

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"Where Two or Three Are Gathered" by Anne C. Brink

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 6, 2026 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
- If you need a hearing assistance device, please ask an usher. Instructions to connect via Bluetooth are on the back table.
- Gendered restrooms are available in Founders' Hall. A non-gendered, accessible restroom is available at west end (rear) of the Cathedral.

Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
- Donations may be placed in the offering, made through the Cathedral website: kccathedral.org, by scanning the QR code to the right or by texting "GIVEtoGHTC" to 73256. Tap to give using the display in the Tower entrance. Instructions for use are next to the machine. *Thank you for your generosity.*



HOLY EUCHARIST

VOLUNTARY: "Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten," BWV 647
(“He who allows dear God to rule”)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* 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.**

The Word of God

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Presider Let us pray.

Grant us, O Lord, to trust in you with all our hearts; for, as you always resist the proud who confide in their own strength, so you never forsake those who make their boast of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Exodus 12:1-14

Lector The Lord said to Moses and Aaron in the land of Egypt: This month shall mark for you the beginning of months; it shall be the first month of the year for you. Tell the whole congregation of Israel that on the tenth of this month they are to take a lamb for each family, a lamb for each household. If a household is too small for a whole lamb, it shall join its closest neighbor in obtaining one; the lamb shall be divided in proportion to the number of people who eat of it. Your lamb shall be without blemish, a year-old male; you may take it from the sheep or from the goats. You shall keep it until the fourteenth day of this month; then the whole assembled congregation of Israel shall slaughter it at twilight. They shall take some of the blood and put it on the two doorposts and the lintel of the houses in which they eat it. They shall eat the lamb that same night; they shall eat it roasted over the fire with unleavened bread and bitter herbs. Do not eat any of it raw or boiled in water, but roasted over the fire, with its head, legs, and inner organs. You shall let none of it remain until the morning; anything that remains until the morning you shall burn. This is how you shall eat it: your loins girded, your sandals on your feet, and your staff in your hand; and you shall eat it hurriedly. It is the passover of the Lord. For I will pass through the land of Egypt that night, and I will strike down every firstborn in the land of Egypt, both human beings and animals; on all the gods of Egypt I will execute judgments: I am the Lord. The blood shall be a sign for you on the houses where you live: when I see the blood, I will pass over you, and no plague shall destroy you when I strike the land of Egypt.

This day shall be a day of remembrance for you. You shall celebrate it as a festival to the Lord; throughout your generations you shall observe it as a perpetual ordinance.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.
 Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; *
let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
 Let them praise his Name in the dance; *
let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.
 For the Lord takes pleasure in his people *
and adorns the poor with victory.
 Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; *
let them be joyful on their beds.
 Let the praises of God be in their throat *
and a two-edged sword in their hand;
 To wreak vengeance on the nations *
and punishment on the peoples;
 To bind their kings in chains *
and their nobles with links of iron;
 To inflict on them the judgment decreed; *
this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Second Lesson: Romans 13:8-14

Lector Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 18:15-20

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

* THE NICENE CREED

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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*

Intercessor

Almighty God, you are present with us always and you champion those who work to heal our differences. Be with us now as we open our hearts in humility and love to pray for ourselves and the world saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We are your church, bearers of your message of love and hope. Give us voices to invite and welcome neighbors into their place in their church and grant us humility to face the mistakes we have made with repentance and a desire to make amends. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Lord in your mercy,

People

Hear our prayer.

Intercessor	We are a nation that cries out to you for healing and peace. Bring us out of division and into relationship. Bless us with leaders who care deeply for the needs of all people and public servants who find joy in reconciliation and justice.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless each person in our community with health and safety. Give us new ways of conserving resources, feeding the hungry and working together for the common good.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	We pray for those who face danger or oppression; for those who are anxious and feeling separate from their neighbors; for those who have nowhere to turn and who are alone. Send us into the midst of those who need your love that we might be the bearers of your healing. Send your love into the midst of our own being so that we might remember that you are with us always.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	We pray for those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. 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 are but flesh, and our days are numbered. Be present with those who are dying and comfort those who grieve this day. Bring us into the reconciliation and restoration of kingdom life here and in the world to come. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
	Lord in your mercy,
People	Hear our prayer.
Presider	God of hope, you have always stood by your people and fulfilled your promises to them; stand with us now and answer our prayer as may be best for us and always to the fulfillment of your dreams and hopes for us; through Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, 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

Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

All O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant(s) as *they* begin another year. Grant that *they* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *their* trust in your goodness all the days of *their* lives; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Presider Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
Ephesians 5:2

OFFERTORY HYMN: 376 "Joyful, joyful, we adore thee"

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heaven re - flect thy rays,
 3 Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,

hearts un - fold like flowers be - fore thee, prais-ing thee, their sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, o - cean-depth of hap - py rest!

