

July 5, 2026

The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

COMBINED EUCHARIST SERVICE 10:00 AM

THE WORDS OF THE LITURGY AND MUSIC ARE PROJECTED ON THE EAST WALL.

Procession In, standing

God of Our Fathers

Hymnal 718

The Opening Sentences

The Book of Common Prayer

355

Song of Praise

The Gloria

Hymnal S278

The Collect

O God, you have taught us to keep all your commandments by loving you and our neighbor: Grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit, that we may be devoted to you with our whole heart, and united to one another with pure affection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spir- it, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The First Lesson: Zachariah 9:9-12

Note: This passage is set in Zechariah's 6th c. BC book and follows up on the prophet's enthusiastic vision of the coming of the Messiah. This passage is the source for the humble entry of Jesus into Jerusalem on "on an ass and on a colt, the foal of an ass" found in all four gospels.

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!

Lo, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

humble and riding on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall command peace to the nations;

his dominion shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,

I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;

today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm 145:8-15

Note: This is a song of praise which, together with the following five psalms con- cludes the psalter in a rousing celebration of God. This portion of this psalm be- gins with the ancient self-identification of God found in Exodus 34:6 and other places in the Hebrew Bible: "the Lord is gracious and full of compassion...".

8 The LORD is gracious and full of compassion, *

slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The LORD is loving to everyone *

and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O LORD, *

and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom * and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power * and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; * your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The LORD is faithful in all his words * and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The LORD upholds all those who fall; * he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Epistle: Romans 7:15-25a

Note: One of the great themes on this letter is Paul's urgent appeal to the church to rely entirely on the grace of God in our lives. Here he illustrates the problem. Sin, our self-destruction inclinations, is so powerful in our lives that our own willpower is not enough to avoid it. We must rely on God and in the work of Jesus to be our salva- tion.

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

Sequence Hymn, standing

O Beautiful

Hymnal 209

The Gospel: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Note: After Jesus instructs the disciples in mission, he went on a teaching mission himself. Here we find him speaking about the great forerunner of the mission, John the Baptist. He describes the careless misunderstanding of a people who can only find fault without seeking to hear the truth of Christ loving embrace of all people, especially the vulnerable and the oppressed.

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;

we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, be- cause you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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

Dust: Deep River

Soloist: Judy Reardon

Organist: Barbara Tilley

The Doxology, standing

Hymnal 380, v3

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

Down to the River

Choir

Post Communion Prayer, kneeling or standing

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: In Christ, There Is No East or West

Hymnal 529

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response

BCP 366

Thanks be to God.



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ CLAIRE, MARGE, FRAN, LINDA, DAVID, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, JOANN, CARL, JEAN, MARY, WAYNE, MIKE, LUKE, HOLT, CHRIS, 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

- ✚ TY. NICK, BRANDON, MAGGIE, STEPHEN, ELIJAH, BRIAN, ALEXANDRA, DAVID, & LAUREN.

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

- ✚ PATTI, TONY, RICHARD, STACY, RONNY, CHUCK, BRUCE, CHRISTOPHER, LINDA, LEVI, BECKY, LYNN, CINDY, MARTA, HEATHER, WARD, SANDRA, JEFF, JUNE, BOB, CHRIS, MICHAEL, KIRSI, SANDRA, DIANE, ROB, LUPINA, and JOY.

- ✚ COMFORT: 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.

John Winthrop Imagines a City on a Hill, 1630
Portions of a shipboard sermon before the establishment
of the Massachusetts Bay Colony

Thus stands the cause between God and us. We are entered into covenant with Him for this work... but if we shall neglect the observation of these articles which are the ends we have propounded, and, dissembling with our God, shall fall to embrace this present world and prosecute our carnal intentions, seeking great things for ourselves and our posterity, the Lord will surely break out in wrath against us, and be revenged of such a people, and make us know the price of the breach of such a covenant.

