

The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 4, 2026 • 5 p.m.



"Red Vineyard at Arles" by Van Gogh

GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY
EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- Thank you for joining us for worship today at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral. If you are new to the Cathedral, we invite you to fill out our welcome card. Welcome cards are available in the pews or text GUEST to 816-310-1888.
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Service Notes

- Please rise, as able, for portions of the service marked with an asterisk (*).
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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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Lector Then God spoke all these words:

I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labour and do all your work.

Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the Lord your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The heavens declare the glory of God, *
 and the firmament shows his handiwork.
One day tells its tale to another, *
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
 Although they have no words or language, *
 and their voices are not heard,
Their sound has gone out into all lands, *
and their message to the ends of the world.
 In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
 it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber; it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
 the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.
 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
 the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.
More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
 and in keeping them there is great reward.
Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.
 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not get dominion over me; *
 then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.
Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

Second Lesson: Philippians 3:4b-14

Lector	If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus. The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

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

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Gospeller Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures:

'The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone;
this was the Lord's doing,
and it is amazing in our eyes'?

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

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*

Intercessor Holy God, you call us to be your people. Give us hearts that cleave to your command to love you and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves. "Hear us O God, and answer our prayer."

We pray for the church; that we might be Christ's hands and feet in a world that still cries for deliverance. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Hear us, O God,

People and answer our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for our nation, for the health, safety, and peace of all people everywhere.

Hear us, O God,

People and answer our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the needs of the world; for an end to warfare; and especially for those who are persecuted, that they may be set free from the bonds of oppression and despair.

Hear us, O God,

People and answer our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for all those affected by disaster, that we might find ways to make positive changes for the benefit of all.

Hear us, O God,

People and answer our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for those who suffer from illness, anxiety, depression, loneliness, grief, or hopelessness, that their burdens might be lightened by our compassion and your love. 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 We pray for the dead, that they might celebrate new life in your eternal kingdom. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.

Hear us, O God,

People **and answer our prayer.**

Presider You have promised to hear and respond to us when we gather in your name; answer us with your loving kindness that our hopes may be fulfilled. All this we ask through the One who showed us your love most perfectly, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

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Deacon Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All **Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Presider Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATION PRAYER

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

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

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

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.*

* POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER

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

* THE BLESSING

* DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People

Thanks be to God.

