

The Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 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.

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 17:1-7

Lector From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalms 78:1-4, 12-16 *read by alternating half verse*

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Hear my teaching, O my people; *

incline your ears to the words of my mouth.

I will open my mouth in a parable; *

I will declare the mysteries of ancient times.

That which we have heard and known, and what our forefathers have told us, *

we will not hide from their children.

We will recount to generations to come the praiseworthy deeds and the power of the Lord, *

and the wonderful works he has done.

He worked marvels in the sight of their forefathers, *

in the land of Egypt, in the field of Zoan.

He split open the sea and let them pass through; *

he made the waters stand up like walls.

He led them with a cloud by day, *

and all the night through with a glow of fire.

He split the hard rocks in the wilderness *

and gave them drink as from the great deep.

He brought streams out of the cliff, *

and the waters gushed out like rivers.

Second Lesson: Philippians 2:1-13

Lector If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others.

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

“What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, ‘Son, go and work in the vineyard today.’ He answered, ‘I will not’; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, ‘I go, sir’; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?” They said, “The first.” Jesus said to them, “Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

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All

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.
He has spoken through the Prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

adapted from *Hear Our Prayer: Prayers of the People for the Revised Common Lectionary*

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| Intercessor | Almighty God, hear the prayers of your people and come swiftly to aid us as we say, "Hear us O God, and answer our prayer."

Grant your church wisdom to bring about the beloved community through our commitment to individual and communal transformation and redemption. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Hear us, O God, |
| People | and answer our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Grant our nation strength and forbearance to peacefully resolve our differences and to live in amity with our neighbors.

Hear us, O God, |
| People | and answer our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Grant in abiding faith and discerning hearts to all of us gathered to hear these words; that we might live into your will and be your people.

Hear us, O God, |
| People | and answer our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Give to us clarity, that we might perceive and comprehend the gravity of the global issues which we face, and a determination to work together to implement sustainable and equitable solutions.

Hear us, O God, |
| People | and answer our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Lift the burdens of those who are ill, those who face overwhelming challenges, and those who are fearful. Bring them healing and peace. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral's Prayer List, and for those whom we now name silently or aloud.

Hear us, O God, |
| People | and answer our prayer. |
| Intercessor | Grant peace and a welcome into your eternal grace to those who have died; and bring us to that place where with them we may all live again in your glorious kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Hear us, O God, |
| People | and answer our prayer. |
| Presider | God of power and might, your eternal essence is love. Guide as we seek to live fully into your belovedness and grant us and answer to our prayers that fulfills our deepest longings and reflects your glory into the darkness of our lives and world. All this we ask through your Son, our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme, One God, invisible, forever and ever. 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

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer A

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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 God thanks and praise.**

Presider It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said on all Sundays, and on other occasions as appointed.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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.

Presider Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all.

He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ 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."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died.**

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Presider We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

All AMEN.

* THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

* BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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Presider Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

People have mercy upon us.

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

People have mercy upon us.

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

People grant us your peace.

Presider The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

COMMUNION

*All are welcome to receive communion or a blessing.
For gluten-free bread, cross your hands palms down.
For a blessing, cross your hands over your chest.*

Presider Let us pray.

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

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, Presider & Preacher

Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell, *Canon for Adult Formation*; 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*; Courtney Fletcher, *Choral Conductor*; 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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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: Barbara Liming; Sherry Candillo; John Manley; Mike Bennett; Joyce; Jim Leuthold; Katie Lienemann; Debbie Kerr; Mary Kerr; Charlene Thomas; Ysidro Quintero; Sakue Ide; Willard Welch; Greg Smith; Daniel Mufich; Those impacted worldwide by recent earthquakes; Jodi Robinson; 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 Episcopal Church – New York City—The Most Rev. Sean Rowe, Presiding Bishop
Fall House of Bishops' Meeting

Pray for the Departed: Robert Dean Melton; 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

AN EVENING OF JAZZ

An Evening with
The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra at
Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

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6:30
PM

Buy your tickets today at
kccathedral.org/musicevents

Proceeds will enable a return to our
annual Messiah Singalong tradition.

