

August 9, 2026

The Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

9:00 FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
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		

11:00 HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE		
Procession In, standing	Lead on, O King Eternal	Hymnal 555
The Opening Sentences	The Book of Common Prayer	355
Song of Praise	The Gloria	Hymnal S278
The Collect		
Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; 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: 1 Kings 19:9-18

Note: God finds his prophet Elijah afraid. Jezebel, the wife of king Ahab of Israel, has a price on his head for interfering with her power and idolatry. But God has not abandoned Elijah: he shows him the storm and, in the earthquake, and fire, all where we expect God to be. But this time God is in the “sheer silence”, the place where we might overlook his most powerful presence.

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the LORD came to him, saying, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.”

He said, “Go out and stand on the mountain before the LORD, for the LORD is about to pass by.” Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but theLORD was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” He answered, “I have been very zealous for the LORD, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away.” Then the LORD said to him, “Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus;

when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.”

Psalm 85: 8-13 Benedixisti, Domine

Note: Salvation happens when mercy and truth, righteousness and peace are active in and through the community of the God-fearing faithful. The psalm celebrates a kind of sacred commerce in all these dynamics between heaven and earth.

- 8 I will listen to what the LORD God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.
- 9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.
- 10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.
- 11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.
- 12 The LORD will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.
- 13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Epistle: Romans 10:5-15

Note: Paul echoes Moses when he affirms that it is God who reaches out to us so that we may be enabled to call for God. God always takes the initiative and is always present in our need.

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that “the person who does these things will live by them.” But the righteousness that comes from faith says, “Do not say in your heart, ‘Who will ascend into heaven?’” (that is, to bring Christ down) “or ‘Who will descend into the abyss?’” (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

“The word is near you,
on your lips and in your heart”

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

Sequence Hymn, standing	Dear Lord and Father	Hymnal 653 Verses 1-4
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The Gospel: Matthew 14:22-33

Note: The various reactions of the disciples when they see this figure coming toward them on the sea through the storm may say something about how we react when God does

come to us. Some find God frightening. Some may wish He would just go away and leave us alone. Some are prepared to jump in with Him.

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, “It is a ghost!” And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, “Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid.”

Peter answered him, “Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water.” He said, “Come.” So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, “Lord, save me!” Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, “You of little faith, why did you doubt?” When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, “Truly you are the Son of God.”

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	God is Love	Choir
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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
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The Lord's Prayer	BCP 364
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Breaking of the Bread		BCP 364
Fraction Anthem		Hymnal S169
Communion Meditation	<i>Here, O My Lord</i>	Hymnal 314

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:	O For a Thousand Tongues	Hymnal 493
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The Blessing	
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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, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, JOANN, CARL, JEAn, MARY, WAYNE, MIKE, ELIZABETH, KAREN, 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:

- ✚ JEFF, PATTI, BOB, CHRIS, MICHAEL, JIRSI, SANDRA, DIANE, ROB, LUPINA, JOY, ARLO, MARY-JO, JANICE, RONNY, CHUCK, BRUCE, CKRISTOPHER, & MEG

- ✚ 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.

In Praise of Little Faith

Years ago, I weathered a hurricane in Charleston. I felt like it was going to be like so many before and I chose not to evacuate. Not the wisest decision I have ever made. It turned out to be a category 4/5 storm, the kind you needed to get out of the way of and to do it in plenty of time.

I hunkered down with Eleanor, then my fiancée, in my lawyer’s office. It was a sturdy brick building attached to a row of others, all built in at least the 19th century, if not earlier and all on the historic high ground of Broad St.

The first bit was awesome. The eye was eerie. The second bit was frightening. We retreated to the center of the building with some refugee neighbors. I remember we were all pretty quiet as it slowly passed over. It took all night.

But, as I look back, while I was properly in awe of what was happening, and took what precautions I could given our circumstances, I wasn’t in deathly fear of my life. Perhaps it was my youth and arrogance or perhaps it was the thick walls that surrounded me. I trusted enough to be able to appreciate the power of creation, even when I found myself subject to it.

In other words, I trusted that despite everything that was going on, that we were going to be alright.

Jesus speaks to the disciples after he plucks Peter out of the stormy waters, “you of little faith”. That is where we all begin, with mustard seed faith. With such faith we can weather the storms, not because we are so sturdy and protected from without, but because we are strengthened from within, going, we pray, throughout our life from strength to strength through him through whom all things were made.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

8/9 Youth Outing at the Lake
This gathering will be at Lake Arrowhead. Details on the website and in the weekly Newsletter.

