

April 26, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter/Good Shepherd Sunday
Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00am Family Holy Eucharist

The words of the liturgy and music are projected on the east wall.

Processional Song
 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 BCP 360

Welcome & Announcements
The Holy Communion
Offertory
 The Great Thanksgiving:
 The Lord's Prayer BCP364
 The Breaking of the Bread
 The Administration
Communion Song
 Post Communion Prayer BCP 365
 The Blessing
Song for the Procession Out
 The Dismissal BCP 366

11:00AM CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST

Procession In, standing *The King of Love* Hymnal 645
The Opening Sentences The Book of Common Prayer 355

Song of Praise *The Gloria* Hymnal S278

The Collect

O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Lesson: Acts 2:42-47

Note: You may recognize part of the Baptismal Covenant in these verses. They sketch out a faith community of mutual support and outreach, a picture of the early church as a witness to the abundant life Christ offers.

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

Psalm 23 Dominus regit me

Note: This famous psalm offers the image of God's provision, guidance, and protection. But it begins with the great confession that the Lord is my shepherd, and from that everything follows.

1 The LORD is my shepherd; *
 I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures *

and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul *
 and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.

4 **Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I shall fear no evil; *
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
 you have anointed my head with oil,
 and my cup is running over.

6 **Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my
 life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.**

The Epistle: 1 Peter 2:19-25

Note: This letter has the strong implication that the people being written to are suffering from some kind of repression or hardship. One has to be careful in this passage not to glorify abuse or justify quiet acceptance of it. Rather, when we do suffer, we remember the suffering of Christ through whom we can gain the strength to persevere.

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

"He committed no sin,
 and no deceit was found in his mouth."

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

Sequence Hymn, standing *Shepherd of Souls* Hymnal 343

The Gospel: John 10:1-10

Note: The sheepfold would have been a walled enclosure which acted as a kind of courtyard to the front door of the house of the shepherd. This adds to the intimate relationship between the sheep and the shepherd who knows them and who is known by them.

Jesus said, "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly."

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 *Psalm 23 (Vicar of Dibley)* Choir

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 The Lord's My Gentle Shepherd 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: *The Lord My God my Shepherd Is* Hymnal 663

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response BCP 366
 Thanks be to God.



WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

✚ MARGE, WANDA, KELLY, FRAN, BOB, LINDA, DAVID, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, DOTTIE, PAIGE, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, JEAN, HUBIE, AMANDA, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, 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

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

Others needing Intercessory Prayer:

✚ HEALING: DIANE, SANDRA, RYAN, DAN, MARTHA, PAM, KATHLEEN, STEVE, PATTI, JUSTIN, ADRIAN, MICHAEL, ROB, SONJA, MOLLY, BRUCE, KRISTI, RAYMOND, GRACE, LESLIE, PAUL, JOE, MISTY, LORI, CATHY, JEFF, JOANN, KASEY, CAROL, BEVERLY, LUPINA, LORA, KENNY, DONALD, KATHY, PRISCILLA & LARRY, LIZ, DAVID, KAREN, JASON, LAURIE, MARK, MARTIN, GEORGE, RICH, TOBY, BECKY, LINDA, LIBBY, BETH, GISELA, DONNA, JOY, KATHY, ROBIN, ANALISA, CATHY, KAY, CURTIS, SCOTTIE, KIRSI ANN, SCOTT, RICHARD, BILL, LEVI, GRACE, REBECCA, IZZY, CHUCK, ROSS, LORALYE, JEANIE, JOY, BOB, LINDA, CHRIS, SCOT, CHARLES, SHANE, SARA, ANDRE, NOREEN, GINNI, ORSON, GINNY, JOHNNY, TIM, RONNY, LESLIE, PERRIY, & ROY & NANCY.

✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER, BARRE, WAGGONER & CROFT FAMILIES

✚ 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.

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Fourth Sunday of Easter is always called "Good Shepherd Sunday". The 23rd Psalm is always read and sequential portions of the gospel John, Chapter 10, are appointed for each liturgical year: A, B, and C.

This chapter, in each of its portions, have Jesus speaking metaphorically about matters related to the care a raising of sheep, with each portion having a different emphasis. This Sunday (being in year A) the first ten verses of the chapter are read. The general emphasis here is on the sheepfold, the walled enclosure where the sheep are kept safe at night. The specific emphasis is on Jesus as the "gate" to the sheepfold.

Something that would not be noticed, unless you were reading from the Bible, is that chapter 10 is Jesus response to chapter 9. This is common in John's gospel, where an action takes place and Jesus comments on the action in a discourse. What happened in Chapter nine was the long story of the healing of the man born blind.

That story moves toward the comic because the authorities refuse to believe either that Jesus healed the man or that Jesus was God's instrument in the healing. It ends tragically, however, with the healed man being thrown out of the synagogue. Jesus finds him and elicits from him faith.

In other words, Jesus, as the gate of the sheepfold, ushers the man into the family of faith represented by the gathered sheep safe and sound. The "gate" is faith in Jesus Christ. So, the sheep both enter in by way of faith and leave to go out into the world by way of faith.

The church, therefore, is not simply a place to retreat from the world. The church is a place to be formed in faith in order to go out into the world in faith, for the sake of the world. Especially for the sake of the outcasts of the world, like the healed man born blind.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

Please join us immediately after each service for **FELLOWSHIP** across the parking lot in Davis Hall!

4/26 Adult Education Series/Father Jamie 10:15am in Davis Hall "The Way of Love"

5/3 Combined Service and Potluck Meal 10:00am Our next combined service will be Sunday, May 3. Mark your calendars!

5/10 Senior Sunday Come help us celebrate our graduating Seniors on Sunday, May 10th at the 9:00 service.

6/6 Pentecost Picnic 12:00—3:00pm SAVE the DATE for the Pentecost Picnic Roundup!

Tuesdays
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

Wednesdays
Rector's Bible Study 12:00 noon via Zoom
We are studying the Psalms. 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 in Davis Hall. This is a school children's mentoring group.

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

Vacation Bible School
June 15-19 Please contact Katie McDonald if you would like to help. She needs teens to work with the kids, as well as adults to supervise. She also needs help with decorating.

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The Rev. Peter Waggoner, *deacon*
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Liberty Elementary School has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks, bottles of water, and toiletries for its underprivileged children, nearly 25% of its Student Body. There is a box in the Narthex for collecting your donations.

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


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

Office Hours
Tuesdays and Thursday: 10am—2:00pm
Wednesdays: 9am—11am
Please call before coming by to make sure someone is in the office.

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Serving Today:
VPOD: Tim Hodgins
Crucifer Doug Blackburn
Epistle Torch/1st Server: Thomas Cerniglia
Gospel Torch/Bells: Nick Cerniglia
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia
Teller: Scott Burleson

 **Birthdays this week:**
Lee Blackburn 4/26
Carole Myers 4/27
Kay Nelson 4/27

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Katie & Rob McDonald 4/27
John & Kimberly Vernachio 5/2

TREASURER'S SUMMARY
as of February 2026

Pledges YTD	\$64,583
Total Income	\$85,639
Total Expenses	\$57,955



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The Lord
Is my Shepherd

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

THURSDAY
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

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

The Altar Flowers today are given to the Glory of God by from the Altar Guild.

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