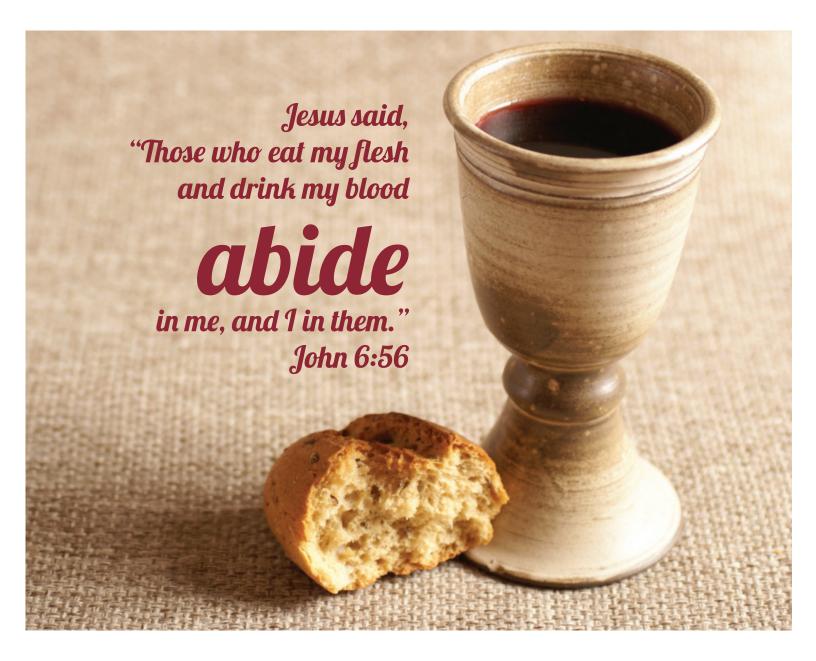
GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 25, 2024 • 8 a.m.

Welcome! We are glad you are here.

- If you are a visitor or new attendee, we invite you to fill out a welcome card, found in your pew, and place it in the offering plate or complete the form online. Use this QR code to access the form.
- 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. Thank you for your generosity.

Holy Eucharist

VOLUNTARY: Prelude in G major, op. 37 no. 2

The Word of God

* Opening Acclamation and Collect for Purity

PresiderBlessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.PeopleAnd blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.PresiderAlmighty 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

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.



Felix Mendelssohn



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* Collect of the Day

Presider	The Lord be with you.
People	And also with you.
Presider	Let us pray.
	Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; 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: Joshua 24:1-2a,14-18

Lector Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel:

"Now therefore revere the Lord, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord."

Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods; for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

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The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:15–22	read by	alternating	whole verse
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The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous,
and his ears are open to their cry.
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth.
The righteous cry, and the Lord hears them
and delivers them from all their troubles.
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted
and will save those whose spirits are crushed.
Many are the troubles of the righteous,
but the Lord will deliver him out of them all.
He will keep safe all his bones;
not one of them shall be broken.
Evil shall slay the wicked,
and those who hate the righteous will be punished.
The Lord ransoms the life of his servants,
and none will be punished who trust in him.

Second Lesson: Ephesians 6:10-20

Lector Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* The Holy Gospel: John 6:56–69

Gospeller	The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
People	Glory to you, Lord Christ.
Gospeller	Jesus said, "Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.
	When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."
	Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."
	The Gospel of the Lord.
People	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon

* The Nicene Cre	ED page 358
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 3	People, Form IV page 388
Intercessor	Let us pray for the Church and for the world.
	Grant, Almighty God, that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.
Silence	
Intercessor People	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace; that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Silence

Intercessor	Lord, in your mercy
People	Hear our prayer.

Intercessor	Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory.
Silence	
Intercessor People	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us.
Silence	
Intercessor People	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit; give them courage and hope in their troubles, and bring them the joy of your salvation.
Silence	
Intercessor People	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.
Intercessor	We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom.
Silence	
Intercessor People	Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

The Presider adds a concluding Collect.

Confession and Absolution

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	page 360
Presider	The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People	And also with you.
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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.

