

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE • FOUNDED 1934  
SUNDAY, JULY 19, 2026

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST  
PROPER 11

OPENING VOLUNTARY                      Prelude on "Pange Lingua"                      Kerensa Briggs (b. 1990)  
HYMN 530                      Come, ye thankful people, come                      ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR  
THE COLLECT FOR THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST                      BCP p. 231

*Celebrant*    The Lord be with you.

*People*        **And also with you.**

*Celebrant*    Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: A Reading from the Book of Genesis.                      Genesis 28:10-19a

Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. He called that place Bethel.

*Reader*        The Word of the Lord.

*People*        **Thanks be to God.**

*At 8:30 a.m., the People read the Psalm as directed. At 10:30 a.m., the People sing the metrical Psalm appointed for July 19th, found in the pew rack.*

PSALM 139: 1-11, 22-23                      *Domine, probasti*                      BCP 794

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| 105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *<br>and a light upon my path.                | 108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my<br>lips, *<br>and teach me your judgments.      |
| 106 I have sworn and am determined *<br>to keep your righteous judgments.           | 109 My life is always in my hand, *<br>yet I do not forget your law.                          |
| 107 I am deeply troubled; *<br>preserve my life, O LORD, according to<br>your word. | 110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *<br>but I have not strayed from your<br>commandments. |

111 Your decrees are my inheritance for ever; \*  
truly, they are the joy of my heart.

112 I have applied my heart to fulfill your  
statutes \*  
for ever and to the end.

THE SECOND LESSON: A Reading from the Letter to the Romans.

Romans 8: 12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

*Reader* The Word of the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 709

O God of Bethel, by whose hand

DUNDEE

*Please stand as you are able for the reading of the Holy Gospel.*

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 24-30, 36-43

*Gospeler* The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

*Gospeler* The Gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM                      Draw us in the Spirit's tether                      Harold W. Friedell (1905-1958)

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
For when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together,  
Thou art in the midst of them:

Alleluya!

Touch we now thy garment's hem.

As the brethren used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the Father  
Break the bread and bless the cup,

Alleluya!

So knit thou our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments of thee,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may true disciples be.

Alleluya!

We will serve thee faithfully.

Percy Dearmer (1867-1936)

HYMN 513                      Like the murmur of the dove's song                      BRIDEGROOM

COMMUNION MOTET                      Teach me, O Lord                      Thomas Attwood (1765-1838)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end.

Psalm 119:33

HYMN 336                      Come with us, O blessed Jesus                      WERDE MUNTER

CLOSING HYMN 541                      Come, labor on                      ORA LABORA

CLOSING VOLUNTARY                      Veni, Creator Spiritus                      Cecilia McDowall (b. 1951)

**Please Pray For:** Ronald Valentine, Renee Clark Guibao, Erin Brophy, Mary Newman, Barbara Apperson, Don Cook, Yolanda, Linda Miller, Sarah Long, Whit and Jean Stuart, Ian McDevitt, Ashley Fields, Pam Williams, Judy Freeman, Carole Freeman, Fela Torres, Martha Crook, Anna Ruby, Nancy Dick, Annette Main, Birdie Barker, Carolyn Mason, Natasha Griffin, Audri Erfort, Bud Wilson, Mary Ruth Bales, Marla Neals Wilson, Trevor, Grant Sperry, Janet Beasy, George Nichols, Dana Flowers, Wendel Stoltz, Cheryl McCormack, Judy Bratton, David, Roger Ryan, Leonnette Dockery, Miro Antic, Robert Hoover, Cameron Felts, Connie Lusco, Peter Bloom, Chloe Madden, Herb Wells, Cali Garcia, Burgess Hocevar, Kimbrough Gregory.



Children's Chapel 10:30 am  
Worship and Wonder (PK-2nd)  
Nursery is available during our 10:30 am service and can be found in the Parish Hall across from the Bookshoppe.

### Giving and Pledges



### Saturday Morning Prayer at St. Mary's Cathedral

We would love to share our Saturday Morning Prayer ministry with clergy and lay folks within the Diocese who would enjoy an opportunity to lead morning prayer with our Hope and Food recipients. Dean Noah Campbell provides Eucharist on the first Saturday of each month. He created a Morning Prayer bulletin that is easy to follow for leader and participants for the remaining Saturdays. For more information on volunteering, please contact the Rev. Deacon Kathy McGregor at [kmcgregor@stmarysmemphis.org](mailto:kmcgregor@stmarysmemphis.org).

### 2026 Laymen's Conference

Registration is now open for the 80th Annual Laymen's Conference "Faith in Action" at St. Mary's Conference Center in Sewanee, TN August 7-9, 2026. Speakers include Dr. John Posey, Dr. Nathan Napier, Cash Daniels More information and registration can be found at [www.tnchurchmen.org](http://www.tnchurchmen.org).

### More than a Meal Today 3pm

People are hungry. We need your help! Join us today at 3pm to help plate and serve meals at Grace-St Luke's. We'd love to have you! Carpooling is available! Contact Connie at (901) 484-8674 for details.

### Visit Our New Puzzle Exchange

Thanks to a few thoughtful volunteers, our library now has a Puzzle Exchange for everyone to enjoy! Be sure to visit, find your next puzzle, and help keep the collection growing.

### Auction Sponsorships and Donations Now Being Accepted

We are now accepting auction donations and sponsorships for our upcoming fundraiser, A Knight Under the Stars, benefiting St. George's Youth Group and MIFA. We are seeking vacation getaways, local event tickets, dining experiences, golf outings, unique experiences, gift cards, and other creative items for our silent auction. Donations may also be combined into themed baskets. Donations are due by **September 13**. To become a sponsor or learn more about donation opportunities, including a virtual donation form, visit [stgchurch.org/auction](http://stgchurch.org/auction). Questions? Contact Karen Hoy [karenhoy99@yahoo.com](mailto:karenhoy99@yahoo.com). Thank you for helping make this evening a memorable success!

Bible Study  
Wednesday, July 22 10:00 am

Vestry Meeting  
Sunday, July 26 12:00 pm