September 28, 2025 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00AM FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Processional Sona Opening Sentences,

Book of Common Prayer 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 Peace

Welcome & Announcements The Holy Communion

Offertory

The Great Thanksgiving:

The Lord's Prayer BCP364

The Breaking of the Bread

BCP 365

The Administration

Communion Song

Post Communion Prayer

The Blessing

Song for the Procession Out

The Dismissal BCP 366

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE

Lead On, O King Eternal **Procession In, standing** Hymnal 555

BCP 360

The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise The Gloria Hymnal S278

The Collect

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; 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 6:1a,4-7

Note: The prophet continues his criticism of the rich. Their fault is not in their wealth, but in their casual indifference to the world around them. They acknowledge no connection and no responsibility for the trouble in their culture. This indifference comes with a price. Who or what are we indifferent toward whom God might be leading us?

Alas for those who are at ease in Zion. and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.

Alas for those who lie on beds of ivory, and lounge on their couches.

and eat lambs from the flock,

and calves from the stall;

who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp,

and like David improvise on instruments of music:

who drink wine from bowls.

and anoint themselves with the finest oils,

but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,

and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

Psalm 146 Lauda, anima mea

Note: This one of the closing "halleluiah" psalms of the Psalter. We praise the Lord and acknowledge God as sure and certain, the single dependable force in creation, At the same time God dependability relates to God's reaching out to us and especially to those

in need. The "righteous" are those who act in this very image of God toward the marginal of our society. Where might we see our righteousness in this place and time?

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *

I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, * for there is no help in them.

- 3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, * and in that day their thoughts perish.
- 4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! * whose hope is in the Lord their God;
- 5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; ' who keeps his promise for ever;
- 6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, * and food to those who hunger.
- 7 The Lord sets the prisoners free; the Lord opens the eyes of the blind; * the Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
- 8 The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger: * he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.
- 9 The Lord shall reign for ever, * your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 6:6-19

Note: We continue our semi-continuous reading of this letter. Here we have some familiar teachings about money and possessions. A preoccupation with the acquiring of wealth can crowd out the larger place God should have in our life and the more durable gifts of "righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness". Where has the love of money gotten in the way of our faith or our life?

There is great gain in godliness combined with contentment; for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it; but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many

But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, which he will bring about at the right time-- he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen.

As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty, or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches, but rather on God who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that they may take hold of the life that really is life.

Sequence Hymn, standing

O Bless the Lord

Hymnal 411, vs.1-3,6

The Gospel: Luke 16:19-31

Note: The parable of Lazarus and the rich man is more than a cautionary tale about the everlasting punishment of those who ignore the plight of the needy. It also tells us that there are consequences when we think we have no responsibility to the world outside our gates. What might be the real time consequences for our irresponsibility in this

Jesus said, "There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man's table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. In Hades, where he was being tormented, he looked up and saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. He called out, Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am in agony in these flames. But Abraham said, 'Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things, and Lazarus in like manner evil things; but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us. He said, Then, father, I beg you to send him to my father's house-- for I have five brothers-- that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment. Abraham replied, 'They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.' He said, 'No, father Abraham; but if someone goes to them from the dead, they will repent. He said to him, 'If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead."

The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min The Homily Followed by silence for reflection

The Nicene Creed, standing

The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing

Greetings and Announcements **Eucharist Ministry Service**

Eucharistic Ministers Dedication of Sorensen Eucharist Travel Kit Blessing of Hands

BCP 358

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The Confession of Sin BCP 359 BCP 360 The Peace, standing

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The Offertory When Love Is Spoken Here Choir The Doxology, standing

The Great Thanksgiving

| The Sursum Coraa | BCP 36/ |
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| The Sanctus | Hymnal S114 |
| The Canon, kneeling or standing. | - |
| THE GREAT AMEN | BCP 368 |
| The Lord's Prayer | BCP 364 |
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Breaking of the Bread BCP 364 **Fraction Anthem Choir Meditation** Come, Risen Lord Hymnal 306

BCP 365 Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing

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: Praise to the Lord Hymnal 390

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, 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, SCOTT, RICHARD, AND JOY.

☆ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER FAMILY & THE BARRE FAMILY.

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.

Ordering our Loves

What or who do we value most? What does it mean to be generous? What or who are we responsible for? These are some of the questions raised by these last few parables of Jesus in our gospel readings over the last couple of Sundays as well as this one. Underlying them are the deeper questions of how that might affect how we live and operate in our lives.

Perhaps the golden thread through all of this is our human need for healthy relationships. When we value our relationships our behavior and the valuation of material things is put into perspective. We can hold things lightly and be generous. Freed from our material obsession we can also see need more clearly and understand the needy not as rivals but as subjects worthy of a response.

St. Augustine spoke about "ordering our loves" throughout our lives. We discern what is most important understanding that everything we have received is a gift from God. If we see our wealth and material as something we have earned or simply deserve, then it is easy to see ourselves as isolated individuals without responsibility toward the world around us.

We are intimately connected and inter-related to one another. The gospel teaches that our well-being is firmly connected to the well-being of others and to the well-being of the common good. At the end of the day its all about relationship: toward God, toward others.

How then shall we live?

Jamie #

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Realm is Here!

We've launched this new tool to help us stay connected, engaged, and informed. It's simple, secure, and made for churches just like ours. Some of you have already received Invitations by email! There will be computers set up in Davis Hall to help people set up their portal accounts and, upload pictures of themselves to earn their St. Clement's car magnet! Stay tuned!

Adult Education:

09/28 10:15am Episcopalian 101 continues featured by Fr. Jamie.

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 Trea

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.

Tuesday

The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com The Way Bible Study 1:00-3:00pm in Davis Hall.

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We study the previous Sunday's readings. For more information, please contact Susan Gensel at 706.273.9187.

Wednesdays

Rector's Bible Study this week 12:00 noon via Zoom. We are studying the Psalms.

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm

- **Meal** 6:45pm
- EYC 7:00pm
- Bible Study 7:00pm Continuing the study of <u>Twelve Extraordinary Women</u> exploring the lives and faith of women who changed the world through God's grace. In the Vestry Room.

Thursdays

Grief Share 10:30am In the Vestry Room

Path to Shine 2:00-5:00pm in Davis Hall. This is a school children's mentoring group.

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

Scan to visit our website



Serving Today:

VPOD: Tim Woltering/Kay Morrison Crucifer/1st Server: Jeff Pawlik Epistle Torch: Nick Cerniglia Gospel Torch/Bells: Thomas Cerniglia LEM: Dell Lyons

Reader: Amanda Cerniglia Teller: Scott Burleson



Birthdays this week:

John Vernachio 09/30



Total Expenses

Anniversaries this week:

Aaron & Anna Walter 10/02

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of July 2025

Pledges YTD \$130.340 Total Income \$232,980

\$ 214,890



September 28, 2025 The Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

The Lord loves the righteous; the Lord cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow.

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

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

Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am
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 Path to Shine// 2:00pm Al-Anon//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 Doug & Gloria Blackburn in celebration of St. Francis of Assisi, the patron saint of animals, acknowledging our love for our pets, past and present.

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