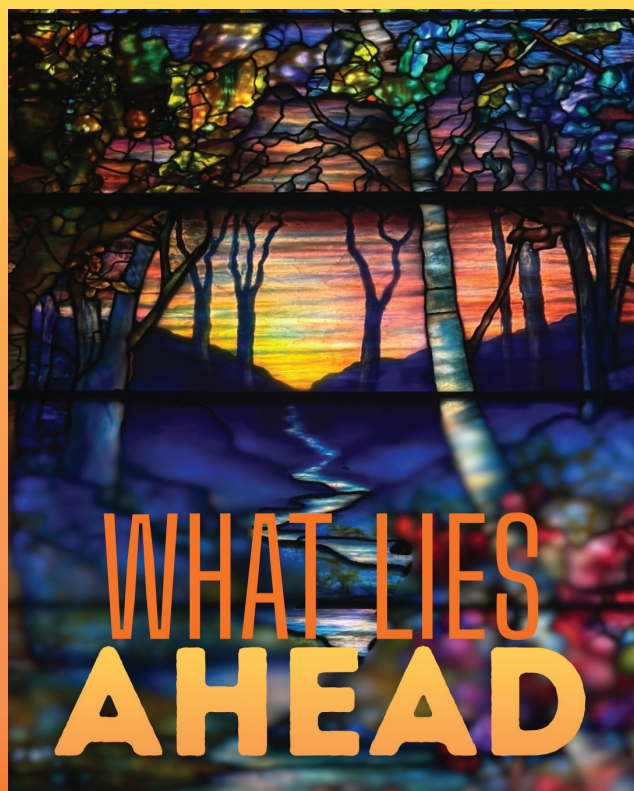
Serving Today

Presider & Preacher

Lector & Eucharistic Minister

The Very Rev. Dr. Don Compier, Presider & Preacher

Patti Ryder



STEWARDSHIP 2027

WHAT LIES AHEAD

As followers of Jesus, we are always being called forward. Our 2027 stewardship theme, “What Lies Ahead,” is drawn from Saint Paul’s words in Philippians: “forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead.” In the weeks ahead, we invite you to reflect prayerfully on the ways God has blessed you through this Cathedral community and how God may be calling you to support the ministries that lie ahead.

Learn more and make your pledge at kccathedral.org/stewardship.

All Saints’ Day.

1 November

All Saints’ Day: Sunday, November 1

On All Saints’ Day, we honor all those who have died in the past year. You may submit names of personal friends and family who have passed away in the last twelve months to be included in the bulletin.

Submit names by Tuesday, October 27:
kccathedral.org/events

This Week at GHTC

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

Sunday, October 4

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

Monday, October 5

- 6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, October 6

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

Wednesday, October 7

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

Thursday, October 8

- 7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, October 9

- 6 p.m. Potluck Dinner & Hymn Sing

Saturday, October 10

- 5:30 p.m. Halloween Costume Party in Riverside, MO

Sunday, October 11

- 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
- 12:30 p.m. Meeting: Social Committee
- 1 p.m. Grace and Holy Mos Lunch at River House
- 5 p.m. Holy Eucharist

+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.

October 4

Gibralter Hemingway

October 5

Bryant Johnson
Chris & Stephanie Newton
Jimmie Sparks
Karen Meek
Zach Janky

October 6

Charlotte Kemper Black

October 7

Tyler Schmidt

October 8

Diane Baker
Janel Mosley

October 9

Chris & Christine Morrison
Ruth Evans
Steven Harrison
Tori Citro

October 10

Deborah Carr & Greg Coffey
John Wells
Victoria Porter-Foy

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in celebration of our anniversary, Ric and Janet and

in thanksgiving for my mother Mary Massey's 94th birthday, and in memory of my father Warren Massey on his birthday by Jan Duncan.



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.

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: The family and friends of Mary Martha Stevens; 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; Brend; George Parry; 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;

