

# GRACE AND HOLY TRINITY EPISCOPAL CATHEDRAL



First Sunday after the Epiphany:  
The Baptism of our Lord  
January 12, 2025 • 8 a.m.

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## Service Notes

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

VOLUNTARY: *Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*

G.F. Kauffmann

## 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.

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit: Grant that all who are baptized into his Name may keep the covenant they have made, and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

THE LESSONS

First Lesson: Isaiah 43:1-7

Lector Thus says the Lord:

he who created you, O Jacob,  
he who formed you, O Israel:  
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;  
I have called you by name, you are mine.  
When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;  
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;  
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,  
and the flame shall not consume you.  
For I am the Lord your God,  
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.  
I give Egypt as your ransom,  
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.  
Because you are precious in my sight,  
and honored, and I love you,  
I give people in return for you,  
nations in exchange for your life.  
Do not fear, for I am with you;  
I will bring your offspring from the east,  
and from the west I will gather you;  
I will say to the north, "Give them up,"  
and to the south, "Do not withhold;  
bring my sons from far away  
and my daughters from the end of the earth--  
everyone who is called by my name,  
whom I created for my glory,  
whom I formed and made."

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**



Ascribe to the Lord, you gods, \*  
**ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.**  
 Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his Name; \*  
**worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.**  
 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; \*  
**the Lord is upon the mighty waters.**  
 The voice of the Lord is a powerful voice; \*  
**the voice of the Lord is a voice of splendor.**  
 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees; \*  
**the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;**  
 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, \*  
**and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.**  
 The voice of the Lord splits the flames of fire; the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness; \*  
**the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.**  
 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe \*  
**and strips the forests bare.**  
 And in the temple of the Lord \*  
**all are crying, "Glory!"**  
 The Lord sits enthroned above the flood; \*  
**the Lord sits enthroned as King for evermore.**  
 The Lord shall give strength to his people; \*  
**the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.**

Second Lesson: Acts 8:14-17

Lector        When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

The Word of the Lord

People        **Thanks be to God.**

\* THE HOLY GOSPEL: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

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

Gospeller     As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Presider Dear People of God: In Holy Baptism we follow the pattern of our Lord Jesus Christ. As he came up from the water he was anointed by the Spirit of God and designated as God's Son. So we also are anointed by that same Spirit in baptism; we are reborn and adopted as sons and daughters with whom God is well pleased. Let us now, therefore, renew our own baptismal covenant.

Do you reaffirm your renunciation of evil and renew your commitment to Jesus Christ?

People I do.

Presider Do you believe in God the Father?

People I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Presider Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

People I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Presider Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

People I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.

Presider Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?

People I will, with God's help.

Presider May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

\* PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

- Intercessor      Glorious and Wondrous God, in thankfulness and confidence we lift our hopes and needs to you in prayer as we say, Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.  
Raise up in your church leaders whose lives are centered in the love of Christ and whose hearts yearn for justice and peace.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      For our next bishop, Amy. Watch over her and her family as they prepare to join us in our life and ministry.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Enter into the hearts of those with authority in our nation that they might work for the fellowship of all people and bring about a world where enemies are reconciled and conflict ceases.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Inspire this assembly through the power of the Spirit in our lives, that our faith may be bolstered and our commitment to the gospel renewed.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Instill in us awe and thankfulness for the majesty of your created world that we might be good stewards and develop sustainable practices so that nature's abundance might be available to all future generations.  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Bring healing to the sick and hurting, mend the fractured and broken, grant hope to the fearful and anxious, and grant peace and the knowledge of your love to all people. We pray especially for those on the Cathedral Prayer List and those we now name, either silently or aloud,  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**
- Intercessor      Grant to the faithful departed peace and rest in your eternal love and, welcome us into the resurrection alongside all your saints. We especially pray for those we now name, either silently or aloud,  
Lord in your mercy,
- People      Hear our prayer.**

