

The Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 11, 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.
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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.

Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Exodus 32:1-14

Lector When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the Lord his God, and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Hallelujah!
 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, *
for his mercy endures for ever.
 Who can declare the mighty acts of the Lord *
or show forth all his praise?
 Happy are those who act with justice *
and always do what is right!
 Remember me, O Lord, with the favor you have for your people, *
and visit me with your saving help;
 That I may see the prosperity of your elect and be glad with the gladness of your people, *
that I may glory with your inheritance.
 We have sinned as our forebears did; *
we have done wrong and dealt wickedly.
 Israel made a bull-calf at Horeb *
and worshiped a molten image;
 And so they exchanged their Glory *
for the image of an ox that feeds on grass.
 They forgot God their Savior, *
who had done great things in Egypt,
 Wonderful deeds in the land of Ham, *
and fearful things at the Red Sea.
 So he would have destroyed them, had not Moses his chosen stood before him in the breach, *
to turn away his wrath from consuming them.

Second Lesson: Philippians 4:1-9

Lector	My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved. I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life. Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you. The Word of the Lord.
People	Thanks be to God.

* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 22:1-14

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

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

Gospeller Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ For many are called, but few are chosen.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

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

Lord God, we lift our hopes and desires to you as we pray, "Hear us O God, and answer our prayer."
Be with your church; move it towards righteousness; lead it to unity in purpose and mission, and guard
it from all evils. We pray especially for those on this week's Diocesan Cycle of Prayer.

Hear us, O God,

People

and answer our prayer.

Intercessor

Care for this nation and its people, grant us courage to face up to the ways we fall short of its promises
and show us how to work together to increase liberty and dignity for all who live here.

Hear us, O God,

People

and answer our prayer.

Intercessor	Deepen our commitment to our neighbors and open our eyes, and hearts, and hands to those in need that we might continue Christ's work among them.
	Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Intercessor	Energize us for the work of creation care, that we and all future generations might experience fully the abundance of the world you created and placed us in.
	Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Intercessor	Fulfill the longing for healing and peace to all who suffer in any way; mend what is broken in our lives and in the lives of those we 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	Give rest to those who have died, let them grow in your love, and deliver them and us into the resurrection of your new age. We pray especially for those we now name, either silently or aloud.
	Hear us, O God,
People	and answer our prayer.
Presider	Holy God, who knows our needs and wants better than we know ourselves, be with your people and sustain us with your promises that we might participate in your salvation. All this we ask through Jesus, your son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God now and always. Amen.

CONFESSON 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.

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

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

The Rev. Canon W. James Yazell

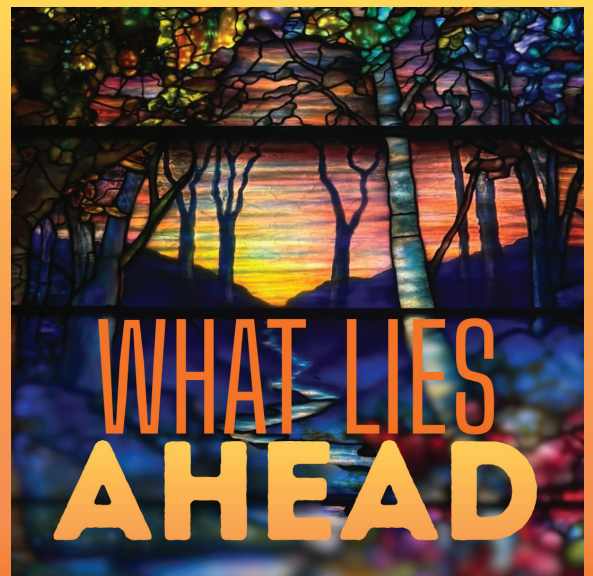
Lector & Eucharistic Minister

Patti Ryder

STEWARDSHIP 2027 SPIRITUAL PRACTICE

Stewardship is more than fundraising; it is a spiritual practice rooted in gratitude and trust. Through our shared giving, we sustain worship, formation, pastoral care, fellowship, outreach, and the care of our Cathedral home. As we begin this stewardship season, please pray about your 2027 pledge and the part you are called to play in God's future for this parish.

