

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
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SUNDAY, JUNE 21, 2026

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 7

OPENING VOLUNTARY "I love thee, my Lord" from *Sacred Sounds* George Shearing (1919-2011)
HYMN 655 O Jesus, I have promised NYLAND

THE COLLECT FOR THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BCP p. 230
Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, make us have perpetual love and reverence for your holy Name, for you never fail to help and govern those whom you have set upon the sure foundation of your loving-kindness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON: A Reading from the Book of Genesis. Genesis 21:8-21

The child grew, and was weaned; and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son; for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you. As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." So Abraham rose early in the morning, and took bread and a skin of water, and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed, and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba.

When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot; for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. And God heard the voice of the boy; and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven, and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid; for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. She went, and filled the skin with water, and gave the boy a drink.

God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness, and became an expert with the bow. He lived in the wilderness of Paran; and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

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 June 21st, found in the pew rack.

PSALM 86: 1-10, 16-17 *Inclina, Domine* BCP 709

1 Bow down your ear, O LORD, and answer me, * for I am poor and in misery.	3 Be merciful to me, O LORD, for you are my God; * I call upon you all the day long.
2 Keep watch over my life, for I am faithful; * save your servant who puts his trust in you.	4 Gladden the soul of your servant, * for to you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

5 For you, O LORD, are good and forgiving, *
and great is your love toward all who call upon you.

6 Give ear, O LORD, to my prayer, *
and attend to the voice of my supplications.

7 In the time of my trouble I will call upon you, *
for you will answer me.

8 Among the gods there is none like you, O LORD, *
nor anything like your works.

9 All nations you have made will come and worship you, O LORD, *
and glorify your Name.

10 For you are great;
you do wondrous things; *
and you alone are God.

16 Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant;
and save the child of your handmaid.

17 Show me a sign of your favor,
so that those who hate me may see it and be ashamed; *
because you, O LORD, have helped me and comforted me.

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

Romans 6:1b-11

Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 572

Weary of all trumpeting

DISTLER

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 10: 24-39

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

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

Jesus said to the twelve disciples, "A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

"So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

"Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

"Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.



VISIONING SURVEY NOW OPEN

Survey ends June 22
Make your voice heard!



Questions open-ended
Answers confidential



BROADWAY TRIVIA NIGHT

FRIDAY, JULY 17
DOORS OPEN AT 6 - GAME STARTS AT 7 PM
TEAMS OF 6
\$15/PERSON TO PLAY



REGISTER TODAY!



St. George's Night at the Redbirds

Saturday, July 18 6:30 PM
Autozone Park

National Anthem by Coventry Choir
Hot Dog & Soda Included
Postgame Fireworks





Children's Chapel 10:30am
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



More than a Meal Today

People are hungry, and we need your help! Join us today at 3:00 pm at Grace-St. Luke's as we plate and serve meals to our neighbors in need. Whether you can volunteer once in a while or become a regular part of this ministry, your time and presence can make a real difference. Contact Connie at (901) 484-8674 with questions.

Wednesday Bible Study

All are welcome to join our Wednesday bible study, hosted by Daughters of the King, from 10-11 am. Beginning June 24, the group will start a new study on the Book of James.

EYC Summer Beach Trip

EYC Beach trip registration for all rising 6th through 12th graders is now open! The trip will be July 19-23 to Gulfport, Mississippi. We will be staying at St. Peter's by the Sea in Gulfport, MS with day trips to the Institute for Marine Mammal Studies, Buccaneer Bay Water park and Ship Island. Cost is \$150 for each youth attending. Register: www.tinyurl.com/EYCBEACH2026.

Acolytes Needed

Looking for a meaningful way to serve? Acolytes (ages 9 and up, including adults) assist our clergy at the 10:30 a.m. service by leading processions and helping prepare the altar for Holy Communion. Interested? Contact Mary Margaret Freeman at (901) 336-1790 or marymargaretfree@gmail.com.

A Knight Under the Stars

We are excited to announce our upcoming fundraising event, "A Knight Under the Stars," in support of our Youth Group and ongoing Outreach Ministries. Join us for an evening of fellowship featuring dinner, music and dancing, along with a silent auction and wine and bourbon pull. Join us Saturday, September 26, 6-10 pm. More information to come, and volunteers are still needed; please contact Sheila at stomlinson524@gmail.com or 901-395-4627.

Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

All Children's Chapel teachers are invited to be celebrated on Sunday, June 28, from 9:30-10:15 am. Enjoy fellowship and breakfast served by our Mission in Memphis Jr. youth as we thank you for your dedication! Please RSVP to karrie@stgeorgesgermantown.org by June 25.

More than a Meal Today, June 21 3:00 pm	Bible Study Wednesday, June 24 10:00 am	Teacher Appreciation Breakfast Sunday, June 28 9:30 am
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