BUY YOUR
TICKETS TODAY



The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra returns to Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral for another evening of great music. This event will once again serve as a fundraiser for our beloved Messiah Singalong in December. Food and drink will be provided. **Admission may be purchased online for \$20 by October 29, or for \$30 at the door.**

This Week at GHTC

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

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
- 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

Monday, September 28

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, September 29

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

Wednesday, September 30

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

Thursday, October 1

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Saturday, October 3

- 11 a.m. Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 4

- 8 a.m. Holy Eucharist
- 9 a.m. Coffee Hour
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+On Zoom

*In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

September 27

Wayne Alexander & John Braum

September 29

Anya & Brent Miller
Brenda Colburn
Jonathan Sternberg
Margo Galus

September 30

Mike & Cheryl McDonald
Patricia Miller
Ric Sweeting
Vangie & John Rich
Vaughn Hemingway

October 1

Carlyle Miller Conley

October 2

Charlie Caringer
Nova Kretsinger
Rebecca Rezaei

October 3

Janet & Ric Sweeting

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in loving appreciation of Ric Sweeting by Devon and Janet.



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

For more information: kccathedral.org/flowers or contact Julie Toma, jtoma@kccathedral.org.

Congratulations for 40 years together to Wayne Alexander & John Braum. In celebration, coffee hour is provided by Wayne & John.

Happy Anniversary!

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.

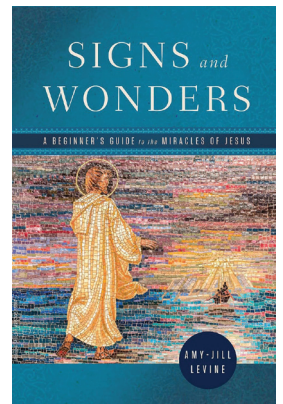


Adults: Tuesdays

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

October 18, November 15 | 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, October 17, November 21 | 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.

DONATE NOW



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Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Authentic Obedience

"And Every Tongue Should Confess" text Treatment (Philippians 2:5-11)

In today's lectionary readings authentic obedience is contrasted with external religious posturing that lacks true inward discipleship. This is especially highlighted in today's Gospel reading where Jesus' parable of the two sons in their father's vineyard combined with his confrontation with the chief priests and elders over questions of religious authority make very clear the fact that repentance and actual obedience matter more than pious but empty words. The alternate Old Testament reading in Ezekiel declares that repentance is not just feeling guilty. It constitutes an active choice to cast away transgressions, get a "new heart and a new spirit," and choose authentic life. The Epistle reading from Philippians 2 calls for us to adopt the humble, self-emptying mind of Christ (KENOSIS) rather than to live out of selfish ambition or conceit. Ultimately these texts challenge us as "religious insiders" to consider the quality of our actions, making certain that our discipleship is more than pious words. They also require that we reconsider the faith potential of those who might appear to be "religious outsiders" (tax collectors and sinners) who turn their lives around and enter the kingdom.