BISHOP SEARCH PRAYER

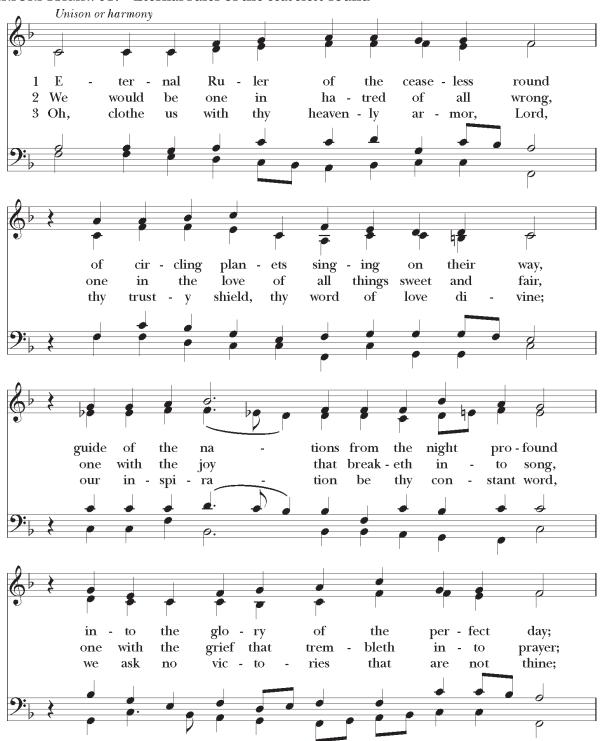
All O Creator God, giver of every good gift, look graciously on us in the Diocese of West Missouri and guide us as we discern our call of a new bishop. O Jesus, be present in our discernment, and lead us to a shepherd who will invite us to live out the Gospel every day. O Holy Spirit, inspire us with your wisdom, and kindle our hearts with the fire of your love, that we may be renewed as we prepare to welcome the ministry of our next bishop. This we ask trusting in You. Amen.

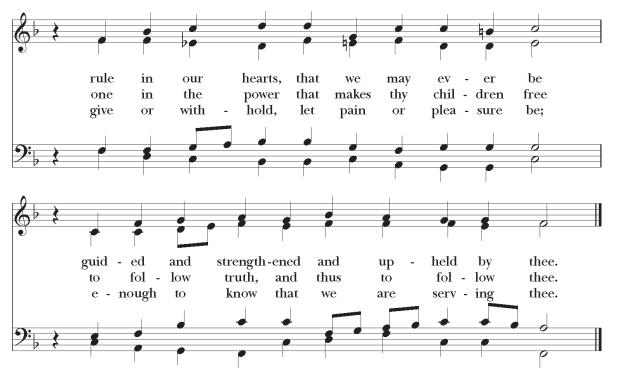
The Holy Communion

Offertory Sentence

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

* Offertory Hymn: 617 "Eternal ruler of the ceaseless round"





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* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer B

Presider The Lord be with you. People And also with you. Presider Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. People 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	We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.
	On the night before he died for us, 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, according to his command, O Father,
All	We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;
Presider	And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. 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.
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 1	THE BREAD page 364
Presider	Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
People	Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.
Presider	The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed

on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion

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

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

* Postcommunion Prayer

Presider People	Let us pray. Eternal God, heavenly Father,
	you have graciously accepted us as living members
	of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ,
	and you have fed us with spiritual food
	in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
	Send us now into the world in peace,
	and grant us strength and courage
	to love and serve you
	with gladness and singleness of heart;
	through Christ our Lord. Amen.

- * The Blessing
- * Dismissal

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

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* Closing Hymn: 460 "Alleluia! sing to Jesus!"





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Serving Today	
Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Preacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organists	Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Dr. Paul Meier
Lector	Joan Bergstrom
Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason
Usher	Jim Crum
Altar Guild	Caroline John

Meet the Candidates

Mark your calendars with the following dates for the opportunity to meet the four Bishop candidates.

WESTMODIOlogues will start at 6 p.m. with a light meal. Discussions will start at 7 p.m.

September 16, 2024 Grace Episcopal Church, Carthage (Bilingual)

September 19, 2024 Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral, Kansas City

September 17, 2024 Christ Episcopal Church, Springfield September 20, 2024 Church of the Redeemer, Kansas City

September 18, 2024 St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Lee's Summit

Register by Sept. 1! Register for the WESTMODIOlogues or find more information about the candidates bishopsearch.diowestmo.org

Bishop Candidates

The Standing Committee of the Episcopal Diocese of West Missouri is pleased to announce a slate of four candidates for our ninth bishop. The election will be held on Saturday, November 9, 2024. The next bishop will succeed The Right Reverend Diane M. Jardine Bruce, Bishop Provisional.



