

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



"Ash Wednesday" (Aschermittwoch) by Carl Spitzweg

CHORAL EVENSONG

The Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026 • 5 p.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.*



VOLUNTARY: Nunc dimittis

Thomas James Crawford (1877-1955)

* PRECES

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

Officiant O Lord, open thou our lips.
Choir *And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.*

Officiant O God, make speed to save us.
Choir *O Lord, make haste to help us.*

Officiant Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
Choir *As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

Officiant Praise ye the Lord.
Choir *The Lord's name be praised.*

* HYMN: 40 "O Christ, you are both light and day"

1 O Christ, you are both light and day, you drive a -
2 We pray you, O most ho - ly Lord, to be our
3 Al - though our eyes in sleep be closed, let hearts in
4 De - fend - er of us all, look down; re - pel our
*5 O Christ, Re - deem - er of the world, O God, our

1 way the sha - dowed night; as Day - star you pre -
2 guard - ian while we sleep; be - stow on us who
3 con - stant vi - gil watch; with your right hand you
4 dread, ma - li - cious foe; di - rect your faith - ful
5 Ma - ker and our end, O Spi - rit, bond of

1 cede the dawn, the Her - ald of the light to come.
2 rest in you the bless - ing of a qui - et night.
3 will pro - tect those who be - lieve and trust in you.
4 house - hold, Lord, whom you have pur - chased with your blood.
5 peace and love, to you be thanks and end - less praise.

Words: Latin, 6th cent.; ver. *Hymnal* 1982. St. 5, Charles P. Price (b. 1920). Music: *Christe, qui Lux es et dies*, plainsong, Mode 2, *Mallander Hymnen*, 15th cent.; acc. James McGregor (b. 1930). Copyright: Words: St.5 © 1982, Charles P. Price. Music: Accompaniment © 1984, James McGregor. All Rights Reserved. Reprinted under OneLicense.net #A-710278.

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall make her boast in the Lord *
the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
O praise the Lord with me *
and let us magnify his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he heard me *
yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
They had an eye unto him, and were lightened *
and their faces were not ashamed.
Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him *
yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.
The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him *
and delivereth them.
O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is *
blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints *
for they that fear him lack nothing.
The lions do lack, and suffer hunger *
but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.
Come, ye children, and hearken unto me *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.
What man is he that lusteth to live *
and would fain see good days?
Keep thy tongue from evil *
and thy lips, that they speak no guile.
Eschew evil, and do good *
seek peace, and ensue it.
The eyes of the Lord are over the righteous *
and his ears are open unto their prayers.
The countenance of the Lord is against them that do evil *
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord heareth them *
and delivereth them out of all their troubles.
The Lord is nigh unto them that are of a contrite heart *
and will save such as be of an humble spirit.
Great are the troubles of the righteous *
but the Lord delivereth him out of all.
He keepeth all his bones *
so that not one of them is broken.
But misfortune shall slay the ungodly *
and they that hate the righteous shall be desolate.
The Lord delivereth the souls of his servants *
and all they that put their trust in him shall not be destitute.

LESSON: James 1:19-27 (KJV)

Lector Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls.

But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving your own selves. For if any be a hearer of the word, and not a doer, he is like unto a man beholding his natural face in a glass: For he beholdeth himself, and goeth his way, and straightway forgetteth what manner of man he was. But whoso looketh into the perfect law of liberty, and continueth therein, he being not a forgetful hearer, but a doer of the work, this man shall be blessed in his deed.

If any man among you seem to be religious, and bridleth not his tongue, but deceiveth his own heart, this man's religion is vain. Pure religion and undefiled before God and the Father is this, To visit the fatherless and widows in their affliction, and to keep himself unspotted from the world.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* MAGNIFICAT

Magnificat (King's College Service)

Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Savior.
For he hath regarded
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold from henceforth
all generations shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
and holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18 (KJV)

Lector Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.

Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.

And when thou prayest, thou shalt not be as the hypocrites are: for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and in the corners of the streets, that they may be seen of men. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward.

