways to help: shop for ingredients, prepare salads, serve on site at Sheffield Place. No experience necessary, just a willing heart! Questions? Reach out to Terri Curran or Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell. Sign up for a slot here: <https://bit.ly/sheffield-september>

Help Pete's Garden by Labeling Lids

September 20, October 18 | 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, September 19, October 17 | 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.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Identity, Subversion, and Transformation

"Peter's Confession" Illumination (Matthew 16: 13-20)

Lectionary themes for the Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost center on our identity in Christ, courageous subversion of oppressive systems, and spiritual transformation. The Exodus 1 reading highlights the courageous actions of two Hebrew midwives and of Pharaoh's daughter who subverted edicts of Egyptian powerholders and thereby preserved God's deliverance of the Hebrew people. The Gospel and Isaiah readings focus on spiritual identity. The Isaiah text speaks of salvation, comfort to Zion, and looking back to ancestral roots for hope. In the Matthew text Peter articulates a profound confession of faith in Jesus as Messiah that becomes foundational for the church. The Epistle reading addresses the power of spiritual transformation to order how we live, think, and function as a faith community. Today's collect shapes these qualities into a prayer for God's help to ensure the church would manifest his divine power among all peoples.

Today's *Visio Divina* gives visual interpretation to important theological concepts associated with Peter's confession as recorded in Matthew 16:16. The occasion for this declaration originates with Jesus' question to his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" Their responses indicate that the perceptions of the earliest believers and others varied considerably regarding Jesus' identity. Such variation has persisted through the centuries as individuals perceive him in their own contexts according to their own time, place, purpose, and culture. Then, Jesus turns his theological query into a personal question, "Who do you say that I am?" Suddenly, my own identity is bound up with how I answer this question.

The "Peter's Confession" illumination is a three-part portrayal of the pivotal moment when Peter identifies Jesus as the Messiah. It traces the spiritual pathway from chaos (the left panel) to transformation (the right panel) through Christ (the Center panel). Jesus' dialogue and teaching regarding his messiahship as recorded in Matthew has to this point been hard for the disciples (and others) to comprehend. They would not fully understand until after the crucifixion and resurrection. But in this confession, Peter declares Jesus' identity correctly. Jesus proclaims this as the cornerstone of his teaching.

The central figure in today's illumination is Jesus, rendered entirely in 24k gold leaf, representing the full incarnation of the divine standing amid a modern depiction of hell. In the right panel, Peter's face (below and left of the text) is rendered in a cubist style making it appear as if made of rock, thereby reflecting Jesus' words, "on this rock I will build my church." Crosses and flags in this image appear again later in the "Pentecost" illumination, identifying St. John's Abbey and University as part of the legacy of the church Christ is birthing. The left panel displays the gates of hell as based on a historical description of the place where Peter made his confession in Caesarea Philippi. This depiction of hell is identified by the Hebrew word for the underworld – SHEOL. The eagle and winged horse represent Assyrian perspectives. A microscopic view of the AIDS virus suggests a modern conceptualization of the experience of hell.

What do you think Peter meant when he identified Jesus as "the Messiah, the Son of the living God."? How do you reconcile this with Peter's denial of Jesus a short time later? What do you think prompted Peter's subsequent reaffirmation of Jesus' messiahship after the resurrection?