Now the only way to avoid this shipwreck, and to provide for our posterity, is to follow the counsel of Micah, to do justly, to love mercy, to walk humbly with our God. For this end, we must be knit together, in this work, as one man. We must entertain each other in brotherly affection.

We must be willing to abridge ourselves of our superfluities, for the supply of others' necessities. We must uphold a familiar commerce together in all meekness, gentleness, patience and liberality. We must delight in each other; make others' conditions our own; rejoice together, mourn together, labor and suffer together, always having before our eyes our commission and community in the work, as members of the same body. So shall we keep the unity of the spirit in the bond of peace.

The Lord will be our God, and delight to dwell among us, as His own people, and will command a blessing upon us in all our ways, so that we shall see much more of His wisdom, power, goodness and truth, than formerly we have been acquainted with.

For we must consider that we shall be as a city upon a hill. The eyes of all people are upon us. So that if we shall deal falsely with our God in this work we have undertaken, and so cause Him to withdraw His present help from us, we shall be made a story and a by-word through the world.

Therefore let us choose life,
that we and our seed may live,
by obeying His voice and cleaving to Him,
for He is our life and our prosperity.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

7/5 No Vestry Meeting today. The Fall Vestry Retreat will be held 8/1..

8/2 Combined Service and Potluck Meal
10:00am Our next combined service will be Sunday, August 2, Mark your calendars!

8/9 Youth Outing at the Lake
This gathering will be at Lake Arrowhead. Details to follow.

8/15 ECW Trivia Night
5:00-7:00pm in Davis Hall. Look for details soon!

Tuesday
The Men's Group 11:30am at IHOP, 3010 Northside Parkway, Canton
Contact: stclementsmensgroup@gmail.com

Bible Study: The Way 1:00-3:00pm in The Vestry Room
The group studies the previous Sunday's Readings found in your bulletins. For information contact Anna Marie Smith at 717.713.5879

Wednesday
Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom
We are studying the Gospel of Matthew. Contact the office for the link..

Holy Eucharist 6:15pm followed by

- 6:45 meal
- 7:00 EYC 1st and 3rd Wednesday
- 7:00 Bible Study 1st and 3rd Wednesday

Thursday
Grief Support Group
10:30 am Davis Hall

Path to Shine
2:00—5:00pm is off for Summer Break. They will resume in the Fall.

Friday
Centering Prayer 12:30 pm in Ministry Center. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. If interested, please contact Fr. Jamie (770.324.2035) or Diane Hodgins (850.339.8540).

Sunday Adult Forum will continue in late August.

The Altar Guild
Dates are available for flower dedications if you have someone or some event special to commemorate. See the flowered notebook in the narthex; the cost is \$50. Please contact Trish Cole (770)-377-4348 or trishcole4@gmail.com.

The Diocese of Atlanta ECW is collecting new or slightly used purses filled with trial sized personal

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hygiene products to My Sister's House. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations. This collection goes through 2026.

Our **Food Pantry** is always ready for donations! Please make sure your contributions are NOT expired. We had a few things added they were past their "use by date."

Online Giving available through our website www.stclementscanton.org by the Vanco app, or you can give online on the Realm app.

Want to Get Involved?
But not sure where to start? Contact Brad Vaughan- he'll help you find your fit! 931-265-6087 or braddford.v Vaughan25@gmail.com.

Our Parish Cares for You
Our church offers a variety of Parish Care Ministries to provide support in times of need led by both clergy and a dedicated team of lay volunteers. For more information, please pick up a brochure from the narthex of the church.

Summer Office Hours
Please note the change in times for the summer!
Tuesday and Thursday: 9am—2:00pm
Please call before coming by to make sure someone is in the office.