But thou, when thou prayest, enter into thy closet, and when thou hast shut thy door, pray to thy Father which is in secret; and thy Father which seeth in secret shall reward thee openly. Moreover when ye fast, be not, as the hypocrites, of a sad countenance: for they disfigure their faces, that they may appear unto men to fast. Verily I say unto you, They have their reward. But thou, when thou fastest, anoint thine head, and wash thy face; That thou appear not unto men to fast, but unto thy Father which is in secret: and thy Father, which seeth in secret, shall reward thee openly.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* NUNC DIMITTIS Nunc dimittis (King's College Service) Joanna Forbes L'Estrange (b. 1971)

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word;

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

* APOSTLES' CREED *chanted on a monotone*

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day he rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty.
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* PRAYERS

Officiant The Lord be with you;

Choir And with thy spirit.

Officiant Let us pray.

Choir Lord, have mercy upon us.
Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

* LORD'S PRAYER sung by choir

Choir Our Father, which art in heaven,
 Hallowed be thy Name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
 in earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread, and
 forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive them that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
 but deliver us from evil. Amen.

* RESPONSES

Gabriel Jackson (b. 1962)

Officiant O Lord, show thy mercy upon us.
Choir And grant us thy salvation.
Officiant O Lord, save the state.
Choir And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.
Officiant Endue thy ministers with righteousness.
Choir And make thy chosen people joyful.
Officiant O Lord, save thy people.
Choir And bless thine inheritance.
Officiant Give peace in our time, O Lord.
Choir Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.
Officiant O God, make clean our hearts within us.
Choir And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

* COLLECT OF THE DAY

Grant us, O Lord, not to mind earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to cleave to those that shall abide; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

* COLLECT FOR PEACE

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed:
Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give,
that our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee,
we, being defended from the fear of all enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness;
through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

* COLLECT FOR AID AGAINST PERILS

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;
and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night;
for the love of thy only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bleib bei uns, denn es will Abend werden, und der Tag hat sich geneiget.

Bide with us, for evening shadows darken, and the day will soon be over.

* THE PRAYERS

* THE GENERAL THANKSGIVING

All Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
 we thine unworthy servants
 do give thee most humble and hearty thanks
 for all thy goodness and loving-kindness
 to us and to all men.
 We bless thee for our creation, preservation,
 and all the blessings of this life;
 but above all for thine inestimable love
 in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;
 for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we beseech thee,
 give us that due sense of all thy mercies,
 that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful;
 and that we show forth thy praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to thy service,
 and by walking before thee
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with thee and the Holy Ghost,
 be all honor and glory, world without end. Amen.

* HYMN: 610 "Lord, whose love through humble service"

1 Lord, whose love through hum - ble ser - vice bore the weight of hu - man
 2 Still your chil - dren wan - der home - less; still the hun - gry cry for
 3 As we wor - ship, grant us vi - sion, till your love's re - veal - ing
 4 Called by wor - ship to your ser - vice, forth in your dear name we

need, who up - on the cross, for - sak - en, of - fered mer - cy's
 bread; still the cap - tives long for free - dom; still in grief we
 light, in its height and depth and great - ness, dawns up - on our
 go, to the child, the youth, the a - ged love in liv - ing

per - fect deed, we, your ser - vants, bring the wor - ship
 mourn our dead. As, O Lord, your deep com - pas - sion
 quick - ened sight, mak - ing known the needs and bur - dens
 deeds to show; hope and health, good will and com - fort,

not of voice a - lone, but heart, con - se - crat - ing
 healed the sick and freed the soul, use the love your
 your com - pas - sion bids us bear, stir - ring us to
 coun - sel, aid, and peace we give, that your ser - vants,

to your pur - pose ev - ery gift that you im - part.
 Spi - rit kin - dles still to save and make us whole.
 tire - less striv - ing, your a - bun - dant life to share.
 Lord, in free - dom may your mer - cy know and live.