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, bloom-ing mea-dow, flash - ing sea,
 Thou our Fa - ther, Christ our Bro - ther: all who live in love are thine;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 teach us how to love each o - ther, lift us to the joy di - vine.

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* 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.**

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.

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

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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Presider Let us pray.

All 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.

* CLOSING HYMN: 527 "Singing songs of expectation"

1 Sing - ing songs of ex - pec - ta - tion, on - ward
2 One the light of God's own pres - ence, o'er his
3 One the strain the lips of thou - sands lift as

goes the pil - grim band, through the night of
ran - somed peo - ple shed, chas - ing far the
from the heart of one; one the con - flict,

doubt and sor - row, march - ing to the prom - ised land.
gloom and ter - ror, bright - ening all the path we tread:
one the per - il, one the march in God be - gun:

Clear be - fore us through the dark - ness gleams and
one the ob - ject of our jour - ney, one the
one the glad - ness of re - joic - ing on the

burns the guid - ing light: trust - ing God we
faith which nev - er tires, one the ear - nest
far e - ter - nal shore, where the one al -

march to - geth - er step - ping fear - less through the night.
look - ing for - ward, one the hope our God in - spires.
might - y Fa - ther reigns in love for ev - er - more.

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VOLUNTARY: Prelude on *Ton-Y-Botel*

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

Following the service today, swing by Founders' Hall for coffee and good company.

Serving Today

Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason
Usher	Deborah Carr, Greg Coffey
Altar Guild	Vangie Rich, Jennifer Mason
Healing Minister	Joan Bergstrom

CATHEDRAL NAVE
OPEN FOR PRAYER
FRIDAY | 9 A.M.-5 P.M.

We **REMEMBER**
HONORING LIVES LOST & HEROES AMONG US.

25th Anniversary
SEPTEMBER 11

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

September 6

Amy Cornwell
Barbara Hand
Kathryn Barker
Morgan Rezaei Lien
Zoey Gardner

September 8

Bud & Candy McDowell
Lill Weekes
Melisa Burns
Patty & Tom Wood
Victoria Janky

September 7

Beth Gentry-Epley
Jonah Fahnestock

September 9

Larry Martin
Nathan Mattson

September 10

Paul Schooling

September 11

Lisa Spoonhour

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in thanksgiving by Bud and Candy McDowell and in thanksgiving for Nigel Jones by Sara Kambouris.

Altar flowers are a great way to commemorate an event near a specific date, or honor/remember someone close to your heart. For more information about how you can donate to the flowers: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.



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: Joyce; Jim Leuthold; Katie Lienemann; 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; 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 Western Louisiana – Pineville—The Rt. Rev. Jacob W. Owensby, Bishop

Church Musicians, Nurses and Sunday School Teachers

Pray for the Departed: The Rev. Murray Trelease; The Rev. Sidney Breese; 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; Those lost in recent earthquakes; those lost in war; those who have died from gun violence; Military members killed in action

For all military members and their families, especially: Russell Neice; Col. Brian Chellgren (retired); Ensign Brock Chellgren; Jonathan Wegener; for all military members and their families; Taya Velasco; Ethan Bergeron; Alexandria Puls; Capt. Aryk Bingham; Cpt. Charles Lewis, Jr.; Adam; Anita Feugate Opperman; 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

Upcoming Music Events

For more info: kccathedral.org/musicevents

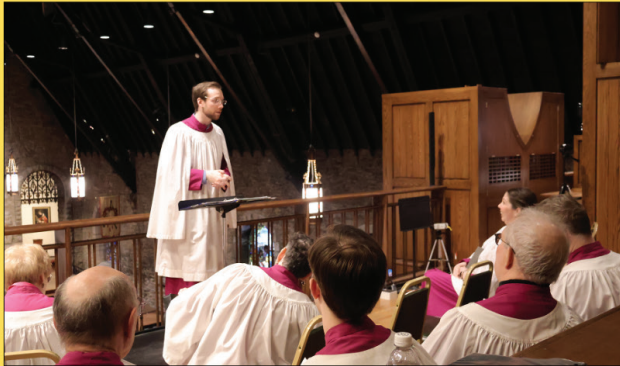
CHOIR OPEN HOUSE



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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Music for
2 OBOES
and **ENGLISH HORN**

September 18 | 7 p.m.

FREE CONCERT

The Grenadilla Double Reed Ensemble



THE MUSIC OF FANNY HENSEL
WITH

**DANIEL
PEYCKE**

PIANIST



**SEPTEMBER 25
7 P.M.**



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Outreach

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Donations for our Partners



Not having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and 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 using QR code or at happybottoms-101520.square.site (use group name: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral).



