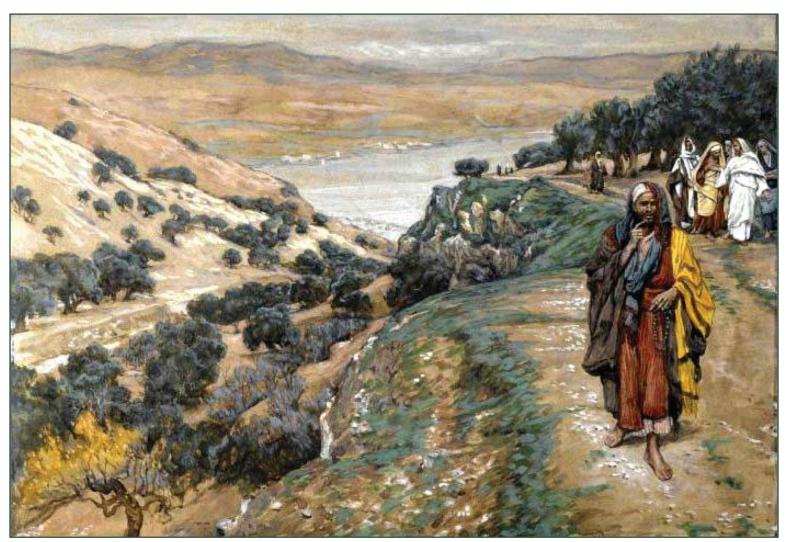
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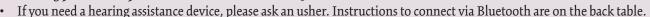


"The Rich Young Man Went Away Sorrowful" by James Tissot

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 13, 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.



• 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: "Jesu, meine Freude" Johann Gottfried Walther

The Word of God

* OPENING ACCLAMATION AND COLLECT FOR PURITY

page 355

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 page 356

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: Amos 5:6-7,10-15

Lector Seek the Lord and live,

or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it.

Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground!

They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth.

Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain,

you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them;

you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine.

For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—

you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate.

Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time.

Seek good and not evil, that you may live;

and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said.

Hate evil and love good,

and establish justice in the gate;

it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

So teach us to number our days *

that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? * be gracious to your servants.

Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; * so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Make us glad by the measure of the days that you afflicted us * and the years in which we suffered adversity.

Show your servants your works *

and your splendor to their children.

May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; * prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:12-16

Lector

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

* The Holy Gospel: Mark 10:17-31

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Gospeller

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother." He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

SERMON

* The Nicene Creed 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 People

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

Intercessor Creating and sustaining God, in faith we lift our voices to you that we might be transformed by your

love saying, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for the church, that it may manifest your grace and mercy in the world.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for our nation, that it might fulfill its promise and be a nation where people know justice,

peace and the opportunity to thrive.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for this assembly, that we might be a place where each of us can discover our call and find ways

to minister together as the body of Christ.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for this congregation. Bless our family, formed in faith.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the natural order, that the abundance and diversity of creation might be preserved through

our choices and advocacy.

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the sick, the injured, the anxious and despairing, grant them home and wholeness through

the power of your healing presence. Especially we lift up those on our Cathedral prayer list, and for any

others you wish to name either silently or aloud,

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear our prayer.

Intercessor We pray for the dead and the dying, that they might fulfill your will for them and rest in the glory of

your eternal love. Especially we lift up those we now name,

Lord in your mercy,

People Hear 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.

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.

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.

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.

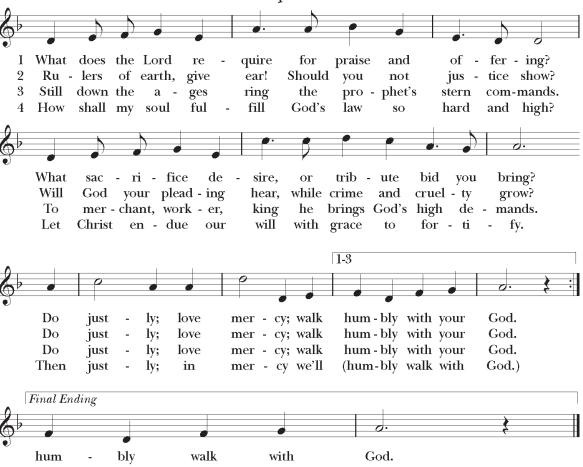
The Holy Communion

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: 605 "What does the Lord require"



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* The Great Thanksgiving, Eucharistic Prayer A

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

of all.