Presider Hear our prayers and grant our desires as may be best for us and in ways that show forth your grace and mercy. All this we ask through our only advocate and Lord, Jesus, who is the Christ and lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## CONFESSIO AND ABSOLUTION

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

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

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

## \* THE PEACE

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Presider The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### BLESSING OF THE EPIPHANY CHALK

### 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*

\* OFFERTORY HYMN: 448 "O love, how deep, how broad, how high" v. 1-3, 6

1 O love, how deep, how broad, how high, how pass - ing  
 2 For us bap - tized, for us he bore his ho - ly  
 3 For us he prayed; for us he taught; for us his  
 6 All glo - ry to our Lord and God for love so

1 thought and fan - ta - sy, that God, the Son of  
 2 fast and hun - gered sore; for us temp - ta - tions  
 3 dai - ly works he wrought: by words and signs and  
 6 deep, so high, so broad; the Trin - i - ty whom

1 God, should take our mor - tal form for mor - tals' sake.  
 2 sharp he knew; for us the tempt - er ov - er - threw.  
 3 ac - tions, thus still seek - ing not him - self, but us.  
 6 we a - dore for ev - er and for ev - er - more.

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\* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Eucharistic Prayer B

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Presider The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Presider Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

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

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

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Presider 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. **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**

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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.

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.

\* CLOSING HYMN: 121 "Christ, when for us you were baptized"

1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spi - rit on you came,  
 2 God called you his be - lov - ed Son, called you his ser - vant true,  
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed his call  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spi - rit, Lord, your cross on us be signed,

as peace - ful as a dove and yet as ur - gent as a flame.  
 sent you his king - dom to pro - claim, his ho - ly will to do.  
 free - ly as Son of Man to serve and give your life for all.  
 that, like - wise in God's ser - vice we may per - fect free - dom find.

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VOLUNTARY: *Christ unser Herr zum Jordan kam; Es ist das Heil uns kommen her*

F.W. Zachow

## Serving Today

Presider	The Rev. W. James Yazell
Preacher	The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse
Deacon	The Rev. Barbara Wegener
Organist	Dr. Lucas Fletcher
Lector	Rebecca Rezaei
Eucharistic Minister	Ed Miller
Usher	Jim Crum
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.



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.

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

# Cathedral Prayer List

**Pray for:** Phineas Gitta; Sally Livengood; Isaiah Fanning; All families affected by gun violence; Charlotte Colburn; Joyce Morrow; All those fighting cancer; Doyle White; Mike Barzee & Family; Larry McMullen; Gloria Stocks; Jim Royer; Thaddeus Samuel Withers; First Responders; Diego Garcia; Gail; Leesa Fanning; Lisa Helgenkamp; Mary Sklar; Sherry Mueller; Melanie Boyd; Darvin Weaver; Ralph and Billie; D'angelo and Deondra; Kendal Van Scoyk; LaGreta Gitta; Betty Loy; Kurt Brack

**Comfort and Peace:** the family and friends of those lost and injured in the Wisconsin school shooting; the family and friends of Randy Mueller; the family and friends of Sandra Hornbeck; the family and friends of Barbara O'Hearne; the family and friends of Lynn Schneider; the family and friends of James Shaffer; the family and friends of Bonita White; the family and friends of Donald Bradley; the family and friends of Robert Boehm; the family and friends of The Rev. Tim Murphy; the Welch and Immenschuh families; all families affected by gun violence

**Pray for the Departed:** Randy Mueller; those lost in the school shooting in Wisconsin; Sandra Hornbeck; Barbara O'Hearne; Lynn Schneider; Bonita White; James Shaffer; Donald Bradley; Gabriel Kney; Robert Boehm; The Rev. Tim Murphy; Joann Immenschuh; for all those lost in war; for all who have died from gun violence

**Diocesan Prayer Cycle:** St. James Episcopal Church, Springfield — The Rev. Isaac Petty Pierjok, Rector; The Rev. Silas Engstrom, Curate; The Rev. Suzi Lynch, Deacon; Episcopal Cursillo Ministry