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.



Double Your Impact: Keep a Seat at the Table

Recent state funding cuts have required The Prospect KC to temporarily adjust Community Kitchen service to Tuesday through Thursday. Our commitment to no-cost meals, workforce opportunity, and a connected community has not changed.

Right now, an anonymous donor will match every gift dollar for dollar, up to \$35,000. Your gift can go twice as far to help sustain meals, opportunity, and connection—and support the path back to five-day Community Kitchen service.

Give today while your gift can be doubled.

Donate Now



<https://theprospectkc.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate?campaignId=1>

Choral Evensong is a traditional Anglican service that blends music, prayer, and scripture into a reflective Evening Prayer experience.

The Trinity Choir sings composed settings of psalms and canticles, offering a serene conclusion to the day. Communion is available in the Chapel after the service.

September 20
October 18
November 15

5 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

Choral Evensong
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral | kccathedral.org/musicevents

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, September 6

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* (Family Worship)
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 7 | Office Closed: Labor Day

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, September 8

12:30 p.m. Women's Bible Study+
6:45 p.m. Lectionary Bible Study+

Wednesday, September 9

10 a.m. Staff Gathering
12 p.m. Noonday Prayer*
12 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting
12:05 p.m. Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Deanery End-of-Summer Gathering

Thursday, September 10

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Saturday, September 12

12 p.m. Cathedral Cup Croquet Tournament

Sunday, September 13

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

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

Formation for All Ages

Learn more: kccathedral.org/learn

Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. | Common Room

Celebrating the Saints | Begins September 20

Join us as we explore the riches of God's glorious inheritance made real in the lives of the saints who have gone before us. We will trace the development of the Church over time through the lives of some of its most faithful followers and learn how the love of God has been made manifest in different times and places by vastly different people.



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

Starting September 15: We begin the study *Signs and Wonders: A Beginners Guide to the Miracles of Jesus* by Amy-Jill Levine. We'll be exploring selected miracles of Jesus in their historical and theological context, with a focus on the "why" of the miracles instead of the "if." Dr. Levine looks at how the past witnesses would have understood the events while looking at how modern readers can draw meaning from Jesus's acts and words.

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.

Youth

Starting September 20, Youth in grades 6–12 meet Sundays at 9:15 a.m. for Formation.

SAVE THE DATE! 2026–2027

YOUTH EVENTS

NOV 6–7

DYG
St. Paul's, Kansas City, MO

JAN 16–18

Miqra
Grace Cathedral, Topeka

FEB 5–7

Sr. High Retreat
St. Philip's, Joplin

APR 9–11

Jr. High Retreat
Trinity, Independence, MO

JUN 6–12

Mega Camp
Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS



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West Missouri

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.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Communal Accountability, Restorative Justice & The Shape of Christian Love "Woman Taken in Adultery" Illumination (John 8 relating to today's themes)

Today's lectionary readings address three interrelated theological themes. First is the duty of the watchman described in Ezekiel 33, introducing the theme of corporate responsibility. The faith community is called to teach truth, warn against destructive choices, and remember that God desires the redemption, not the destruction of those trapped in spiritually detrimental lifestyles. The Gospel reading outlines a strategy for handling interpersonal conflict and sin within the church. Instead of public shaming or silent resentment, Jesus emphasizes direct private engagement, progressive accountability, and the goal of restoring relationship. Finally, the Epistle reading highlights love as the fulfillment of the Law – "love your neighbor as yourself." The complementary Old Testament reading from Exodus 12 unites these themes into one narrative that speaks of liberation and new beginnings, preparation and trust, sacramental health, and communal spirituality.

The Apostle Paul articulates the goal that motivates many people to invest their lives in Christian community – love. We seek to give and receive love that creates a harmonious and supportive community. However, likely every person who has been part of a faith community for any length of time has encountered occasional dark human motivations even there, possibly especially within ourselves. Today's readings acknowledge this reality and offer guidance for constructively addressing it.

Our *Visio Divina* comes from an illumination on John 8, a complementary text that also builds upon these themes. The "Woman Taken in Adultery" illumination employs an Orthodox icon artistic style to convey its message. Careful observation of changes between the two panels tells the viewers what they need to know about the story.

In the upper panel a temple official holds the Hebrew word for adultery, extending it outside the frame. Here he uses God's word as a weapon – the word in one hand and a stone in the other. We become implicated in this action as the word and stone seem offered to us who stand outside the depiction. Jesus bends away, distancing himself from those figures. The woman stands center stage in fear, pleading.