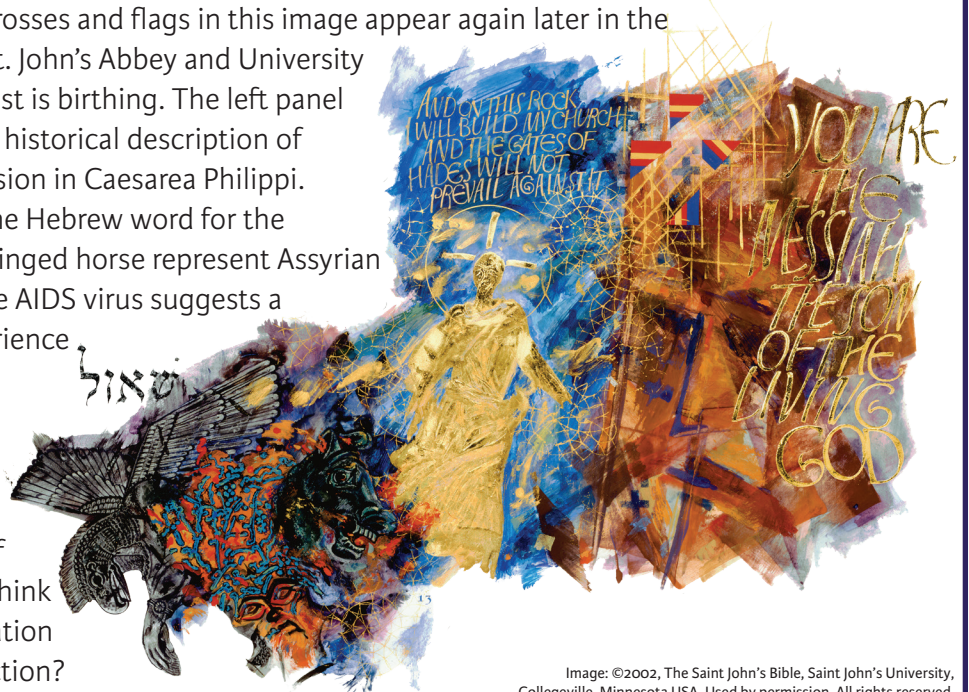


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CHOIR OPEN HOUSE



Sunday, September 20 | 10 a.m.

Anyone interested in seeing the choir up close in action can join the choir at 10 a.m. in Haden Hall as they rehearse.

You may also sit with the choir in the gallery during the service, no singing necessary.

Thursday, September 24 | 7 p.m.

The choir will host an open house from 7-8 p.m. during our rehearsal in Haden Hall.

Come enjoy some great food, conversation, and music. Even better, bring a friend!

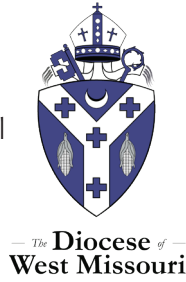
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Diocesan Ordinations

Saturday, August 29, 10 a.m.

Come join us for the ordinations of Christopher Ryan Dodson, Richard Michael Liantonio, Barbara Janette Platter, and Brandon Mason Smee to the Sacred Order of Priests. A reception follows in Founders' Hall. Richard will preside at both morning services the next day and we will celebrate him at a special coffee hour after the 10:30 service.



A New Organ for the Cathedral

Sunday, August 30 | 12:30 p.m. | Nave

All are invited to an informational meeting after coffee hour on August 30 about the proposed new organ.

Back-to-School Blessing

Sunday, September 13 | 10:30 a.m. service

Students, teachers and school administrators are invited to bring their backpacks for a blessing for this school year.

Ministry Fair

Sunday, September 13 | 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Our Ministry Fair is our annual celebration of the Cathedral ministries, recognizing the importance of all volunteer efforts. The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, organizations and educational opportunities that are available within the parish community.

If your ministry group would like to be involved in the ministry fair and you haven't already received information, contact Julie Toma to reserve a table.

Farewell Coffee Hour for Mother Clare

Sunday, September 20 | 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Please join us for a farewell party as we bid adieu to Mother Clare, Andres and Ollie J, who are embarking on a new and exciting chapter in their lives.

Join us for an exciting afternoon of croquet on the Cathedral lawn!

Tiki CUP

Saturday
September 12
12-5 p.m.

Soak in the delightful island atmosphere of the day! Register a team, volunteer, bring food or just cheer on the players!

REGISTER TO PLAY

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SIGN UP TODAY!

Northwest Metro Deanery End-of Summer Gathering

Wednesday, September 9 | 5-7 p.m.

You and everyone from Northwest Metro Deanery to enjoy an End-of Summer gathering at the Cathedral on Wednesday, September 9, from 5-7 p.m.

It will be a garden party of sorts with cold drinks and yummy eats. Fun for kids and adults.

Feel free to drop by after school or work and join us for social time together!