

September 14, 2025

The Fourteenth 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, standing	In the Cross of Christ I Glory	Hymnal 441
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The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer 355
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Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278
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The Collect

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 First Lesson: Exodus 32:7-14

Note: This passage where Moses seems to dissuade God from destroying the Hebrew people over the idol of the golden calf raises a controversial question: does God actually, as the scripture indicates, "change his mind"?

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Psalm 51:1-11: Miserere mei, Deus

Note: This is the fourth of the great penitential psalms associated with Lent. It acknowledges the condition of sin and asks for renewal. It blames no one else for the situation. The superscription associates it with David's transgression with regard to Bathsheba,

1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; * in your great compassion blot out my offenses.

2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness * and cleanse me from my sin.

3 For I know my transgressions, * and my sin is ever before me.

4 Against you only have I sinned * and done what is evil in your sight.

5 And so you are justified when you speak * and upright in your judgment.

6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, * a sinner from my mother's womb.

7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, * and will make me understand wisdom secretly.

8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; * wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.

9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, * that the body you have broken may rejoice.

10 Hide your face from my sins * and blot out all my iniquities.

11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, * and renew a right spirit within me.

The Epistle: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

Note: The opening lines of this letter offer the credentials of the writer: he was lost and now is found. Humility here is the soul of the evangelist.

I am grateful to Christ Jesus our Lord, who has strengthened me, because he judged me faithful and appointed me to his service, even though I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and a man of violence. But I received mercy because I had acted ignorantly in unbelief, and the grace of our Lord overflowed for me with the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners-- of whom I am the foremost. But for that very reason I received mercy, so that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display the utmost patience, making me an example to those who would come to believe in him for eternal life. To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Sequence Hymn, standing	In Christ There Is No East or West	Hymnal 529
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The Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

Note: The parable of the lost sheep and the lost coin preceded and introduced another famous parable, the parable of the prodigal son, which is not part of the reading this Sunday. An interesting focus is the contrast between grumbling and joy. What category do we fall into most of the time?

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

So he told them this parable: "Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? When he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found my sheep that was lost.' Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

"Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? When she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, 'Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.' Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents."

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

The Nicene Creed, standing	BCP 358
The Prayers of the People, kneeling or standing	

Greetings and Announcements

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

THE HOLY COMMUNION

RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory	Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing	Choir
The Doxology, standing		

The Great Thanksgiving	
The Sursum Corda	BCP 367
The Sanctus	Hymnal S114
The Canon, kneeling or standing.	
THE GREAT AMEN	BCP 368
The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread	BCP 364
Fraction Anthem	
Choir Meditation	And Now, O Father
	Hymnal 337

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing	BCP 365
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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:	Lift High the Cross	Hymnal 473
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The Blessing	
The Dismissal Response	BCP 366
Thanks be to God.	

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ GLORIA, BILL, MARY & ART, 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, ANN, THE PEOPLE OF MAUI, ELVIE, ELIZABETH, ROB, SONJA, FRANK, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, LIZ, JOHN, JOE, MISTY, LORI, PAT, CATHY, JEFF, EMORY, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, GORDAN, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, MADISON, TYLER, KENNY, COLT, ANDREW, PHIL, DONALD, LORELLA, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, JINNY, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, JAN, MARKHAM, MARTIN, TOMMY, GEORGE, RUBY, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELLA, DONNA, JOY, JAN, PERRY & CHRISTY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CHAD, CATHY, MICHELLE, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTY, YA YA, CARRIE, AND KRISTIN ANN.
- ✚ 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.

Lost and Found

Everyone who has ever had a child must remember a moment when they lost track of them. Children become very mobile when they discover potential in their legs.

Parents can get caught off guard. Now you see them, now you don't. When that happened to me in a local CVS, I was all over the place at once. Gone was my quiet demeanor and reserved nature. I searched and shouted high and low.

Of course, I found her in the candy aisle. She saw my exasperated expression and met it with her own puzzled response. It was like Jesus, missing in Jerusalem, his parents frantic to find him. "Where else would I be?"

Frustration and anger turn rapidly into joy. We can't dwell on the reason for the rambling or our previous outrage. Now is the time to celebrate.

Because the whole reason for the search, the whole reason for the inner disturbance was that I love her and want her safe and sound.

God wants us safe and sound. We may wander off, we may run off, but in the end it is when we are found, or as a parable says, "when we come to ourselves", when we know and accept that love and the direction that love is leading us toward, that is the cause of God's joy.

And because God rejoices in the found, should we not also. And when there are those who are lost, should we not search for them to remind them, at the very least that they are valuable, part of the flock, and that the loss of them is a loss to all of us, not least of all to God, himself.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

COHI Adult Education Series
9/14 10:15am Community of Hope International (COHI) is offering an 8-part adult education series starting this fall. The first class, Examining our Spiritual Gifts, is Sunday, September 14, 2025, at 10:15 a.m. in Davis Hall. Join us in a journey in learning how to do extraordinary things!

ECW
09/15 7:00pm Shaking things up a bit: Meeting at Wanda Carr's house, 2093 Lower Union Hill Rd., Canton, GA 30115. Brief business meeting with socializing following. So you will know: October through March meetings will be virtual.

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 Animals
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

Tuesdays
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

The Rev. Dr. James B. Stutler, *rector*
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Hall. We study the previous Sunday's readings. For more information, please contact Susan Gensel at 706.273.9187.

Wednesdays
Rector's Bible Study 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 Twelve Extraordinary Women 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

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 w.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: Amanda Cerniglia
Crucifer/1st Server: Brad Vaughan
Epistle Torch: Tori Vaughan
Gospel Torch/Bells: Jack Ferraro
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Gloria Blackburn
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Birthdays this week:**
Gabriel Yocoub 09/14
Bill McArthur 09/16
Sandy Woltering 09/16
Bill Doran 09/17
Jade Leffingwell 09/17
Philip Nelson 09/17
Nancy Hobby 09/18
Jamie Lyons 09/20
Mark Stewart 09/20

 **Anniversaries this week:**
John & Valerie Brumbelow 09/16
Bruce & Joan Immke 09/20

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of July 2025	
Pledges YTD	\$ 130,340
Total Income	\$ 232,980
Total Expenses	\$ 214,890



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Christ Jesus
came into the world
to save sinners

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 Morning Prayer (online)//9:00am Al-Anon//12:00pm	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 EYC//7:00 pm (1st & 3rd weeks)
TUESDAY COHI //10:00am Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am Bible Study: The Way//1:00pm Alcoholics Anonymous//8:00pm	THURSDAY Grief Share//10:30am Al-Anon//7:00pm Lateen//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 St. Clement's Congregation in celebration of our new
Deacon Peter who is welcomed to the St. Clement's family.

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