The Rev. Jimmy Abbott Rector, Trinity Episcopal Church, Galveston, Texas



The Very Rev. Amy Dafler Meaux Dean and Rector, Trinity Episcopal Cathedral, Little Rock, Arkansas



The Rev. Dr. Bradley Pace Rector, St. John's Episcopal Church, Lafayette, Indiana



The Rev. Molly Payne-Hardin Trinity Episcopal Church, Watertown, New York

Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe's Installation Service

As announced at the close of the 81st General Convention, the installation of Presiding Bishop-elect Sean Rowe will be a simpler, scaled-down event this fall with a view toward reducing carbon footprint and increasing virtual engagement and participation.

The installation service will take place **on Nov. 2** at the Chapel of Christ the Lord in The Episcopal Church Center in New York City with a prelude beginning at 10 a.m. ET and the **service starting at 11 a.m. ET**. There will be an extensive livestream production to support churchwide access and participation.

All are welcome and encouraged to attend virtually—and dioceses should begin thinking about organizing watch parties. The Episcopal Church Office of Communication will be supporting those efforts with customizable invitations and other assets, with more information available in the coming months.

The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Missouri and chair of the installation planning committee, said: "I am delighted to work with Presiding Bishop-elect Rowe and the committee in planning this historic installation. Having planned and experienced a scaled-down consecration myself during COVID, I am very familiar with the challenges and opportunities this presents.



"As a planning committee, we are committed to centering the rich diversity of our church and providing increased opportunities for virtual engagement to our community and beyond."

The official roster for the installation planning committee is below, as well as others providing consultation and support:

Timothy Gee, Episcopal Diocese of El Camino Real The Rev. Charles Graves, Episcopal Diocese of Texas The Rev. Molly James, General Convention Office, Episcopal Church in Connecticut The Rt. Rev. Deon Johnson, chair, Episcopal Diocese of Missouri Canon Andrea McKellar, Episcopal Diocese of South Carolina The Rev. Greg Millikin, Episcopal Diocese of Chicago The Rev. Consuelo Sanchez, Episcopal Diocese of Honduras The Rt. Rev. E. Mark Stevenson, Episcopal Diocese of Virginia

Presiding Bishop's Staff

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Those with questions are encouraged to email info@episcopalchurch.org.

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Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Bennett and Beckett Twenter; Sonya Kittrell; Judy Lafferty; Eliza; Necia; Nancy Riley; Kenny Cabean; Joyce Morrow; Wayne Alexander; Theresa Gasper; Jan and John Bacchus; Joyce and Jim Buford; Carolyn and Harold; Joyce Gillespie; Nigel Jones; Claudia Brown; Robert Dean Melton; Lenette Johnson; Flynn; Cliff Mosley; Sally Livengood; Jodi Robinson; Martha Mitchell; Charlotte Colburn; Mike Barzee & Family; Doyle White; Bonita White; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; All those fighting cancer; Jinny McCoy; Larry McMullen; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Gloria Stocks; First Responders; all families affected by gun violence

Comfort and Peace: Janel Mosley and the Kinderman family; the family and friends of Kris Kemper; the family and friends of Pat Leive; the family and friends of Nick Vaughn; the family and friends of Martha Jane Oakes; the family and friends of Miriam Marrs; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Mary Frances Kinderman; Kris Kemper; Pat Leive; Nick Vaughn; Martha Jane Oakes; Miriam Marrs; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Kansas City—The Rev. Dr Sean Kim, Rector; The Rev. Larry Parrish, Assistant Priest; The Rev. Lynda Hurt, Deacon; The Rev. Robert Hutcherson, Rector Emeritus; Deacons of the Diocese

For the complete prayer list: kccathedral.org/prayers

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, **bwegener@kccathedral.org**. Requests are held in prayer for 90 days.

Birthdays & Anniversaries

August 25 Cheryl McDonald Claudia Brown

August 27 Kendall McNeil Cooper Newton

August 28 Agie Pedroza

August 29 Bob Bennett Ron Verhaeghe

August 30 Jodi Robinson Alison Kretsinger

Alison Kretsinger Steve & Kristy Moore

August 31 Jack Whitacre Ava Kahn Mark & Brenda Colburn

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: **jtoma@kccathedral.org** or 816.474.8260.