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

page 8

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.

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

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.

Presider Let us pray.

People 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;

with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

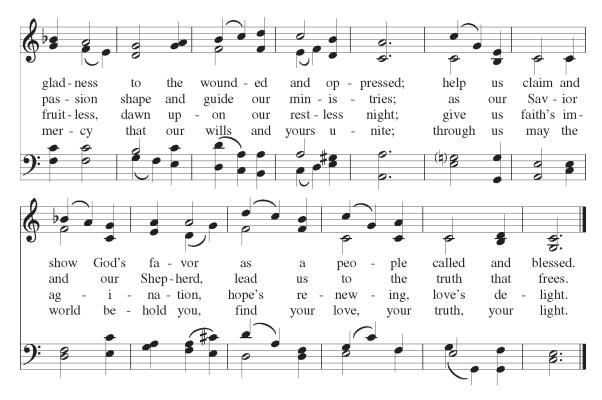
- * THE BLESSING
- * DISMISSAL

Following the dismissal,

People Thanks be to God.

* Closing Hymn: Wonder, Love, and Praise 782 "Gracious Spirit, give your servants"





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VOLUNTARY: Prelude and Fugue in C major BWV 545

Johann Sebastian Bach

Serving Today						
Presider	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse	Lector	Rebecca Rezaei			
reacher	The Rev. W. James Yazell	Eucharistic Minister	Jennifer Mason			
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener	Usher	Morgan Rezaei			
Organist	Dr. Paul Meier	Altar Guild	Sharon Hudson			

We come together as a family to worship, learn, grow, and love. It is here that we ask God to bless our family, formed in faith.

When we live together as a family, we experience many things, both good and bad. We rejoice together in times of celebration, and we mourn together in times of sadness.

It is in this spirit that I ask you to support our family, formed in faith, and pledge to the work and ministry of our Cathedral in 2025. It is through your love and support of this family that we are able to do much good in this place and in this community. Thank you for your support, and for being a wonderful part of this family.

Place your 2025 pledge online (**kccathedral.org/stewardship**) or by returning a pledge card in the offering or mail.

O God, our loving Creator and giver of all good gifts, you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity.

Bless our family, formed in faith, strengthen us and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship.

Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully — that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace.

This we ask in the Name of your greatest gift, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Cathedral Prayer List

Pray for: Sally Livengood; LaGreta Gitta; Phineas Gitta; Anne Huston Hayes; Sandra Fuhrman; All those impacted by Hurricane Helene; Sunita Williams and Barry Wilmore; Ann Ryder; Donna Knoell; Beckett Twenter; Sonya Kittrell; Eliza; Kenny Cabean; Nancy Riley; Necia; Joyce Morrow; Theresa Gasper; Wayne Alexander; Carolyn and Harold; Jan and John Bacchus; Joyce and Jim Buford; Joyce Gillespie; Claudia Brown; Diego Garcia; Nigel Jones; Robert Dean Melton; All families affected by gun violence; All those fighting cancer; Bonita White; Charlotte Colburn; Doyle White; First Responders; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Jinny McCoy; Larry McMullen; Mike Barzee & Family; Phyllis & James Shaffer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers

Comfort and Peace: the family of Bennett Twenter; the family and friends of Judy Lafferty; the family and friends of Carl Schneider; the family and friends of Larry Kehoe; the family and friends of Lee McCaffree; 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; all families affected by gun violence

Pray for the Departed: Bennett Twenter; Judy Lafferty; Carl Schneider; Larry Kehoe; Lee McCaffree; Mary Frances Kinderman; Kris Kemper; Pat Leive; Nick Vaughn; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from qun violence

Diocesan Prayer Cycle: Christ Episcopal Church, Lexington—Mr. Patrick Berry, Bishop's Warden; St. Luke's Health System

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

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Carol Coleman Andy Keyse Jack Ransom

Dick Woods Jr.