In the lower panel only Jesus and the woman remain. Her face and gestures convey repentance and gratitude.

On the ground are piles of stones which have been discarded. The curtain which was closed in the upper panel is now open and Jesus invites her to enter the golden hallway. The woman who was judged, shamed, and threatened finds forgiveness and is accepted into God's community.

Do you find yourself identifying more with the actions of the upper panel or the lower one? With which figures do you most identify? What applications does this illumination suggest to you for Christian communities struggling to be faithful to God's intent amid the challenges of the societies we live in today?

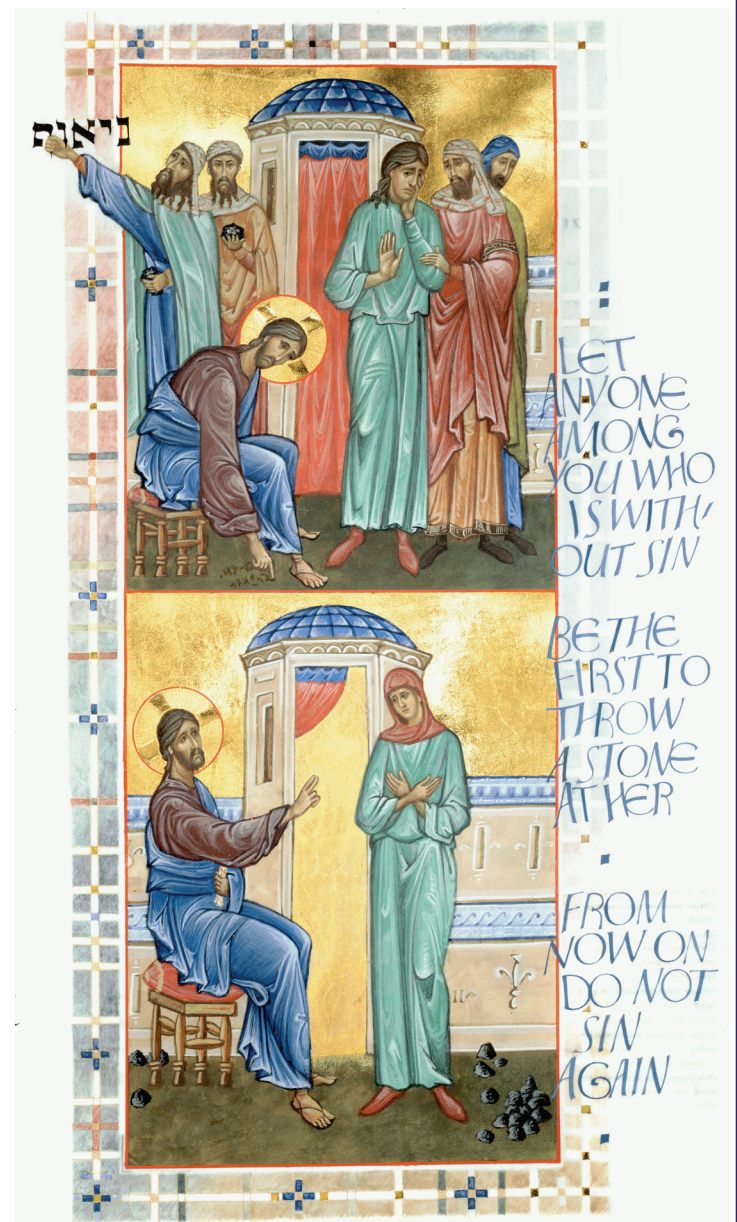


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Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Office Closed | Labor Day

The Cathedral office is closed Monday, September 7 in honor of Labor Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256-762-5889, Canon James at 816-739-2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.

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 a cherished annual celebration of the Cathedral's vibrant ministries, honoring the invaluable contributions of all volunteers. This event offers parishioners a delightful opportunity to connect and discover the diverse ministries, committees, organizations, and educational treasures awaiting within our beloved 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.

Coming This Fall

September 15 | Meeting: Finance Committee, 7:30 a.m.

September 18 | Concert: The Grenadilla Double Reed Ensemble, 7 p.m.

September 19 | Volunteer Appreciation Brunch, 11 a.m.

September 20 | Formation year starts, 9:15 a.m.

September 20 | Volunteering: Pete's Garden Lid Labeling

September 20 | Evensong, 5 p.m.

September 24 | Meeting: Vestry, 5:30 p.m.

September 25 | Concert: pianist Daniel Peycke, 7 p.m.



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

VOLUNTEER | BRING FOOD

CATHEDRAL CUP
CROQUET TOURNAMENT

Northwest Metro Deanery End-of Summer Gathering

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

You (and everyone from the Northwest Metro Deanery) are invited 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!