Weekly Flower Donations

Donations toward the weekly flowers can be given by anyone who wants to acknowledge special events or people in their lives. Gifts are accepted in any amount. You can mail a check to the Cathedral office, put your donation in a flower envelope and place in the offering or make a payment through our online payment site.

See **kccathedral.org/flowers** for more information or contact Julie Toma, **jtoma@kccathedral.org**.



Cathedral Staff: The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, Dean; The Rev. W. James Yazell, Associate Priest; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, Deacon; Dr. Paul Meier, Director of Music; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, Associate Organist; Clare Stern-Burbano, College, Youth & Children's Minister; Julie Toma, Cathedral Administrator; Melissa Kilpatrick, Communications Coordinator; Holly Campbell, Events Coordinator; Steve Berman, Finance Coordinator; Dr. Joan Bergstrom, Sacristan & Volunteer Coordinator; Angie Graham, Facility Manager; Bianca Jackson, Assistant Facility Manager; The Very Rev. Peter J. DeVeau, Dean Emeritus; Canon John Schaefer, Canon Musician Emeritus

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Adult Formation

JOIN US FOR A SEASON OF DISCERNMENT

THE ORDER OF THE DAUGHTERS OF THE KING



We are excited to announce that our cathedral is beginning a discernment period this fall to potentially form a chapter of the Order of the Daughters of the King®. This is a wonderful opportunity for all women seeking a deeper Christian community and fellowship.

Starting this fall, we will gather for three months in a study group to explore our faith and learn more about the Order. This time of fellowship and reflection will help us discern if God is calling us to establish a chapter here.

For more information, please visit our table at the Ministry Fair or reach out to Valerie Johnson or Kelsey Leftwich-Yazell.





Children

Cathedral Kids • 10:30 a.m.

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.

Questions? Contact Clare, **childrensformation@kccathedral.org** for more information.

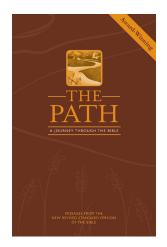
Sunday

Sunday Adult Formation is on hiatus through September 1.

The Path

Sundays, beginning September 8 • 9:15 a.m. • Common Room

In our Adult Formation this year we will take a journey using Forward Movement's *The Path*, an excerpted version of the Bible that covers most of the major stories chronologically. Through *The Path*, we will become familiar with the grand overarching narrative of the entire Bible. We will learn the story of God's extraordinary and



unrelenting love for us in its many dimensions. Copies of *The Path* will be available in the bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy and each chapter will be printed out weekly and made available so that everyone can follow along.

Tuesday

GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m.

Please join us for our weekly conversation in GHTC's Virtual Cafe! Tuesday mornings from 7:30–9 a.m. For details, visit **kccathedral.org/other-activities**.

Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m.

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, **kccathedral.org/ adultformation/wbs** for more information.

Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m.

We study the lessons for the upcoming Sunday. Join the Lectionary Bible Study group in Realm or visit the LBS page, **kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs** for more details.

Sunday Formation at 9:15 a.m. for children and youth is on hiatus through September 1. Classes will resume **September 8**.

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "Choose This Day" (Joshua 24:15)

"Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the Gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord". This challenge and affirmation found at the end of the Book of Joshua is highlighted in today's concise illumination titled "Choose This Day", which has been positioned near the beginning of the book (at the opening of Joshua 4). Thus, an unavoidable choice confronts the Hebrew people as they undergo a transformation of identity from a culture of transient wanderers to that of a settled (agricultural) existence. Fundamental decisions must be made regarding the place God will occupy in their new lives, cultural values, and identity.



In today's illumination we find, on one hand, symbols of Egyptian power -(1) the "all-seeing

eye" (representing wisdom and protection) often worn by Egyptian rulers as emblems of their power and (2) the bands of color reminiscent of the rich robes and ornaments of the pharaohs. On the other hand we find the menorah, the symbol of God's covenant. The intermingling of these symbols suggests that choosing did not come easy for many people. Yet, the demand to make a choice persisted. Saint John's Bible first introduces the menorah in the illumination of "Abraham and Sarah" when God makes a covenant with them (Genesis 15-17). It appears again at the very end of Genesis, the end of Deuteronomy, and here in Joshua. It recurs in Psalms and is at the heart of the Frontispiece of the Gospel of Matthew. Throughout their history, the Hebrew people 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.