Scan to visit our website



Serving Today:
VPOD: Doug Blackburn
Crucifer: Tim Hodgins
Epistle Torch: Doug Blackburn
Gospel Torch/Bells: Diane Hodgins
LEM: Diane Hodgins
Reader: Gloria Blackburn
Teller: Al Irvine



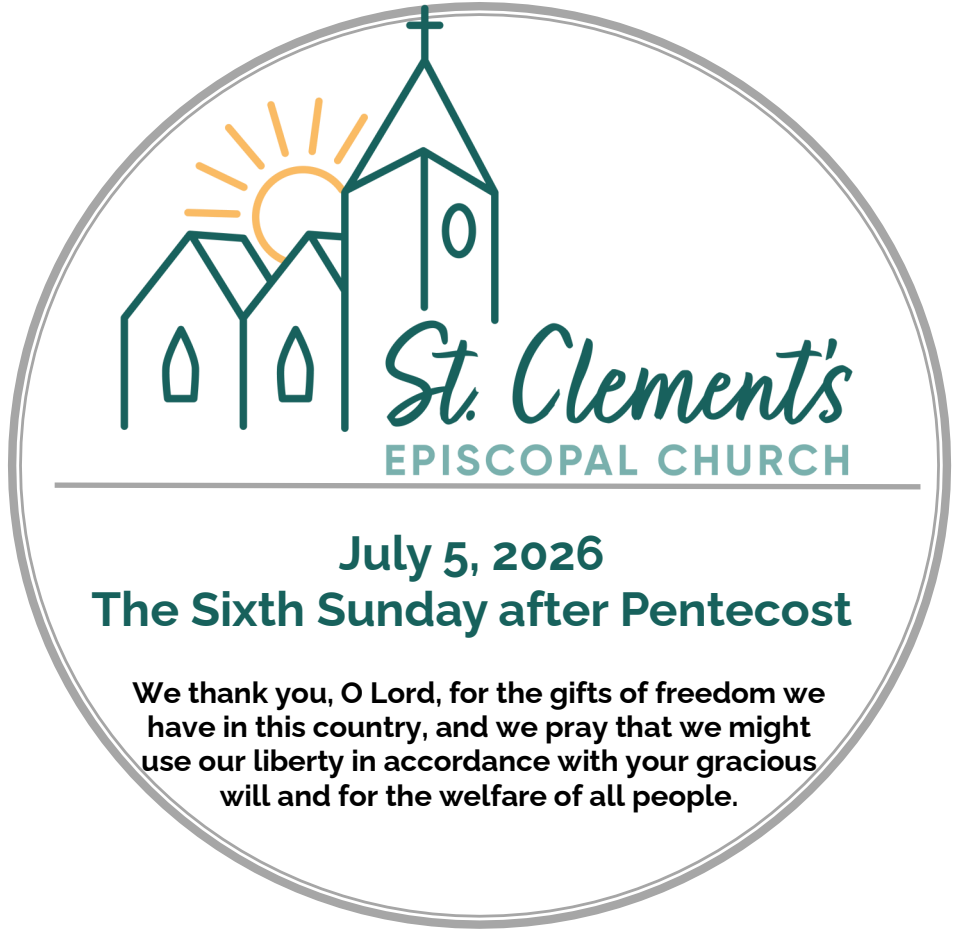
Birthdays this week:
John Binder 7/11
Louise Brannon 7/11
Wanda Carr 7/6
James Irvin 7/8
Melissa Rice 7/10



Anniversaries this week:
Victor & Fran Lepore 7/8
Michael & Cheryl Schellhase 7/10

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of May 2026

Pledges YTD	\$ 113,825
Total Income	\$165,286
Total Expenses	\$ 162,418



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We thank you, O Lord, for the gifts of freedom we have in this country, and we pray that we might use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will and for the welfare of all people.

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
Men's Group, IHOP//11:30am
Bible Study: The Way//1:00—3:00pm
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
Adult Bible Study & EYC//7:00pm
1st and 3rd weeks

THURSDAY
Grief Support//10:30am
Path-to-Shine//2:00—5:00pm
Canton Al-Anon & Alateen//7:00pm

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

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God
By Sandy & Wayne Smoak in celebration of their daughter
Candy's 50th birthday.

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