



Welcome!

ST. ANNE’S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

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16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 13, 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 400**

### 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.

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through 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 Exodus.

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with

the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh’s horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, “Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.”

Then the LORD said to Moses, “Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.” So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses. *(Exodus 14:19-31)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PSALM 114 *(Prayed in unison)*

- 1 Hallelujah!  
When Israel came out of Egypt, \*  
the house of Jacob from a people of strange speech,
- 2 Judah became God’s sanctuary \*  
and Israel his dominion.
- 3 The sea beheld it and fled; \*  
Jordan turned and went back.
- 4 The mountains skipped like rams, \*  
and the little hills like young sheep.
- 5 What ailed you, O sea, that you fled? \*  
O Jordan, that you turned back?
- 6 You mountains, that you skipped like rams? \*  
you little hills like young sheep?
- 7 Tremble, O earth, at the presence of the Lord, \*  
at the presence of the God of Jacob,
- 8 Who turned the hard rock into a pool of water \*  
and flint-stone into a flowing spring.

## THE EPISTLE

A Reading from the Letter of Paul to the Romans.

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord’s. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, “As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.” So then, each of us will be accountable to God. *(Romans 14:1-12)*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SEQUENCE HYMN** *(Please stand)*..... **Red Hymnal 674**

## 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.**

Peter came and said to Jesus, “Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?” Jesus said to him, “Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

“For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.’ And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as

he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, ‘Pay what you owe.’ Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, ‘Have patience with me, and I will pay you.’ But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, ‘You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?’ And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.” (Matthew 18:21-35)

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**

- One Bread, One Body ..... Blue Hymnal 689*
- Gather Us In ..... 649*
- We Cannot Measure How You Heal..... 628*
- Hymn of Promise..... 515*

- THE POSTCOMMUNION PRAYER .....Prayer Book 366**
- THE BLESSING**

- PROCESSIONAL HYMN (Please stand) .....Red Hymnal 411**
- 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 Brenda Doss to the glory of God and in thanksgiving for Sydney, Christina, and Kirby on their birthdays.

**SAFE CHURCH:** As part of our commitment to keeping our church safe, we require Safe Church training for anyone who works with youth and children or has keys to the church buildings. For anyone needing to complete the Safe Church training, an in-person training will be held at St. Patrick’s Episcopal Church in Albany, beginning at 8:30 a.m. and led by the Rev’d Canon Joshua Varner.

Though the training itself is free, there is a \$10 charge to help cover the lunch and snacks that will be provided. To register please use the link in your online newsletter. If you have any questions, please ask Fr. Nathan or contact the Parish Office. Emily can also tell you if your current certification is up-to-date.

**FOOD-BOX MINISTRY:** Our food pantry at St. Anne’s provides food boxes for 12-14 households, with additional emergency food bags for about 30-40 households in need each month. If you would like to assist with this wonderful ministry, our food pantry currently is in need of canned tuna, canned chicken, soup, grits, and canned fruit.

**PARISH RETREAT:** On October 9-11, we invite all members of the St. Anne’s congregation to join us for a weekend of fellowship, worship, service, and renewal at Honey Creek Episcopal Conference Center. The retreat will include a variety of activities for all ages, including a Saturday Low Country Boil, a community service project at Honey Creek, worship services, and opportunities to relax and enjoy time together.

Please use the link in your newsletter this week to access important retreat information, including the weekend schedule of activities, Honey Creek lodging and reservation details, and a Google Form that the Retreat Committee asks all interested participants to complete. We look forward to sharing this special weekend with you as we gather to relax, revive, and rejoice together.

- UPCOMING DATES:**
  - October 7: Feast of St. Francis (observed)
  - 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: Episcopal Youth Community.** EYC ministries guide, plan, and support spiritual growth for all children and youth. Meeting on Wednesdays at 6:30, after a snack supper, all youth in Grades 6-12 are invited to join for building community, learning about faith, and having fun. Ask Josh Rogers for more details. Pre-YC, for K5-Grade 5, focuses on interactive Bible stories and faith formation. Erica Day can tell you more.

**FINANCIAL SUMMARY**

| JANUARY - AUGUST 2026 |                     |
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| Income: \$285,322     | Expenses: \$281,260 |

**TODAY’S LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

- MC** Clayton Riehle
- Vestry** Brenda Doss
- Lectors** Josh Rogers, Amanda Fowler
- LEMs** Suzanne Smith, Pam Leonard
- Media** Gabe Milton
- LEV** Libby Robertson
- Greeters** Amanda Fowler, Brenda Doss
- Acolytes** Sarah Johnson, Acolyte Master: Riley Johnson, Ella Johnson, Eli Johnson, Oliver Johnson, Alyssa Johnson, Jenna Logan, Korbin Huggins
- Altar Guild** Glenda Johnson, Loraine Sullivan, Mari Smith
- Ushers** Chris & Heather Grimes, Darrell Walker, Kim Moore

- PARISH PRAYER LIST:** Jeff, Debra, Dawn, Donna, Kay, Price, Brooks, Larry, Lucille, Bucky, Mary Anne, Molly Kate, Johnny, Jason, Karen, Mike & Marion, Jerry, Cheryle, Debbie, Lisa, Elsa, Sheila, Tommy, Jackie, Paula, Grace
- BIRTHDAYS:** Erin Campbell, Bettie Sue McDonald, Sam Warren, Terri Ferguson, McRay Riddle, Ricky Day, Sydney Doss, Kirby Gregory
- WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES:** Kenneth & Cheryle Bryan, Jay & Sarah Johnson, Frank & Adele Kimbro
- FOR THE DEPARTED:** David Ballou, Michelle Clements
- OUR CLERGY:** The Rt. Rev’d Frank Logue (Bishop),  
The Rev’d Nathan Wilson (Rector)
- OUR SEMINARIAN:** Brandon Medley