Special attention should be given to the text treatments located in the margins throughout the Book of Joshua and also in the subsequent historical books. These highlighted texts point out that God has provided a land which supplies for the needs of this chosen people. Yet, God does not manipulate them nor force their subservience. In Deuteronomy 31 the people are admonished to "choose life" by

choosing to serve Yahweh. There is no reason for them to turn to false gods who cannot give life nor to self-indulgent rulers who value their own interests over the wellbeing of the covenant community. Yet, that is what they do immediately upon establishing themselves in this new land. As the recurrent menorah indicates, the possibility of choosing commitment to God's covenant over alternatives is repeatedly offered, reaching its ultimate appeal in the choice given for commit to Christ or to some other master.

Open House at Pete's Garden

Sunday, August 25 • morning coffee hours

Tamara Weber, founder of Pete's Garden, will be at both morning coffee hours to share about Pete's Garden and give tours of the Pete's Garden kitchen, which is located in the lower level of Founders' Hall.

Pete's Garden gets wholesome meals to hungry families. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations; then they portion and redirect the donated food.







Announcements

Summer Musi AT THE CATHEDRALS

Sundays in August at 2 p.m. Free admission

25 French Organ Music Festival XII Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception

Join us for the twelfth edition of the French Organ Music Festival in the reverberant acoustics of the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception. The program will include a wide variety of French organ repertoire, and the performers include Fr. Brent Stoll, Trevor Good, Thomas R. Vozzella, Beth Loeber Elswick, Andrew Morris, and Kurt Knecht. This event is free.

kccathedral.org/musicevents

Fall Planting Day Sunday, August 25 • 12 noon

Help us bring vibrant fall colors to the Cathedral grounds. Bring gloves and garden tools if possible.











Sunday, September 8 • 9 & 11:30 a.m.

Our Ministry Fair is our annual celebration of the Cathedral ministries, recognizing the importance of all volunteer efforts.

The Ministry Fair is a wonderful way for parishioners to meet and gather information about the various ministries, committees, organizations and educational opportunities that are available within the parish community.

If your ministry group would like to be involved in the ministry fair and you haven't already received information, contact Julie Toma, **jtoma@kccathedral.org**, to reserve a table.

For more about getting involved in Cathedral ministries, visit **kccathedral.org/volunteer** or contact Volunteer Coordinator Joan Bergstrom, **volunteers@kccathedral.org**.

Announcements

Sign up to be an Oblation Bearer



Oblation bearers are members of the congregation who bring forward the gifts of bread and wine that we offer to God at the Offertory. People of all ages, even young children can help with this important liturgical role.

At the Cathedral, oblation bearers serve at the 10:30 a.m. service and at special services.

Sign up at kccathedral. orq/volunteer or use the QR code.





New Food Assistance Volunteer **Opportunity**

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to a new volunteer opportunity once a month on Saturday mornings at St. Paul's from approximately 9:30 a.m. to noon. This is to assist with distribution of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program).

TEFAP dates the next few months are August 17, September 21 and October 19. For additional information on TEFAP, please visit kccathedral.org/outreach.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or **bwegener@kccathedral.org**.

Join us Saturday, September 14th at Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral

Volunteer and Player Sign Up » kccathedral.org/upcoming-events







Friday, September 20 • 6-8 p.m.

You are invited to this special event highlighting the good work of Pete's Garden. Sample the typical foods that Pete's Garden distributes and learn about how their food recovery program is helping to reduce food waste and enable family mealtime.

This event will include good food, good wine and good music—and we will be raising funds for Pete's Garden. Music performance by the Tim Reid Jr. Trio and their broad ranging musical style.

Tickets are \$50 for wine and food; \$30 for soda and food. Get your tickets at **forpetessake.eventbrite.com**.

Volunteer: We need help with taking tickets, assisting the sommeliers and more. Sign up at **kccathedral.org**/ upcoming-events.

Pete's Garden gets wholesome meals to hungry families. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations; then they portion and redirect the donated food to partners who distribute the food to families.

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FIND YOUR PLACE TO SERVE AT GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY CATHEDRAL