

ST. GEORGE'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

GERMANTOWN, TENNESSEE • FOUNDED 1934

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16, 2026

THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

PROPER 15

OPENING VOLUNTARY Two Fugues on the name BACH, op. 60 Robert Schumann (1810-1856)
1. Langsam; 3. Mit sanften Stimmen

HYMN 408 Sing praise to God who reigns above MIT FREUDEN ZART

THE COLLECT FOR THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST BCP P. 232

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us a sacrifice for sin, and also an example of godly life: Give us grace to receive thankfully the fruits of his redeeming work, and to follow daily in the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ your Son 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 45: 1-15

Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

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 August 16th, found in the pew rack.

PSALM 133

Ecce, quam bonum!

BCP 787

1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!

2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,

3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.

5 For there the LORD has ordained the
blessing: *
life for evermore.

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

Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN 533

How wondrous and great thy works

LYONS

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

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 15: 10-28

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

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

Jesus called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

Gospeler The Gospel of the Lord.

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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM The eyes of all wait upon thee

Jean Berger (1909-2002)

The eyes of all wait upon thee; and thou givest them their meat in due season. Thou openest thine hand, and satisfiest the desire of every living thing.

Psalm 145:15-16

HYMN 531

O Spirit of the living God

MELCOMBE

COMMUNION MOTET	O Lord, increase my faith O Lord, increase my faith, Strengthen us and confirm us in thy true faith; Endue us with wisdom, charity, chastity and patience, In all our adversity. Sweet Jesu, say Amen.	Henry Loosemore (c. 1607-1670)
		Anonymous
HYMN 469	There's a wideness in God's mercy	ST HELENA
CLOSING HYMN 539	O Zion, haste, thy mission high fulfilling	TIDINGS
CLOSING VOLUNTARY	Prelude and Fugue on the name BACH, S. 260	Franz Liszt (1811-1886)

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in thanksgiving of the 51st anniversary of Tim and Pam Key.

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, Cheryl McCormack, Judy Bratton, David, Roger Ryan, Leonnette Dockery, Miro Antic, Robert Hoover, Connie Lusco, Peter Bloom, Chloe Madden, Cali Garcia, Burgess Hovevar, Wendy Stoltz, Daniel Navarro, Clotilde Lawence, Charlene Davis, Peggy Dockery, Vicki Daniel, The Townsend family, Ashley Mainer, Toni Hall. Brenton Crow. Mason Todd.

**ACOLYTE
TRAINING**

Be a part of something
SPECIAL.

TODAY after the 10:30 am
service in Nave

Suggested Starting Age: 3rd Grade
Open to All Interested

Roles For Everyone!

**A KNIGHT
UNDER THE
Stars**

SEPTEMBER 26, 2026
TICKETS NOW AVAILABLE!



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So Much is Coming in
September

- ✓ Sunday Breakfast Returns
- ✓ Sunday School for All
- ✓ Wednesday Programming

Visit the Parish Information
Table for Details Today!

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



Concerts on the Garth

Enjoy Memphis Central High School Jazz Band on August 30 at 6:30pm and the Memphis Wind Symphony on September 27 at 5:30pm. Bring your own lawn chair, friends, and even well-restrained pets. EYC will have food available for purchase at both events to support their ministry.

Daughters of the King Meeting

Are you a woman at St. George's devoted to prayer, and service? You may feel called to the join the DOK. Join us for a information meeting on Sunday, August 23 at 11:45am in the library. No commitment necessary!

Sunday Service Times Changing

Beginning Sunday, **September 6**, worship will be offered at **8:00am** and **10:30am**. Nursery will also extend their hours, opening at 7:45am. More information can be found on the Parish Information Table.

Special Friends Fellowship

st. George's is honored to becoming the new home location for Special Friends Fellowship Club, a ministry for individuals with special needs for ages 15 and up. We need your help to make sure this ministry continues to be a thrive for its long-term members! If you feel called to volunteer your time during their bi-monthly meetings, please reach out to Karrie at karrie@stgeorgesgermantown.org.

More than a Meal Today

Join us today from 3pm - 5pm to help cook and plate meals at Grace-St Luke's. We need you!

Holy Spirit Squad Pool Party

All 3rd-5th graders are invited to join us for our Holy Spirit Squad pool party today from 12:30-2:30pm. Bring your favorite summer snack to share! See Karrie LaCroix for address!

Parish Potluck August 30

Mark your calendars for our next Parish Potluck! Plan to join us on Sunday, August 30 after the 10:30 am service for a an afternoon of good food and even better fellowship.

Last Names A-L: Please bring fruit or a dessert.

Last Names M-Z: Please bring a salad of your choice.

Stay tuned for more details and RSVP information.

Weekly EYC Gatherings Resume

All rising 6th-12th graders are welcome to join us each Sunday afternoon beginning today, August 16 from 4:30pm-6:30pm for dinner and devotion.

EYC Dinner & Devotion
Today, August 16 4:30pm

Bible Study
Wednesday, August 19 10:00 am

Pokeno
Wednesday, August 19 11:30 am