



8th Sunday after Pentecost
July 19, 2026

We've been expecting you.

*Please maintain prayerful silence and
turn off cell phones before the service.*

THE WORD OF GOD

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand)***Red Hymnal 372**

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

THE GLORIA **Red Hymnal S-280**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
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 LESSON

A Reading from the Book of Genesis.

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. *(Genesis 28:10-19a)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 139:1-11, 22-23 *(Prayed in unison)*

- 1 LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
- 2 You trace my journeys and my resting-places *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- 3 Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- 4 You press upon me behind and before *
and lay your hand upon me.
- 5 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; *
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.
- 6 Where can I go then from your Spirit? *
where can I flee from your presence?
- 7 If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make the grave my bed, you are there also.
- 8 If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- 9 Even there your hand will lead me *
and your right hand hold me fast.

- 10 If I say, “Surely the darkness will cover me, *
and the light around me turn to night,”
- 11 Darkness is not dark to you;
the night is as bright as the day; *
darkness and light to you are both alike.
- 22 Search me out, O God, and know my heart; *
try me and know my restless thoughts.
- 23 Look well whether there be any wickedness in me *
and lead me in the way that is everlasting.

THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

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. *(Romans 8:12-25)*

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN *(Please stand)* **Red Hymnal 424**

THE GOSPEL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
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!” *(Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43)*

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON.....*Fr. Nathan Wilson*
A period of silent reflection is observed after the sermon.

THE NICENE CREED.....**Prayer Book 358**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE.....**Prayer Book 388**

THE CONFESSION.....**Prayer Book 360**

THE PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

THE OFFERTORY & DOXOLOGY **Red Hymnal 380** *(v. 3)*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER A *(Please stand)*..... **Prayer Book 361**
THE SANCTUS (“Holy, holy, holy”).....**Red Hymnal S-129**
THE LORD’S PRAYER..... **Prayer Book 364**
THE AGNUS DEI**Red Hymnal S-163**

COMMUNION & HEALING

All who have been baptized with water in the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—regardless of denomination—are welcome to receive Holy Communion at St. Anne’s. If you wish to receive a blessing instead, fold your arms across your chest as the minister approaches. If you would like information about baptism at St. Anne’s, please speak to the priest after the service.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request. If you have trouble coming to the altar, notify an usher so that the priest can come to your pew.

COMMUNION MUSIC

We Meet as Friends at Table**Blue Hymnal 704**
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love **273**
Healer of Our Every Ill **630**
Blest Are They.....**666**

THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER**Prayer Book 366**

THE BLESSING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN *(Please stand)***Red Hymnal 344**

THE DISMISSAL**Prayer Book 366**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

PARISH ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS: Today’s flowers are given by Tyler and Jenna Riddle to the glory of God and in honor of Nellie on her birthday.

FEAST OF ST. ANNE: Join us next Sunday, July 26, as we celebrate our patronal feast. After Mass, the St Anne’s Endowment and Investment Committee will host an ice cream social. Everyone is invited.

WORSHIP AT ST. ANNE’S: Our Lay Eucharistic Ministers and Masters of Ceremonies are essential to the smooth flow of Sunday worship every week. They administer the chalice, assist the priest, and help other lay ministers to fill their roles. If you have given thought to making this kind of ministry part of your service to our Lord at St. Anne’s, please speak with Father Nathan or Bettie Sue and plan to stay for a training after Mass on August 2. This training will also be the required re-licensing work for existing LEM’s and MC’s.

COFFEE HOUR: If you’ve been planning to volunteer for a Sunday Coffee Hour, please add your name to the sign-up pad in the Parish Hall. We appreciate everyone who provides light refreshments and keeps hot coffee on tap for us to enjoy after church.

UPCOMING DATES:
August 2: MC and LEM training (see above)
August 9: Rally Sunday
August 13: Thursday Morning Bible Study Resumes
August 16: Sunday School Resumes
August 19: EYC & PreYC Wednesday Nights Resume
October 9-11: Parish Retreat at Honey Creek
November 15: Bishop’s Visit



YOUR GIVING MAKES A DIFFERENCE: St. Anne’s runs solely on the generosity of its members. Give today via the offering plate; or text STANNESTIFTON to 73256; or scan this code to give online. Every gift, large or small, sustains the church we love.

OUR GIFTS AT WORK: Adopt-a-Mile. Each quarter, volunteers in this ministry pick up trash on the road adjacent to the Georgia Museum of Agriculture. Trash bags and safety vests are provided. Come out on one Saturday morning per quarter and spend an hour or so keeping “our” mile clean. Darrell Walker can tell you more.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY

JANUARY - JUNE 2026	
Income: \$209,094	Expenses: \$219,021

TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS

MC Pam Leonard
Vestry Alan Smith
Lectors Ricky Day, Betty McCorvey
LEMs Suzanne Smith, Bettie Sue McDonald
LEV Rich McDonald, Libby Robertson
Media Ron Elizondo
Greeters Amanda Fowler, Alan Smith
Acolytes Sarah Johnson, Acolyte Master; Riley Johnson, Ella Johnson, Eli Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Korbin Huggins, Jenna Logan
Altar Guild Glenda Johnson, Marilynne Marshall, Sarah Cook
Ushers Chris & Heather Grimes, Micah Johnson

PARISH PRAYER LIST: Gerry, Franklin, Sophia, Mike, Callum, David, Bucky, Mary Anne, Molly Kate, Johnny, Jason, Karen, Mike & Marion, Jerry, Cheryle, Debbie, Lisa, Elsa, Sheila, Tommy, Jackie, Paula, Grace
BIRTHDAYS: Joan Whitley, Jeff Newberry, Roy Rankin, Pam Leonard, Tommy Seward
ANNIVERSARIES: Bucky & Terri Ferguson, Stan & Mari Smith, Paul & Laura Robertson
OUR CLERGY: The Rt. Rev’d Frank Logue (Bishop),
The Rev’d Nathan Wilson (Rector)
OUR SEMINARIAN: Brandon Medley