

September 21, 2025

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

<i>Processional Song</i> Opening Sentences, <i>Book of Common Prayer</i> 355 The Liturgy of the Word The Collect of the Day A Reading / Psalm Song The Gospel Sharing the Good News The Creed The Prayers The Confession & Absolution The PeaceBCP 360	Welcome & Announcements The Holy Communion <i>Offertory</i> The Great Thanksgiving: The Lord's PrayerBCP364 The Breaking of the Bread The Administration Communion Song Post Communion PrayerBCP 365 The Blessing Song for the Procession Out The DismissalBCP 366
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11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Procession In , <i>standing</i>	<i>Hail to the Lord's Anointed</i>	Hymnal 616
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 355	
Song of Praise	<i>The Gloria</i>	Hymnal S278
The Collect		

Grant us, Lord, not to be anxious about earthly things, but to love things heavenly; and even now, while we are placed among things that are passing away, to hold fast to those that shall endure; 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: Amos 8:4-7

Note: This 8th century BC prophet was of humble origin as a shepherd and “dresser of sycamore leaves”. His attack here on systemic fraudulent dealing by way of money and measuring systems arises out of his forthright preaching on behalf of the poor and oppressed.

Hear this, you that trample on the needy,
and bring to ruin the poor of the land,
saying, “When will the new moon be over
so that we may sell grain;
and the sabbath,
so that we may offer wheat for sale?
We will make the ephah small and the shekel great,
and practice deceit with false balances,
buying the poor for silver
and the needy for a pair of sandals,
and selling the sweepings of the wheat.”
The Lord has sworn by the pride of Jacob:
Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Psalm 113 *Laudate, pueri*

Note: This is the first of several psalms known as “the Hallel” (for halleluia). They are sung during the great Jewish feasts and especially at Passover. Here God is praised for creation itself.

- 1 Hallelujah!
Give praise, you servants of the Lord; *
praise the Name of the Lord.
- 2 **Let the Name of the Lord be blessed, *
from this time forth for evermore.**
- 3 From the rising of the sun to its going down *
let the Name of the Lord be praised.
- 4 **The Lord is high above all nations, *
and his glory above the heavens.**
- 5 Who is like the Lord our God, who sits enthroned on high *
but stoops to behold the heavens and the earth?
- 6 **He takes up the weak out of the dust *
and lifts up the poor from the ashes.**
- 7 He sets them with the princes, *
with the princes of his people.
- 8 **He makes the woman of a childless house *
to be a joyful mother of children.**

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 2:1-7

Note: We continue reading this letter. Here the writer urges prayers for everyone, of low and high degree, all of whom are withing the purview of the grace of Jesus Christ.

First of all, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. For

there is one God;
there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human,
who gave himself a ransom for all

-- this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

Sequence Hymn , <i>standing</i>	<i>Faith of Our Fathers</i>	Hymnal 558
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The Gospel: Luke 16:1-13

Note: The audience for this parable of the Dishonest Steward is still the scribes and the Pharisees, who were “lovers of money”. It is fair to read this strange parable knowing that it is told by Jesus in order to scandalize these groups and to offer a revolutionary understanding of not only mercy, but wealth and possessions.

Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred con-

tainers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

"Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

The Homily	The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min Followed by silence for reflection
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The Nicene Creed , <i>standing</i>	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People , <i>kneeling or standing</i>	

Greetings and Announcements

Eucharist Ministry Service

Eucharistic Ministers Dedication of Sorensen Eucharist Travel Kit

Blessing of Hands

The Confession of Sin	BCP 359
The Peace , <i>standing</i>	BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION RITE II, PRAYER B		
The Offertory	<i>The Beatitudes</i>	<i>Choir</i>
The Doxology , <i>standing</i>		
The Great Thanksgiving		
The <i>Sursum Corda</i>		BCP 367
The <i>Sanctus</i>		Hymnal S114
The Canon, <i>kneeling or standing.</i>		
THE GREAT AMEN		BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer		BCP 364
Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		
Choir Meditation	<i>Here, O My Lord</i>	Hymnal 318
Post Communion Prayer , <i>kneeling or standing</i>		
		BCP 365

Commissioning of Eucharistic Visitors
Priest: On behalf of this congregation, I give you these holy gifts, that those in whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.
People: We send you forth with the body and blood of Christ.

Recessional Hymn:	<i>All Hail the Power</i>	Hymnal 450 vs 1-3,6
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The Blessing The Dismissal Response	BCP 366
Thanks be to God.	

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ FRAN & VICTOR, BILL, STEPHANIE, AMANDA, WANDA, DOTTIE, SUSAN, LINDA, PAIGE, CLAIRE, MARGE & ALAN, JOAN, VICTOR, CAROLE, JUDITH, JOHN T, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, KIM, TED, REBA, FRAN, DAKOTA, MARGARET, JOANN, and DEACON JUDITH.

✚ FR . JAMIE.

✚ THE MINISTRIES OF ST. CLEMENT’S.

✚ HEIDI AND RUSS, missionaries to Chile and for the variety of ministries & lives they impact.

Those in the Armed Forces, especially

✚ DAVID, AMANDA, NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, DAVID, NOAH, KEVIN, NATHAN, LAUREN, & GAVIN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✚ HEALING: HILARY, DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, PEGGY & FAMILY, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTY, YA YA, KIRSI ANN, BONNIE, LEO, AND SCOTT.

✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.

✚ ARBOR: The Congregants at The Arbor.

WE GIVE THANKS FOR ALL OUR BLESSINGS.

Please take the bulletin home and pray for these concerns during the week.