To place a person on this prayer list, please contact Deacon Barbara Wegener, [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org). Requests are held in prayer for 90 days. See the prayer list anytime: [kccathedral.org/prayers](http://kccathedral.org/prayers)

# Birthdays & Anniversaries

**January 12**  
Gabriel Vianello  
James Barker  
Deborah Carr

**January 17**  
Otis Robinson  
Khan Rusconi

**January 15**  
Snow McKeown  
Don Chase

**January 18**  
Arianne Fortune  
Corbin Munsell

Please contact the Cathedral office if we have omitted your birthday or anniversary: [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto: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](http://kccathedral.org/flowers) for more information or contact Julie Toma, [jtoma@kccathedral.org](mailto:jtoma@kccathedral.org).

## Weekly Services

### Sundays

8 & 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

5 p.m.—Order for Evening & Holy Eucharist (3rd Sunday: Choral Evensong)

*The 10:30 service is livestreamed at [kccathedral.org/worship](http://kccathedral.org/worship).*

### Wednesdays

Noon—Noonday Prayer (on Facebook & YouTube)

12:05 p.m. —Holy Eucharist

**Cathedral Staff:** The Very Rev. Dr. Andrew C. Keyse, *Dean*; The Rev. W. James Yazell, *Associate Priest*; The Rev. Barbara Wegener, *Deacon*; Dr. Lucas Fletcher, *Director of Music*; Clare Stern-Burbano, *College, Youth & Children's Minister*; Julie Toma, *Cathedral Administrator*; 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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# Today's Focal St. John's Bible Illumination

Likely you have read certain biblical texts repeatedly and discovered new and richer meaning with each reading. This is a discipline of the *lectio divina*. Recent lectionary themes have offered the same opportunity for us to practice the *visio divina*. Texts surrounding the mission and ministry of John the Baptist and the inauguration of Jesus' ministry have brought us repeatedly to the Frontispiece of the Gospel of Mark illumination to pictorially contemplate multiple related gospel narratives. Today's Gospel reading from Luke focuses attention once again on the preparatory work of John the Baptist and the messianic mission of Jesus, themes visually portrayed in Donald Jackson's illumination the "Baptism of Jesus."

As with the printed texts, this illumination conveys multiple messages and emphases depending upon how we focus our view. On December 8 and 15, 2024, focus was given to the person and ministry of John the Baptist as forerunner of Jesus' messianic work. Today, we return to the "Baptism of Jesus" illumination with a focus on the main event – the inauguration of God's redemptive work through Jesus, the Christ. The veridical action of this illumination features numerous figures: the crowds gathered along the shore of the River Jordan; several individuals in the water; and Jesus emerging from the baptismal water (almost obscured by the golden rays of divine presence surrounding him).



Yet, amid the celebration, there are ominous reminders of evil forces at work. On the left side of the illumination are red eyes peering out and two threatening spiders. These images foreshadow the wilderness temptations Jesus will confront immediately following his baptism – temptations to forfeit his life purpose by committing himself to something other than the will of his Father.

While Jackson's illumination does not engage the plethora of theological questions surrounding why Jesus chose to receive baptism by his cousin, it does portray Jesus' identification with the broken and hurting people who gathered at the Jordan River. He enters the water with them and assumes a place among them and us. Through his baptism, Jesus stands decisively with us in our anxieties and fears and joins us in our neediness. Can you imagine yourself as one of the figures portrayed in this scene?

Jesus' actions in this event receive divine blessing and empowerment through God the Father's declaration that Jesus is his "beloved son," and the descent of God the Spirit in the form of a dove. In every detail the scene conveys the meaning, mission, and message of Jesus as he steps into the public eye following years of obscurity.

Many forces in today's world try to take ownership of us and capture our allegiance. Baptism reminds us that above all else we belong to God. We are God's children. Can you name ways today's focus on Jesus' baptism inspires you to remember and renew the commitment you made to God through your baptism?