October 14

Lori Childs John Shelton October 15

Dave Barker Trish Lambert

October 16

Eric Vianello

October 17

Valerie Johnson

October 18

Bailey Darr & Tom Kretsinger

October 19

Luis Pedroza Gia Trapani RoseLee & Steven

Harrison

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**.



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Food Drive: Trick-or-Treat so Others Can Eat

During the month of October, we are collecting shelf stable food. Collected food will be given to a local food pantry.

Why does voting matter?

"It is a Christian obligation to vote, and more than that, it is the church's responsibility to help get souls to the polls." -Presiding Bishop Michael Curry

Participating in an election is part of exercising the power you have to positively impact your community through participation in our collective system of governance. It is, quite directly, a means of carrying out the Gospel call to care for one another.

Voting is also much more than choosing a presidential candidate, as important as that is. Voting involves determining elected officials in Congress, your state legislature, and local races like city council, mayors and school boards. These roles often have a much greater impact on the lives of you and your neighbors.

Your vote makes a difference in shaping policies addressing challenges that matter to you.

As Election Day draws nearer, we encourage you to reflect on why it is important we put in the effort to vote, from understanding who is on the ballot, what races we are voting for, and how we are to actually cast our vote.

We give thanks for the right to vote. Help us to hold this privilege and responsibility with the care and awareness it merits, realizing that our vote matters and that it is an act of faith.





#VoteFaithfully vote.org



October is Tackling Hunger Month, and Nourish KC and The Prospect are continuing the fight against food insecurity in our community! Together, they are rescuing fresh food, and serving up nutritious meals, to create long-lasting change in KC. This month you can make a real difference, one meal at a time. Whether you donate, volunteer, or spread the word, YOU can help us tackle hunger in KC! Let's feed hope together.

Here's easy ways you can help:

- **Donate.** Every dollar counts in providing meals and education for our community
- **Volunteer.** Lend a helping hand at our community kitchen or events
- **Support the Nook.** Grab your favorite coffee and help us fuel change @thenook kc
- **Catering Services.** Hosting a party? Let us do the cooking and your even becomes a force for good!

Learn more:

nourishkc.org • theprospectkc.org

Please support hurricane relief efforts

On Thursday, September 26, Hurricane Helene made landfall in Florida's Big Bend region as a category 4 hurricane. Episcopal Relief & Development is in close contact with the affected dioceses as they assess their communities' needs. Please pray for the people in the wake of Helene - and if you can, rush a donation to our Hurricane Relief Fund today. Your contribution will meet urgent needs by providing critical supplies such as food, water and other basics, and will help provide long-term assistance as needed. Donations made to GHTC for ERD will be forwarded to them or you can donate to ERD online (support.episcopalrelief.org/hurricane-relief).



Youth

Weekly Youth Opportunities Sundays Youth Formation at 9:15 a.m. with light breakfast Worship at 10:30 a.m. Youth Group at 6 p.m. Dinner is provided! Questions? Contact Clare, cstern@kccathedral.org



Children

Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stores as told with the help of Godly Play resources!

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.

Adult Formation

Sunday

The Path

Sundays • 9:15 a.m. • Multipurpose Room

New attendees welcome at any time!

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* are available in the Cathedral Bookstore if you would like to own a personal copy. 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.