* THE GRACE

VOLUNTARY: Tempo moderato (*Organ Sonata No. 4, Op. 98*)

Josef Gabriel Rheinberger (1839-1901)

This movement is based upon the tonus peregrinus chant, historically associated with the Magnificat text.

Holy Eucharist will be offered in the chapel for those who would like to partake.

Serving Today

Officiant	The Rev. Canon Charles A. (Chas) Marks, Canon for Common Mission, The Diocese of West Missouri
Lector	Nick Flowers
Greeter	Nigel Jones
Musicians	The Trinity Choir, Dr. Lucas Fletcher



THE FACES OF MENTAL ILLNESS

**Sat, October 17
1-3 p.m.
Cathedral Nave**

**Learn about supporting someone you know
seeking mental health resilience**

Keynote speakers Pastor Damon & Sister Beverly Brewington, founders of Bipolar Awareness Ministry and Believers of Glory in Jesus Christ Church in Belton, Mo.

Presentations from mental health professionals, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) of area police departments, trauma & healing experts and National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) representatives and more

COME & FIND HOPE!

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*; 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*

The Vestry: Steve Moore, *Senior Warden*, smoore@skeltonmoore.com; Nigel Jones, *Junior Warden*, redbox712@gmail.com, (405) 747-6550; Chip Buckner, *Treasurer*; Colin Chambers, *Clerk*; Bill Boyd; Julie Brogno; Pat Decker; Steve King; Blain Lagergren; Christine Morrison; Mathias Nichols; Charles Shipley; Janet Stewart Sweeting

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: Sherry Candillo; John Manley; Mike Bennett; Joyce; Jim Leuthold; Katie Lienemann; 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; Janet Baar; Jeanne Hoeft; Mary Margaret Saxon; Mary Breese; Carrie Robertson Gentry; Those impacted by Wildfires; Randal Loy; Camila Rose; Frances Henrietta Gates; George Parry; 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 Rev. Jonathan Callison, Interim Rector; The Rev. Lynda Hurt, Deacon
Hispanic Ministry & Diocesan Hispanic Missioner—The Rev. Canon Jose Palma

Pray for the Departed: Randal Loy; Joshua Lewis; 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; 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

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN FOOD & FRIENDS

FOOD & FRIENDS GROUPS OFFER ENJOYABLE GATHERINGS FOR CATHEDRAL MEMBERS TO BUILD DEEPER CONNECTIONS IN A RELAXED ATMOSPHERE.

SIGN UP TODAY



YOU WILL JOIN A GROUP OF 6-8 PARISHIONERS WHO MEET MONTHLY AT A CONVENIENT TIME AND PLACE.



This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, September 20

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Celebrating the Saints
9:15 a.m. Youth Formation
9:15 a.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10 a.m. Choir Open House
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
5 p.m. Choral Evensong

Monday, September 21

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, September 22

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

Wednesday, September 23

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

Thursday, September 24

5:30 p.m. Meeting: Vestry
7 p.m. Choir Open House
7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, September 25

7 p.m. Concert with pianist Daniel Peycke

Sunday, September 27

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
9 a.m. Coffee Hour
9:15 a.m. Adult Formation: Celebrating the Saints
9:15 a.m. Youth Formation
9:30 a.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist*
10:30 a.m. Cathedral Kids
11:45 a.m. Coffee Hour
11:45 a.m. Learn Hymn Singing
12:15 p.m. Label Containers for Pete's Garden
5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

September 20

Bruce & Lill Weekes
Eddie & Sandy Carter
Elvarea Bennett
Jim Lyen
Marian Philip
Ryan Bennett

September 21

Carmen Quintero
Everett Newton
Julian Mattson
Terry Meier

September 22

Carl McCaffree
Orion Robinson
Amanda Colburn
Caroline Colburn
Elizabeth Colburn

September 23

Emmalynn Waters
Tara Bennett
Wayne Alexander

September 24

Gretchen Ryder
Joan Bergstrom
Olivia Jones

September 26

Christina Golding
Fred & Pat Decker
William Reed

Today's altar flowers

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

- in thanksgiving of Amanda, Caroline and Elizabeth's birthdays — Mark and Brenda Colburn
- in thanksgiving for the ministry of The Rev. Clare Stern-Burbano
- in thanksgiving for my son, Alec Zier, who sings in the choir — Natalie Alexander.