## PRAYER FOR THE TRANSITION OF OUR NEXT BISHOP

Gracious and Loving God, we give thanks for the election of our next Bishop, Amy. Watch over Amy, her husband Jared, and their children Elise, Jacob, and Woodrow as they prepare to leave friends, colleagues, and neighbors to join us here in the Diocese of West Missouri. Open our hearts to receive your inspiration and wisdom so that we may joyfully welcome them into our life and ministry in You. This we ask in grateful thanksgiving. AMEN.





# Formation for All Ages

## Youth: Sundays

### Youth Formation • 9:15 a.m.

Youth meet in the Haden Hall Youth Room for formation with a light breakfast.

### 10:30 a.m. • Worship

### 6 p.m. • Youth Group

Join us for dinner and fellowship in the Youth Room.

*No Youth Group today.*

*Youth Group resumes next Sunday, January 19.*

## Adults: Sundays

### The Path • 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* 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.

*New attendees welcome at any time!*

## Children: Sundays

### Formation Class • 9:15 a.m.

Join us for formation hour and wonder about God with your friends and teachers and hear sacred stories 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.

## Adults: Tuesdays

### GHTC's Virtual Cafe • 7:30 a.m. • Zoom

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](http://kccathedral.org/other-activities).

### Women's Bible Study • 12:30 p.m. • Zoom

Conversation is lively, thought-provoking, and often irreverent. All are welcome. Visit the WBS page, [kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation/wbs) for more information.

### Lectionary Bible Study • 6:45 p.m. • Zoom

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](http://kccathedral.org/adultformation/lbs) for more details.

## Bridge Building Toward a Flourishing Life for All: Deepening Solidarity in the Quest for Social & Racial Justice

Wednesdays, Jan. 22, 29, Feb. 5, 12 • 6:30–7:45 p.m.

*Led by Rev. Dr. Vernon Percy Howard, Jr., Pastor, St. Mark's Church*

Does our faith in Jesus Christ have a role in the quest for social and racial justice? Can the church build bridges and deepen solidarity around crises such as poverty, violence, and equal rights for all? And if so, how do we do it? These questions are explored while examining the theological lenses and Biblical interpretive conclusions which shape our Christian witness and guide us in attempting to partner with God in creating a flourishing life for all.

Registration is required.

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



# Announcements



*Mark your calendars!  
Mega Camp Registration  
Now Open!*

**June 1-7, 2025**  
Camp Wood YMCA, Elmdale, KS  
For students in grades 3-12 for 2024-25 school year

## Join us June 1-7, 2025 for Episcopal Summer Mega Camp!

Mega Camp is a 1-week overnight summer camp experience for young people who have finished grades 3-12. There's boating, horseback riding, archery, climbing tower, hiking, arts & crafts, plus Episcopal worship and formation. The camp community is like nothing else: campers will feel accepted and loved for who they are and be able to build their faith with others their age.

Camp is not restricted to Episcopalians or regular churchgoers. All are welcome, so feel free to invite friends and family.

Contact Clare ([cstern@kccathedral.org](mailto:cstern@kccathedral.org)) for details about registration, cost and scholarship availability.

## Volunteer Opportunities

### The Emergency Food Assistance Program

In partnership with St. Paul's on Main, we have been invited to help organize and distribute food directly to clients food delivered to St. Paul's by Harvesters, a regional food bank, as part of TEFAP (The Emergency Food Assistance Program). We meet from about 9:30 a.m. to noon.

#### Upcoming TEFAP dates:

January 18  
February 15  
March 15

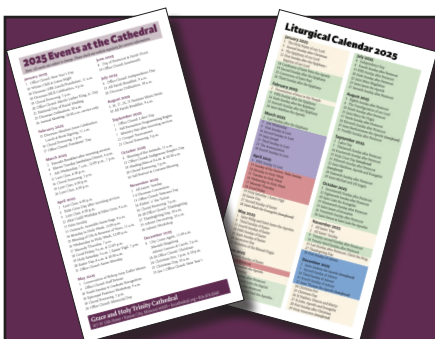
To volunteer or for more information, contact Deacon Barbara 816.739.8032 or [bwegener@kccathedral.org](mailto:bwegener@kccathedral.org).