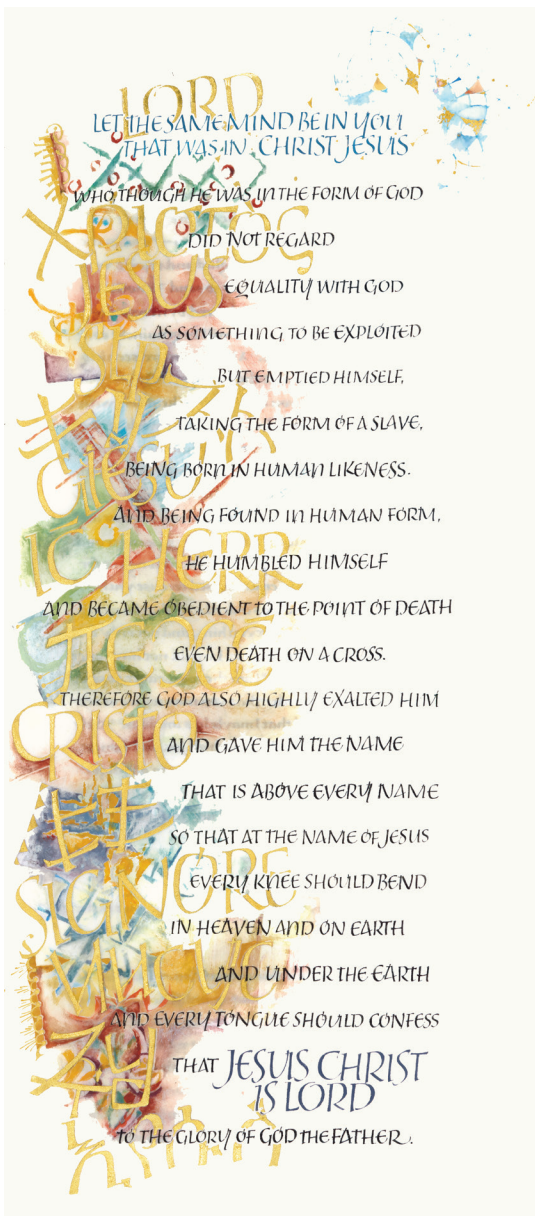
Jesus was and is many things – teacher, liberator, savior, healer, Lord But his essential nature is revealed

through his KENOSIS – his self-emptying. Theologian Dietrich Bonhoeffer wrote shortly before his execution by the Nazis that "only a suffering God can help" in situations like this. Today's Epistle lesson reminds us that only a suffering God can help us through life's unfathomable burdens. Only a suffering God can show us the way to authentic life. Only a suffering God can teach us genuine love. God's power revealed through his self-emptying love compels those who believe in him into the mysteries of his kingdom.

The "And Every Tongue Should Confess" treatment of Philippians 2 by illuminator Suzanne Moore draws special attention to an early Christian hymn celebrating the mystery of Christ's person and work. Along the left side of the treatment, she weaves the words "Christ," "Jesus," and "Lord" from fourteen languages into the English translation of this hymn. The hymn itself likely originated from earlier Christian hymns which were distilled into this final declaration. In the hymn we find reference to humanity's form (with all its implied limitations and frailties) and to the Suffering Servant of Isaiah. It reminds the worshiper of the redemptive work of the suffering God of which we are beneficiaries.

This hymn consists of two distinctive parts. The first details Jesus' essential nature as God, who emptied himself of divine privilege and became human. Despite the humiliations of this condition, he obeyed to the point of death on the cross for our sakes. The second part highlights resurrection, the work of Christ to extend salvation to all who would accept it.

The hymn opens with an invitation to the church to share in Jesus' suffering (crucifixion) and in so doing also to share in his resurrection. Paul balances death and resurrection, darkness and light, suffering and redemption as he invites his readers to move beyond religious form into genuine faith. How does this text treatment inspire you to live in God's hope? In what ways does it capture your attention to its message? What does it say to you about the power of God's love?



Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Learn Hymn Singing

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

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.

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.)



🎃 Halloween Costume Party 🎃

Saturday, October 10 | 5:30-9 p.m.

Join the ghoulish gathering hosted by Cliff Dubroc & Steve King in the KC northland (Riverside)! Bring along a potion (a.k.a. your favorite drink) and a spooky snack

(appetizer or dessert) to share. Don your most fang-tastic costume and RSVP your ghostly presence at kccathedral.org/events. Boo-yeah!

Grace & Holy Mos — Fun, Food & Fellowship!

Sunday, October 11 | 1 p.m. | The River House

The LGBTQIA+ Ministry, affectionately known as the Grace & Holy Mos, will gather at The River House in the West Bottoms on Sunday, October 11, at 1 p.m., following worship. Come enjoy an afternoon of fun, food, fellowship, and community. Everyone is welcome, and we hope you'll join us!

RSVP to Troy Sorbo at tsorbo@aol.com or 913-340-6165. Parking information is available at theriverhousekc.com. The River House is on the Rock Island Bridge, American Royal Drive.

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 TOMORROW 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!**