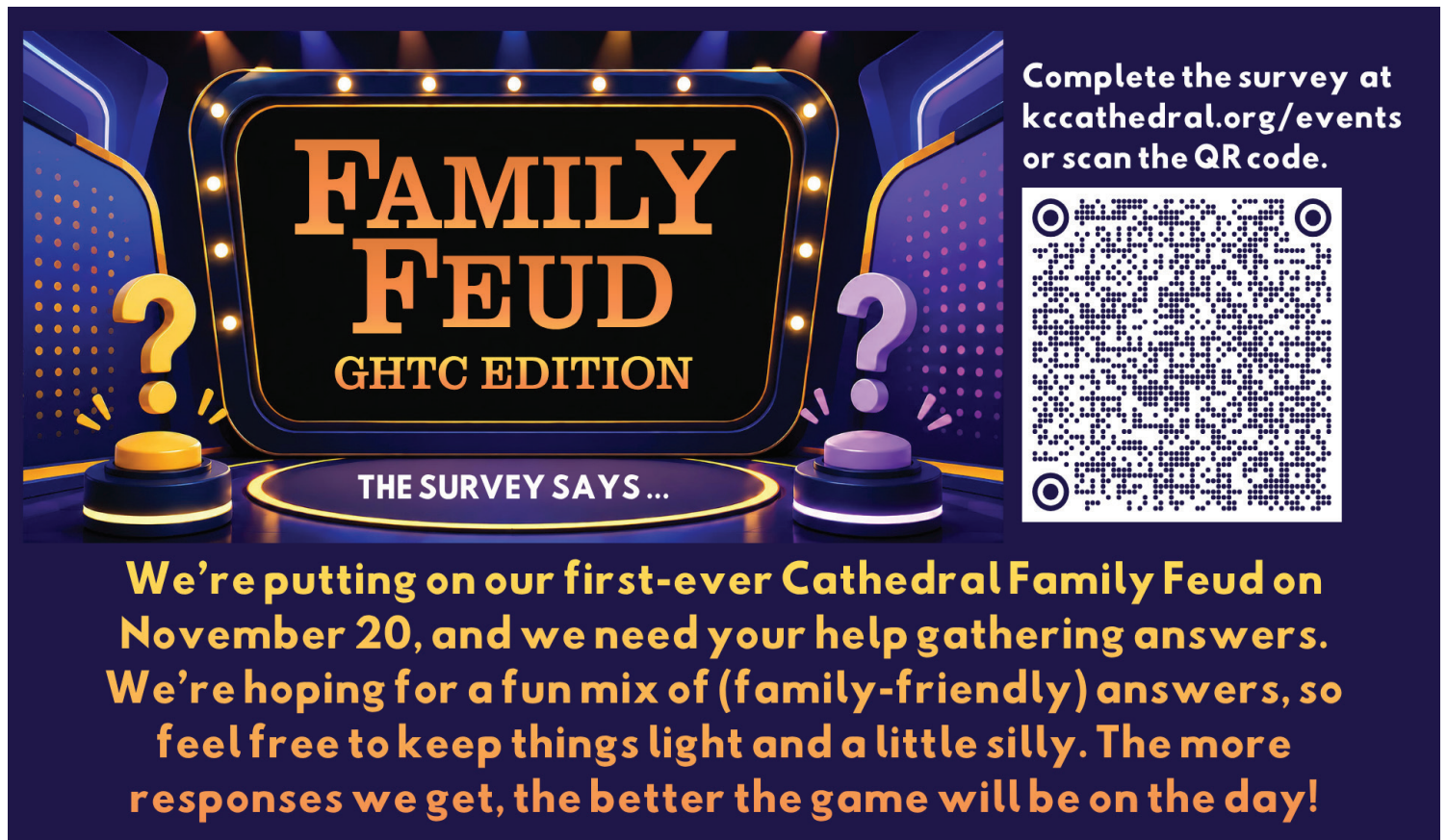
Those affected by gun violence; First Responders; Immigrants

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Oswald's-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church, Skidmore—Mrs. Jordyn Pankau-Dreher, Bishop's Warden

St. Francis of Assisi & Blessing of the Animals

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; 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



FAMILY FEUD
GHTC EDITION

THE SURVEY SAYS ...

Complete the survey at kccathedral.org/events or scan the QR code.

We're putting on our first-ever Cathedral Family Feud on November 20, and we need your help gathering answers. We're hoping for a fun mix of (family-friendly) answers, so feel free to keep things light and a little silly. The more responses we get, the better the game will be on the day!

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.

AN EVENING OF JAZZ

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6:30
PM

An Evening with
The Kansas City Jazz Orchestra

Buy your tickets today at kccathedral.org/musicevents

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



Grace and
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Cathedral

**BUY YOUR
TICKETS TODAY**



Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Accountability and Faithfulness

"Ten Commandments" Illumination (Exodus 20)

Lectionary readings for the Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost focus on the Christian's accountability to God to practice justice, mercy, and faithfulness as fruits of receiving God's grace. Both the Gospel and Isaiah readings employ metaphors of a vineyard planted, hedged, and tended by God as a means to explore our responsibility to bear good fruit. Matthew also includes a metaphor of Jesus as a rejected building stone that goes on to become the cornerstone. Its message highlights God's unexpected actions of subverting human structures of power and judgment. The Epistle reading complements this theme by urging believers to relinquish past achievements ("place no confidence in the flesh") and to "press forward toward the goal of the heavenly call in Jesus Christ." Union with Christ exceeds any personal status, achievement, or religious résumé. The alternate Old Testament reading from Exodus 20 augments this message by focusing on covenant boundaries, emphasizing loyalty to God above all else, and providing the moral framework needed to sustain us as a liberated people.