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



+On Zoom

*In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Upcoming Music Events

For more info: kccathedral.org/musicevents

The Music of Fanny Hensel with pianist Daniel Peycke

September 25 | 7 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

Join pianist Daniel Peycke for an evening devoted to the remarkable music of Fanny Hensel, one of the most compelling composer-pianists of the Romantic era. Though much of Hensel's work remained unpublished during her lifetime, her music reveals imagination, depth, and a distinctive voice that continues to gain recognition today. This recital invites listeners to discover the beauty and brilliance of her piano writing in the resonant setting of the Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral Nave. The concert is free; donations are welcomed.

Daniel Peycke received BM and MM degrees in piano performance from UMKC. He lives in Raytown with his wife and three children, working as a collaborative pianist, teacher, and church musician.

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel (1805–1847) composed more than 450 works, including piano music, songs, chamber music, and larger vocal works. In the final year of her life, she began publishing under her own name after some early works had appeared in collections associated with her brother, Felix Mendelssohn.

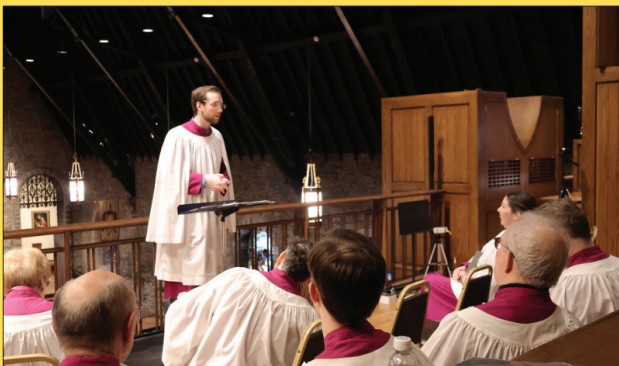
A poster for a piano recital. On the left, a stylized illustration of piano keys in white and black. The background is dark blue. Text on the right: 'THE MUSIC OF FANNY HENSEL WITH DANIEL PEYCKE PIANIST' in white and light green. Below that, 'SEPTEMBER 25 7 P.M.' in large white letters. At the bottom, 'FREE CONCERT' and 'Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral kccathedral.org' in small white text. Small musical notes are scattered around the text.

THE MUSIC OF FANNY HENSEL
WITH
DANIEL PEYCKE
PIANIST

**SEPTEMBER 25
7 P.M.**

FREE CONCERT
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral
kccathedral.org

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!

Formation for All Ages

Learn more: kccathedral.org/learn

Adults: Sundays

9:15 a.m. | Common Room

Celebrating the Saints

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.

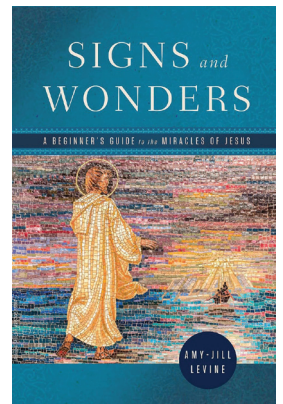


Adults: Tuesdays

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

We are studying *Signs and Wonders: A Beginner's 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.



Youth

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

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.

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



The Diocese of
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.

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

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).



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.

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. Their 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.