### Pete's Garden

In the lower level of Founders' Hall, Pete's Garden is a food rescue committed to less food waste and more family meals. They collect unserved prepared food from caterers, restaurants and food service operations each day.

Volunteers work together to portion and package donated food so it can be redirected to social service agencies who get meals to families.

Sign up for a shift at [petesgarden.org/volunteer](https://petesgarden.org/volunteer).



## Take home a 2025 calendar today.

Keep up to date with Cathedral events and service. The calendar features the liturgical calendar on one side and major Cathedral events on the other side.

# Announcements & Upcoming Events

## Diaper Drive for HappyBottoms: January

### Not having a clean diaper can really stink

- Diapers are not covered by government safety net programs like food stamps, Medicaid, and WIC.
- 1 in 2 families in KC can't afford diapers
- Families with young children experiencing diaper need report missing an average of 5.1 workdays per month because they did not have the required number of diapers for their child to attend daycare.

Bring diapers to the barrel in the cross hall or to the basket in the Tower or purchase diapers through HappyBottoms (use group name: Grace & Holy Trinity Cathedral).



## Vestry Nominations

We will elect four members of the congregation to the Vestry Class of 2028 at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, January 26. If you are interested in being nominated or have someone you would like to nominate, please contact Dean Keyse, [akeyse@kccathedral.org](mailto:akeyse@kccathedral.org), no later than January 19. Get more information at [kccathedral.org/vestry](http://kccathedral.org/vestry).

## Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon Fundraiser and Evensong Service: Saturday, January 18

Luncheon & Fundraiser • 11 a.m. • Founders' Hall  
Evensong Service • 4 p.m. • Cathedral Nave

The Diocese of West Missouri invites you to join us for luncheon fundraiser and Evensong Service in celebration of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

The luncheon and fundraiser supports The Reverend Canon Edward L. Warner Chapter of the Union of Black Episcopalians of West Missouri. Tickets are available for the luncheon fundraiser at \$40. Buy your lunch tickets or RSVP to the service here: [diowestmo.org/events](http://diowestmo.org/events)

The Most Rev. Michael Curry is the guest speaker for the luncheon and preacher for the service of Evensong.

## Evensong: Sunday, January 19 • 5 p.m.

Choral Evensong is a service offered by members of the Trinity Choir. This contemplative service lasts about 45 minutes and includes hymns, scripture readings, prayers, chanted Psalms, canticles and a choir anthem. With its origins in Archbishop Thomas Cranmer's Book of Common Prayer (1549), Evensong is one of the most uniquely Anglican liturgies and is sung in cathedrals and parishes throughout the world.

## National Day of Racial Healing: Tuesday, January 21

The Cathedral Nave will be open for prayer from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Prayer guides will be available in advance and on our website.

The National Day of Racial Healing is observed each year following the Martin Luther King, Jr. National Holiday to allow us all to further draw upon the life lessons of the venerable civil rights leader.

Why do we want to observe the National Day of Racial Healing?

- Restores individuals and communities to wholeness.
- Facilitates trust & bridges divides.
- Repairs the damage caused by racism.
- Builds authentic relationships.

Racial healing is at the heart of racial equity — the people work that leads to community, organizational and systems transformation.

## Diocesan Ordination: Saturday, January 25

On Saturday, January 25 at 10 a.m., the Bishop and People of the Diocese of West Missouri joyfully invite you to the Ordination of Jennifer Lynn Blevins, Christopher James Duffie and Keith Nathaniel Johnson Jr. to the Sacred Order of Deacons.

## Annual Meeting: Sunday, January 26

### Only ONE Service at 10:30 a.m.

- We will gather as a parish family of all ages to celebrate Eucharist, then stay for the meeting.
- Be ready to celebrate some of our amazing ministries, as well as honoring outgoing and electing new Vestry members.
- Formation will still meet at 9:15 a.m.