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



Birthdays & Anniversaries

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

October 11

Audrey Meade
Homer Williams
Mason Schmidt
Paige & Tom McLean

October 12

Jeremy Atherton
Mattie & Jason Ransom
Miranda & Tyler Schmidt
Stephen & Barbara Carlson

October 13

Andy Keyse
Carol Coleman
Dick Woods
Jack Ransom

October 14

Chris Bridgforth
John Shelton
Lori Childs

October 15

Dave Barker
Ethan Evans
Trish Lambert

October 16

Eric Vianello

October 17

Anne Tierney
Valerie Johnson

This Week at GHTC

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

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

Monday, October 12 • Cathedral Office Closed

6 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous Meeting

Tuesday, October 13

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

Wednesday, October 14

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

Thursday, October 15

7 p.m. Rehearsal: Trinity Choir

Friday, October 16

6 p.m. Movie Night in the Courtyard

Saturday, October 17

1 p.m. The Faces of Mental Illness

Sunday, October 18

8 a.m. Holy Eucharist with Rite of Healing
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
10:30 a.m. Holy Eucharist* with Rite of Healing
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

+On Zoom

*In person service streamed on YouTube @kccathedral

Today's altar flowers

Today's flowers are dedicated to the glory of God and in memory of Fred Milo Martin by Sara Kambouris.

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, Kerry Rush, Vick Ross & families; 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; 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. Mary Magdalene Episcopal Church, Belton—The Very Rev. David Wilcox, Rector; The Rev. Brock Slabach, Deacon

College and Young Adult Commission

Pray for the Departed: Haywood Walker, Jr.; 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; 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



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.



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**BUY YOUR
TICKETS TODAY**



Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Faithfulness versus Rebellion

"Choose this Day" Illumination (Joshua 24:15, found at Joshua 4)

Today's lectionary readings illumine the themes of divine provision, Christian faithfulness and commitment, and God's peace within the faith community. Both the Gospel and Isaiah readings use images of a banquet to describe God's ultimate hospitality. In these texts earthly rejection by the invited guests is presented in contrast to God's open and universal invitation. The alternate Old Testament reading from Exodus narrates Moses' intercession for the Hebrew people, demonstrating that God's grace responds to repentant hearts even amid serious failures. The Epistle reading urges believers to remain faithful, pursue harmony, rejoice always, and delight in God's peace. We are encouraged to relinquish our anxieties and embrace the things that are true, honorable, and just.

Because today's lectionary texts lack the artwork needed for this *Visio Divina*, our Saint John's Bible focus is derived from Joshua 24:15. This text helps visualize the lectionary readings through its emphasis on choosing (or not) to serve God. While this choice usually has an identifiable initial point, as Joshua's challenge to the Israelites seems to imply, it involves continued choosing. This choice isn't a once and for all decision, but includes making repeated choices to serve God hourly, daily, even moment by moment. It involves accepting the Incarnation so deeply into our bodies and souls that we begin to radiate Christ's essence to the world.

In today's "Choose This Day" illumination we find a mix of faith symbols. On the one hand, we observe the Egyptian "all-seeing eye" representing wisdom and protection. This symbol was often worn by Egyptian rulers as emblems of their power. We also find bands of color representing the exquisite robes and rich ornaments of the pharaohs. By contrast, we also find images of the menorah, the symbol of God's covenant. The intermingling of these symbols in this illumination suggests that choosing did not come easy for many Israelites and was not a once and for all decision for them. Yet, the demand to make a choice persisted. Throughout history the Israelites are repeatedly confronted with the questions: "Whom will you follow as your earthly ruler" and "Whom will you follow as your God"? Joshua asserts that Yahweh is sufficient for both needs, but it becomes clear very quickly that Yahweh has competition for the allegiance of this people.

God provides a land which supplies for the needs of these chosen people. Still, they must choose, God does not manipulate them nor force their service. In Deuteronomy 31 the people are challenged to "choose life" by voluntarily choosing to serve Yahweh. They have no valid reason for turning to false gods who cannot give life nor to self-indulgent rulers who value their own interests above those of the covenant community. Yet, upon establishing themselves in the new land they soon choose alternative gods and rulers.

And so the choice is now presented to us. Whom do you choose? Do you choose to serve the Lord? And if not the Lord, whom or what do you choose to serve?



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



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Volunteer Opportunities

Backsnack Drivers

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

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

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

Office Closed: Monday, October 12

The Cathedral office is closed tomorrow in honor of Indigenous People's Day. If you have a pastoral emergency, contact Dean Andy at 256-762-5889, Canon James at 816-739-2930 or Deacon Barbara at 816.739.8032.

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!**

The day will include 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.

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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.

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

Coming Soon

November 11 | Stewardship Gathering, 6 p.m.

November 12 | Stewardship Gathering, 6 p.m.

November 15 | Kirkin' o' the Tartan

November 15 | Bishop's Visitation

November 15 | Pete's Garden Lid Labeling

November 15 | Choral Evensong, 5 p.m.

November 18 | Stewardship Gathering, 6 p.m.

November 20 | Game Night: Family Feud 6 p.m.

November 25-27 | Office Closed: Thanksgiving

November 26 | Thanksgiving Day, 10 a.m.

November 28 | Altar Guild Workday & Advent Decorating, 9 a.m.

November 29 | Advent Workshop, 11:45 a.m.