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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Grace versus Fairness

Special Text Treatments for Leviticus 19:18 & 34

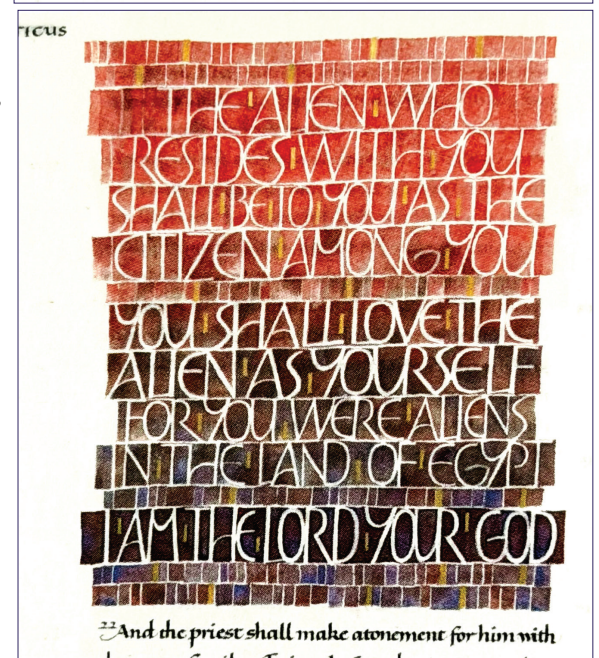
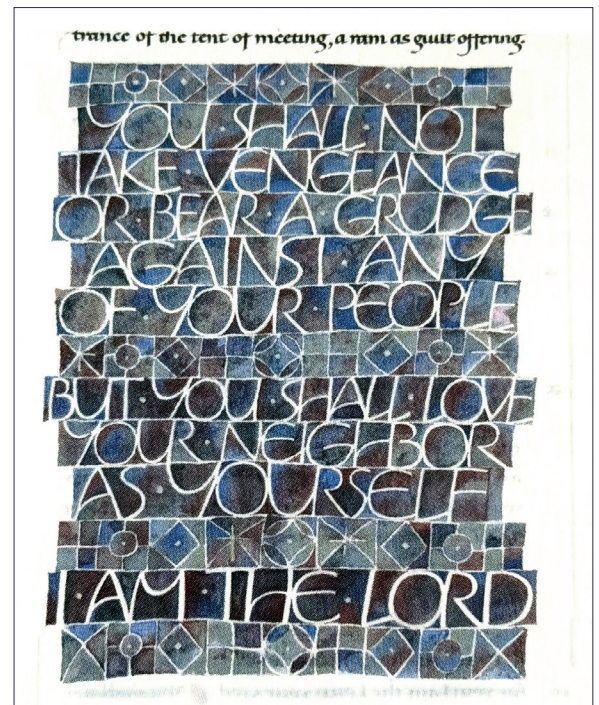
Lectionary readings for the Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost draw attention to God's radical and generous grace in contrast to the human proclivity for fairness and scarcity. The Gospel reading of the workers in the vineyard challenges our conventional notions of merit. In God's kingdom, distribution is based on need and generosity, not a utilitarian scorecard. Both the Exodus and the Gospel readings address grumblers who look at the grace shown to others and feel cheated. They invite us to consider the points at which we might hold resentments against God's abundant mercy for "the other." The alternative Old Testament reading in Jonah highlights the prophet's anger at God for being gracious and merciful to the Ninevites, Israel's enemies. This text confronts us with our own conditional boundaries of forgiveness. The Epistle reading integrates the radical nature of grace with community ethics. Here Paul urges believers to strive side-by-side with a united spirit in spite of the suffering or societal pressures we could be experiencing.

Jesus' parable of the workers might shock us with its radical reversal subverting conventional thinking. Those who worked only one hour got paid the same as those who had worked the entire day. The latter workers grumbled at this treatment, complaining that this wasn't fair. By our typical standards it wasn't. But Jesus told the story to highlight that the excessive generosity of God is different from getting what is earned. Divine forgiveness is beyond calculation or comprehension. It is disproportionate to the sincerity of the penitent or the seriousness of the offense.

In Saint John's Bible, text treatments highlight the message of certain biblical passages. In Leviticus 19, they reflect the culture and needs of a people living in the scarcity of desert conditions as transients. But they also teach certain principles of faithfulness to God, fairness, and justice. Artwork of the Saint John's Bible emphasizes three themes important to the Benedictine community: hospitality, transformation, and justice for God's people. Leviticus 19 clearly reflects these themes. In the Leviticus 19:18 treatment we encounter the words Jesus quoted when asked by the Pharisee to name the greatest commandment, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Reading this chapter in its entirety we see its emphasis on love of God, neighbor, the poor, the marginalized, and "the other." Here we are confronted with the relationship between loving God, our neighbor, and those in need. It brings to our awareness how we should treat others in light of the forgiveness we have received from God.