8/15 ECW Trivia Night
5:00—7:00pm in Davis Hall. Develop your team of four people, or organize it when you arrive.. \$10 Amazon Gift Cards will be offered to the winning four! Pizza and cokes for sale. Tickets are \$10 per person. Come enjoy!

8/23 Newcomers Reception 4-6pm Davis Hall

8/30 Children & Youth Ministries Meeting at 3:00pm in Davis Hall.

Guest Speaker **Dr. Lindsey Hardegree, Executive Director of the Episcopal Community Foundation (ECF)**, will be visiting St. Clement’s to discuss the Foundation, grants, and planned giving. She will be here Sunday, **August 30**, and she will be at both services.

9/6 Combined Service and Potluck Meal 10:00am Our next combined service will be Sunday, September 6th. Mark your calendars!

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 each week
—On the 1st & 3rd Wednesdays, it is followed by

- 6:45 meal
- 7:00 EYC
- 7:00 Bible Study

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).

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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.

Liberty Elementary School has an ongoing need for peanut-free snacks, small 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 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 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.vaughan25@gmail.com.

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

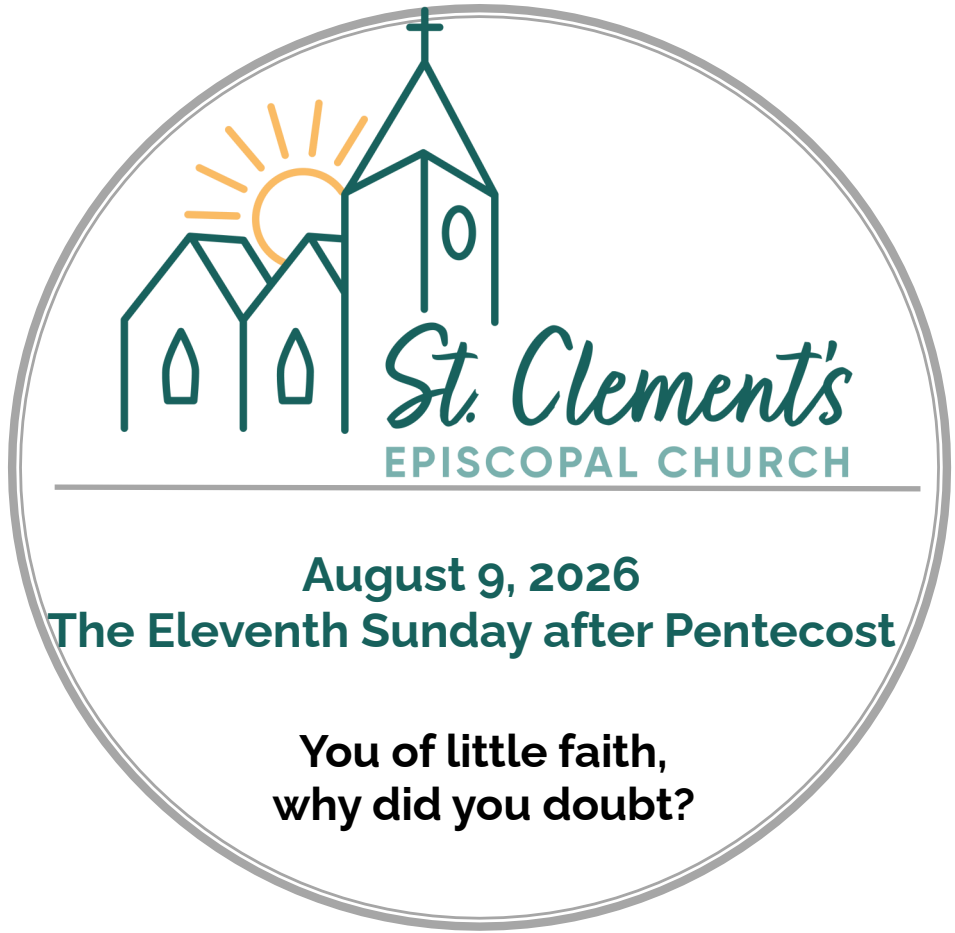


Serving Today:
VPOD:
Mike Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer: Brad Vaughan
LEM: Dell Lyons
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia
Teller: Jamie Lyons

 **Birthdays this week:**
Jamie Stutler 8/10
Tom Carlson 8/12
Valeria Rezende 8/13
Mary Koblasz 8/15

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Brad & Beth Vaughan 8/15

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of June 2026	
Pledges YTD	\$ 134,910
Total Income	\$ 192,551
Total Expenses	\$ 190,590



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You of little faith,
why did you doubt?

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
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

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 Tim and Sandy Woltering in Loving Memory
of their son, Nick.

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