Parish family & intercessory prayer requests stay on the list for two months unless extended, updated, or deleted sooner. Armed forces requests stay for one year. Notify the church office at 770-345-6722 or Trish Cole at 770-377-4348 to update requests. Prayer request cards are in church pews or call the church office.

Dishonest Forgiveness

The parables of Jesus always have a curious twist in them. They look like normal stories then something happens that make them seem anything but normal. A normal Sower of seeds ends up throwing and wasting seeds everywhere. Day laborers end up getting paid the same no matter how many hours they work. Jesus seems to say that the rules we are used to don't apply when it comes to what he calls the Kingdom of Heaven.

Even the famous parable of the Prodigal Son goes against what we often think as fair and just consequential justice: that people should reap the consequences of their bad behavior. The son runs off with his money, squanders it, and then concocts a scheme to get back in his father's graces. Then the father simply forgives him. Not fair!

This Sunday we have the companion parable to the Prodigal Son, the parable of the Dishonest Steward. This one is even more offensive to our sensibilities. In short, before a dishonest steward gets fired he concocts a plan to benefit his future by discounting all his master's debts and reaping the subsequent goodwill in the community. When the master finds out, he doesn't fire him but commends him for his shrewdness. Not fair!

And it isn't. This Dishonest Steward had absolutely no right to forgive that indebtedness. Those debtors should have paid the full price to the master. That would be fair.

But the Kingdom of God isn't run by human rules, but by the mercy of God. And we are fortunate indeed, as debtors to God, not to be judged by our own standards. And so we ask God to 'forgive us our trespasses' while we pledge to forgive others. It's not fair, but it is what the mercy of God looks like.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVEN TS

Please join us immediately after the services today for **Hospitality** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

The Gift
9/21 11:00am Service for the commissioning and blessing of the Eucharist Travel Kit given to St. Clement's by Mr. Loren Sorenson followed by the LEVs Blessing of the Hands. Loren's cherished memories of the kit will be shared during the service.

Realm is coming in September!
We're launching a new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It's simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Stay tuned!

Blessing of the Pets
10/4 10:30am On the patio of Davis Hall. Bring your pets for a blessing, and invite a neighbor with pets to join you!

Chili Cook-off
10/4 6:00-8:00pm Enter your chili in the competition or come as a taster to vote on your favorite! Adults \$12, Kids \$8

LEV Ministry Meeting
10/7 10:30am-noon in the Vestry Room in Davis Hall. Contact: Diane Hodgins at dianehodgins259@gmail.com

COHI Adult Education Series
10/12 10:15am Community of Hope International (COHI) is offering an 8-class adult education series. The second class, Interfaith: All God's Children Worship, is Sunday, October 12, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in Davis Hall. The guest speaker is Jon Collins. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

Happening (EYC HS Retreat)
10/17-19 High School retreat at Camp Mikell.

Trunk or Treat
10/25 Come see kids of all ages enjoy Halloween! Sign up to host a Trunk!

EYC Lock-in
11/7-8 Youth lock-in at The Cathedral in Atlanta.

New Beginnings (EYC MS Retreat)
11//14-16 Middle School retreat at Camp Mikell.

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Tuesdays
The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmens-group@gmail.com

The Way Bible Study 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall. We study the previous Sunday's readings. For more information, please contact Susan Gensel at 706.273.9187.

Wednesdays
NO Rector's Bible Study this week 12:00 noon via Zoom. We are studying the Psalms.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

Thursdays
Grief Share 10:30am In the Vestry Room

Fridays
Centering Prayer 12:30pm in the Ministry Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.338.8540).

Online Giving is available through our website www.stclementscanton.org or by the Vanco app.

Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursdays: 10am—2pm
Wednesdays: 9am-11am
Please call before coming to make sure someone is in the office.
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Serving Today:
VPOD: Margaret Garwatoski
Crucifer/1st Server: Jeff Pawlik
Epistle Torch: Gloria Blackburn
Gospel Torch/Bells: Doug Blackburn
LEM: Janelle Walker
Reader: Moetki Sharp
Teller: Al Irvine

Birthdays this week: Arthur Carlan DeBord 09/21
Tori Vaughan 09/21
Kennedee Waters 09/21
Janelle Walker 09/22
Mary Ann Hindman 09/24
Alan Loeffler 09/24
Rocky Rokovitz 09/25
Lula DeBord 09/25
Ted Peykoff 09/26
Nathaniel DeBord 09/26
Kathleen Jacobsen 09/27
Liam DeBord 09/27

**Anniversaries this week:**
Cate & Mark Stewart 09/24

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of July 2025

Pledges YTD	\$ 130,340
Total Income	\$ 232,980
Total Expenses	\$ 214,890



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Give praise, you servants of the LORD;
praise the Name of the LORD.

Welcome Visitors!

If you are visiting for the first time, let us know you are here by filling out a visitor's card and ask an usher about a gift we have for you in the narthex (foyer).

WEEKLY SERVICES & MEETINGS

Regular Sunday Services //9am Contemporary //11am Traditional
First Sunday of each month// 10am Combined Service

MONDAY
NO Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
Al-Anon//12:00pm

TUESDAY
COHI //10:00am
Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am
Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm
Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm

WEDNESDAY
NO Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
NO Rector's Zoom Bible Study//12:00pm
Women's AA//12:00pm
Holy Eucharist//6:15am
Bible Study//7:00pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)

THURSDAY
Grief Share//10:30am
Al-Anon//7:00pm
Alateen//7:00pm

FRIDAY
Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
Service @ the Arbor//10:30am
Women's AA//12:00pm
Centering Prayer//12:30pm

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by Joan and Bruce Immke in Thanksgiving for their Wedding Anniversary on September 20.

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