Text treatments stop us as we flip through the Bible. They cause us to pay attention to pivotal passages. They help us see connections in the ongoing story of God's actions. Special text treatments offer us a thread to draw our attention to the unfolding story of God with us.

How do the Leviticus 19:18 and 19:34 text treatments help you stop and reflect closely on God's radical grace? Do they challenge you to think differently about fairness, justice, and grace?



Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Learn Hymn Singing

Sundays, September 27 & October 4 | 11:45 a.m.

We offer the opportunity to learn more about hymn singing. Anyone who is interested in learning more about hymn singing should gather around the grand piano in the Nave after the organ postlude. We'll talk about our hymnal and practice a few simple hymns. Each gathering will last about 20 minutes. These same hymns will appear during our annual Hymn Sing and potluck dinner on Friday, October 9.

Blessing of the Animals

Saturday, October 3 | 11 a.m.

Round up your furry, feathered, or scaly pals—be it dog, cat, rabbit, or turtle—for our Blessing of the Animals extravaganza! Join us on the north lawn for a brief service, where each critter gets their own blessing, plus treats for both pets and their humans. Please ensure your animal companion is securely leashed or restrained.

Blessing of the Stuffed Animals

Sunday, October 4 | 10:30 a.m.

Children are invited to bring their loved and adored stuffed animals and lovies for a blessing during the 10:30 a.m. service.

Hymn Sing & Dinner

Friday, October 9 | 6 p.m. dinner | 7 p.m. singing

Our annual Hymn Sing returns this year with the addition of a potluck dinner. Join us at 6 p.m. in Founders' Hall to enjoy good food and company. The Hymn Sing begins at 7 p.m. in the Nave. Participants will have the opportunity to select hymns to be sung, be they old favorites, lesser-known gems, or rarely-heard curiosities. Come explore the riches of our hymnal!

Submit your favorite hymn(s) at kccathedral.org/musicevents or with the QR code. We will compile the list and sing our way through it. (Only hymns from *The Hymnal 1982* and *Wonder, Love, and Praise*, please.)



Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, October 16 | 7 p.m.

You're the movie boss: Get ready for a flick-tastic Friday on October 16—it's movie night! The big question is: what are we watching? Cast your vote by September 28 at kccathedral.org/events or just scan the QR code. We'll be transforming the Founders' Hall courtyard into a cinema under the stars. The Cathedral's got your munchies covered with popcorn and soda. Don't forget to bring your chairs, blankets, and perhaps some beloved movie candy to share with the crew!



The Faces of Mental Illness

Saturday, October 17 | 1-3 p.m. | Cathedral Nave

Come join Cathedral hosts, Burma Cenovich & Nick Flowers, to learn about supporting someone you know seeking mental health resilience. Keynote speakers are Pastor Damon & Sister Beverly Brewington, founders of Bipolar Awareness Ministry and Believers of Glory in Jesus Christ Church in Belton, Mo. The day will include presentations from mental health professionals, Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) of area police departments, trauma & healing experts and National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) representatives and more. **Come & Find Hope!**

Coming Soon

September 24 | Meeting: Vestry, 5:30 p.m.
September 24 | Choir Open House, 7 p.m.
September 25 | Concert: pianist Daniel Peycke, 7 p.m.
September 27 | Learning about Hymns, 11:45 a.m.
October 3 | Blessing of the Animals, 11 a.m.
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October 12 | Office Closed: Indigenous People's Day
October 16 | Outdoor Movie Night, 7 p.m.
October 17 | The Faces of Mental Illness, 1 p.m.
October 18 | Healing Rites at 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
October 18 | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.
October 25 | Fall Festival & Costume Blessing