In the chaos of everyday human affairs, it is easy to reframe God's revelation in terms of our own image. Historically this has been the case especially when people have claimed God's support for their wars, political causes, and use of violence. In doing this we fashion God's revelation into our own idols. Such idols lure us with their powerful illusions and misplaced hopes. They seduce us with their enticing promises while in the end delivering

very little. As today's readings remind us, divine revelation and human religion are not the same thing. Throughout history individuals and organizations that have claimed to speak "for" God have proven to be God's greatest rivals and deceptively been the most dangerous idols of all. Control of or dominion over the name and purposes of God is something no person can ever genuinely possess.

The Ten Commandments constitute a moral framework for accountability and faithfulness to God.

In the "Ten Commandments" illumination, Thomas Ingmire offers a visual treatment of this message that incorporates five scripture passages into a single depiction. Some observers have described this as a grand liturgical banner. Across the top panel four stories are visually referenced: the burning bush (Exodus 3), the first Passover (Exodus 12), the crossing of the Red Sea (Exodus 14), and the twelve pillars erected at the foot of Mount Sinai representing the twelve tribes of Israel (Exodus 24:4). Look for water, altar, and mountain in the depiction. The Ten Commandments constitute the foundation upon which these events are erected. Here we have what some refer to as the creation story of the moral universe. Note elements from the "Creation" illumination in this portrayal. Observe how the words of the commandments are stenciled in



Stone Sans typeface, appearing as though engraved on tablets. God's words are preserved in gold capitals: "Here I am. I am the God of your Father. I am the Lord your God."

Notice the text of the Ten Commandments at the base of the illumination. Observe how the further the text moves away from the symbols of God's covenant relationship, the more jumbled and confused the words become. However, the closer they come to the covenant relationship, the clearer and more intelligible they are.

What does the jumbling and disarray of texts on this image say about us? What does it suggest about God? The law was given to restore ethical order and harmony in God's new creation that began with his actions to forge this covenant people. What is our intended relationship to this new creation?

Outreach

Learn more: kccathedral.org/outreach

Donations for our Partners



During the month of October, we are collecting food for Shelter KC. ShelterKC serves three meals a day to their guests. Help keep their pantry stocked by donating unopened, non-expired canned goods and non-perishable items.

Non-perishable holiday foods are especially appreciated including canned fruits & vegetables, canned sweet potatoes, mac & cheese, stuffing, gravy packets, canned cranberry sauce.

Bring items to the basket in the Tower entrance.

Community Kitchen: 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



theprospectkc.app.neoncrm.com/forms/donate?campaignId=1

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, repack 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.

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Upcoming Events | Announcements

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

Learn Hymn Singing

Today | 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.

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.

- Bring a dish to share and 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.

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.

Outdoor Movie Night

Friday, October 16 | 7 p.m.

Lights, camera, action! Join us for movie night on Friday, October 16! 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. Bring your chairs, blankets, and (if you want) your favorite movie candy to share with the group! RSVP using the link at kccathedral.org/events.

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. **Come & Find Hope!**

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.

Rite of Healing

Sunday, October 18 | 8 & 10:30 a.m.

During both morning services, the laying-on-of-hands and anointing for healing will be offered for those desiring it.

Fall Festival

Sunday, October 25 | 11:45 a.m.

Embrace the autumn vibes! 🍂 Join us for our annual Fall Festival on October 25, right after the 10:30 a.m. service. Come for the tricks, stay for the treats, and revel in the fun!

Get ready for: 🍁

- An epic scavenger hunt
- Chili to warm your soul
- A costume contest full of flair
- Games galore
- A pie showdown of deliciousness

Pie Contest: Bring your finest pies to enter the pie-baking contest! Judges will evaluate submissions based on appearance, crust, and flavor across three categories: Pumpkin, Fruit, and Other Sweet.