Food & Friends Groups are a great way to better get to know the people in the pews around you in a casual way. Groups meet about once a month at a time and place that is convenient for the members. The group meeting period is November–March. You will be matched with other parishioners in

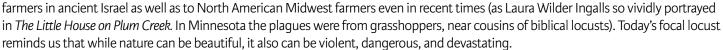
a group of 6-8 people. Everyone is welcome to sign up to be in a group! Signup sheets are in the back of the Nave or signup online: **forms.office.com/r/FEU3FzQJKc**

Announcements

Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination: "The Marginalia"

It was common among Medieval and Renaissance biblical manuscripts to include various types of artwork and writings on page borders. This material often personalized and localized the work. Saint John's Bible continues this tradition. Throughout the seven-volume Bible, readers will find depictions of fauna and flora from Minnesota and Welsh landscapes. In some cases, these are primarily decorative in purpose, but often they convey a message. At times the message is connected to a biblical text near the place where the marginal image is located. At other times the message is more generalized. The New Revised Standard marginal notes are also part of the marginalia.

Today's Amos 5 text includes both a marginal image and marginal notes. The image is of a locust, portrayed with dazzling beauty and gracefulness in this drawing but a source of dread and alarm to



In the ancient world locust plagues were considered among the severest evils inflicted upon humanity. Indelible impressions of their horrors are recorded in the Bible as well as other ancient documents. An example is found in Joel 1:4, where he writes: "what the cutting locust left; the swarming locust has eaten. What the swarming locust left; the hopping locust has eaten. What the hopping locust left; the destroying locust has eaten." In the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament), at least nine different words are used to identify locusts. The sheer number of descriptors is an indication of the degree of pain these creatures inflicted and the impact they had on Middle Eastern culture. The marginal image at Amos 5 conveys an incredible amount of unarticulated emotion and painful life-experience.

In prophetic literature, locust plagues were interpreted as indications of divine warning and threat of judgement. This is the case in Amos 4:9 where the prophet writes: "the locust devoured your fig trees and your olive trees, yet you did not return to me says the Lord." The marginal image of this solitary locust is a powerful symbol of nature's ability to subvert human plans, achievements, and provisions. It also could pose the question: "Where might God be found in all of this"?

Plagues of locusts and grasshoppers (like many other acts of nature) devastate the lives of multitudes. Today's marginal image conveys complex questions about the nature of evil (theodicy). You might choose to linger for a while with today's Saint John's Bible image. What questions does it raise for you regarding the suffering and devastation in our own day? Where might you turn for comfort even if you can't find satisfying answers for all your questions?





Announcements

Heaven and Earth: Biblical Cosmology and the Human Being

Wednesdays, Oct. 23, 30, Nov. 6, 13 6:30-7:45 p.m.

The Rev. James Yazell, Associate Priest at Grace and Holy Trinity Cathedral

Exploring the creation account of Genesis and other Biblical accounts of heaven and earth, we will reconstruct the ancient Hebrew model for the cosmos and explore the significance of each element, the identity and role of human beings within it, and what ultimate purpose this cosmos serves. There will also be opportunity to compare this ancient account of the cosmos with our own modern understanding of the universe and consider how we might reconcile the two.

Get more details about the partnership: **kccathedral.org/william-jewell-partnership**.

Registration is required.

Use the coupon code **GRACE** to register for free.



On All Saints' Sunday, 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. Those names will be included in the bulletin and in our Book of Remembrance.

Submission deadline: Tuesday, October 29.

Use QR code to submit names or use the link at kccathedral.org/upcoming-events.



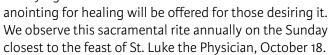
CHILDREN* AND YOUTH DAY OF SERVICE AT PETE'S GARDEN November 5th 9am-1:15pm

Children must be 6 years of age.

Contact Clare (Cstern@kccathedral.org)
for the registration link or any questions you may have.

Rite of Healing Sunday, October 20 8 & 10:30 a.m.

During both morning services, the laying-on-of-hands and







Please come prayerfully listen as the choir offers this wonderful service of sung Evening Prayer from the 1662 Book of Common Prayer. Following the service, you are welcome to receive communion in the chapel.