

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH
GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE • FOUNDED 1934
SUNDAY, JULY 12, 2026

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
PROPER 10

OPENING VOLUNTARY II. Largo from *Concerto in E-flat for Trumpet and Strings*
Johann Baptist Georg Neruda (ca. 1711-1776)

HYMN 530 Spread, O spread, thou mighty word GOTT SEI DANK

THE COLLECT FOR THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BCP p. 231

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through 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 25: 19-24

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

 "Two nations are in your womb,
 and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
 the elder shall serve the younger."

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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 12th, found in the pew rack.

PSALM 119: 105-112

Lucerna pedibus meis

BCP 763

105 Your word is a lantern to my feet *
and a light upon my path.

109 My life is always in my hand, *
yet I do not forget your law.

106 I have sworn and am determined *
to keep your righteous judgments.

110 The wicked have set a trap for me, *
but I have not strayed from your
commandments.

107 I am deeply troubled; *
preserve my life, O LORD, according to
your word.

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

108 Accept, O LORD, the willing tribute of my
lips, *
and teach me your judgments.

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: 1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 589

Almighty God, your word is cast

WALDEN

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 13: 1-9, 18-23

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and

immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM I. Allegro from *Concerto in E-flat for Trumpet and Strings*
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HYMN 593 Lord, make us servants of your peace DICKINSON COLLEGE

COMMUNION MOTET

Laudate Nomen Domini (Praise the Name of the Lord); Christopher Tye (1505-1571)

O Bone Jesu (O Blessed Jesus); Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina (1536-1594)

Thou knowest, Lord; Henry Purcell (1659-1695)

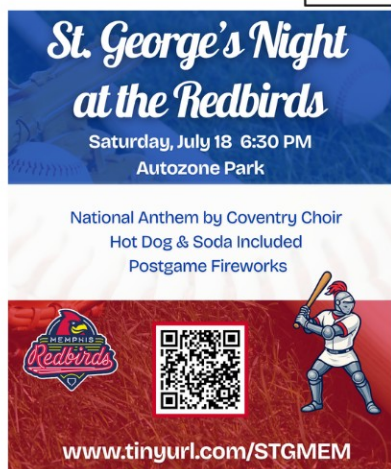
HYMN 627 Lamp our feet, where by we trace NUN DANKET ALL UND BRINGET EHR

CLOSING HYMN 569 God, the Omni potent! King, who ordainest RUSSIA

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Prelude in E Minor, BWV 548/1 J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

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, Karla Albertson, 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.

St. George's Recorders: Heide Nelson, *soprano* Jahrell Harris, *alto* Randy Nelson, *tenor* Andrew Proctor, *bass* Angela Saunders, *director*



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



Summer Choir Next Sunday

Do you like to sing, but are worried about committing to the full schedule of Coventry Choir? Join us for Summer Choir next Sunday, July 19. Singers should plan to gather in the choir room at 9:15 to find vestments and rehearsals will begin at 9:30. All are welcome!

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.

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.

More than a Meal July 19

People are hungry. We need your help! Join us on the third Sunday of each month to help plate and serve meals at Grace-St Luke's. We'd love to have you, whether occasionally or regularly. Carpooling is available! Contact Connie at (901) 484-8674 for details.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Calling all students, teachers, and anyone else embarking on a new season this fall! Join us for Blessing of the Backpacks during the 10:30 service. Don't forget your backpack!

Auction Donations Open

We're now accepting auction donations for our upcoming fundraising event, A Knight Under the Stars, benefiting our Youth Group and Outreach Ministries. We are looking for vacation getaways, local event tickets, dining experiences, golf outings, fun and unique experiences, gift cards, and other creative items for our silent auction. Donations may also be combined into themed baskets. Please submit auction donations by September 13, and email Karen Hoy at karenhoy99@yahoo.com with questions or donation information. Thank you for helping make this evening a memorable success!

Service Time Survey Open

Weigh in on service times by visiting:



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Knitting Ministry
Monday, July 13 1:00 pm

Bible Study
Wednesday, July 15 10:00 am

Pokeno
Wednesday, July 15 11:30 am