

July 12, 2026

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

Holy Eucharist, Rite II

FAMILY HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE 9:00 AM

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

CHORAL HOLY EUCHARIST SERVICE 11:00 AM

Procession In, standing
The Opening Sentences

Amazing Grace
The Book of Common Prayer 355

Hymnal 671

Song of Praise

The Gloria

Hymnal S278

The Collect

○ Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; 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: Isaiah 55:10-13

Note: A portion of this reading can be found in the Morning Office of the prayer book: the Second Song of Isaiah. God encourages us, through the prophet, to trust that his Word, cast out upon the world, will accomplish his purposes. Faith is such trust.

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;

instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the LORD for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm 65: 9-14

Note: This is a song of joyful praise, reciting gratefully all of God’s works and benefits and especially, in this portion, of the earth itself which God tends as his own. Traditionally this psalm was often used during harvest season and on the American day of Thanksgiving.

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You visit the earth and water it abundantly;
you make it very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10

You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11

You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.
- 12

You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13

May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14

May the meadows cover themselves with flocks,
and the valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Epistle: Romans 8:1-11

Note: When Paul draws a distinction between spirit and flesh, he is not condemning our bodily existence. Jesus, after all, took on human form. As I was taught, the “flesh” refers to living a merely bodily life without reference to the spirit which dwells in us.

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spir- it of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

Sequence Hymn, standing

Just As I Am

Hymnal 693

The Gospel: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Note: Parables, like this one about the Sower, are meant to be weird: “At its simplest, the parable is a metaphor or simile drawn from nature or common life, arresting the hearer by its vividness or strangeness, and leaving the mind in sufficient doubt to its precise applica- tion to tease the mind into active thought.” CH Dodd.

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil,

and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

“Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who in- deed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

The Homily

The Rev. James B. Stutler, D. Min

Followed by silence for reflection.

The Nicene Creed, standing
The Prayers of the People , kneeling or standing
Greetings and Announcements
The Confession of Sin

BCP 358

BCP 359

The Peace, standing

BCP 360

THE HOLY COMMUNION
RITE II, PRAYER B

The Offertory

Deep River
Duet: Judy Reardon (double bass)
& Barbara Tilley (organ)
Arrangement written by Judy Reardon in memory of Larry Ellis

Instrumental

The Doxology, standing

Hymnal 380, v3

The Great Thanksgiving
The Sursum Corda
The Sanctus
The Canon, kneeling or standing.

BCP 367
Hymnal S114

THE GREAT AMEN

BCP 368

The Lord's Prayer

BCP 364

Breaking of the Bread
Fraction Anthem
Communion Meditation

Now My Tongue

Hymnal 329

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:

Come thou Fount

Hymnal 686

The Blessing

The Dismissal Response

Thanks be to God.

BCP 366

WE PRAY FOR:

Our Parish Family, especially

- ✚ CLAI**RE**, MARGE, FRAN, LINDA, DAVID, MARK, MISSY, LESLIE, BILL, AMANDA, CAROLE, JUDITH, ANN, AL, HUBIE, ROBIN, TED, DAKOTA, JOANN, CARL, JEAN, MARTY, WAYNE, MIKE, 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:

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

- ✚ COMFORT: THE LOEFFLER, BARRE, & 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.

Careless Love

We spend much of our lives thinking strategically. We wonder what the best way would be to achieve our goals. Is this the best way to invest or spend my money or should I look for something with a better return?

We might consult with people we feel have expertise in such or other areas to help make these practical decisions. I just used GPS to guide me by way of the fastest route to Charleston, even though I have a pretty good idea of how to get there.

Even here in the church we try to think strategically. It is how we manage the physical structures of the church, the way we budget, the way we tailor our communications to reach out into the world.

Jesus also thinks strategically. We see this especially as he sends out his disciples to spread the good news. But, in a very important way, Jesus seems to not be strategic at all, even to the point of carelessness.

The Parable of the Sower is a good example of the latter. Presumably the people listening to him knew something about agriculture. Surely the strangest thing about the parable, from their perspective, is just how careless the sower is in spreading the seed. He throws it everywhere, even in places which there is a low likelihood of a good "return": a barren path, rocky soil, and soil full of weeds and thorns.

But isn't that just like Jesus. He is the one who eats with sinners and tax collectors. He is the one who speaks truth to power. He is the one who sees promise in the last, the lost, the least, and us Gentile outsiders.

There is a time to be strategic and there is a time to be careless. We are responsible, but we are also faithful enough to realize that random acts of kindness and compassion out of which can expect nothing is how God often works through us, through the unconditional, careless love we spread out in the world.

Jamie ✚

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

The Outreach Committee collected donations for Give Kids a Chance and School Supplies for Liberty Elementary School. St. Clements contributed \$1170! This will be split between the School and Give Kids a Chance. Thank you so much for your generosity.

8/2 Combined Service and Potluck Meal 10:00am Our next combined service will be Sunday, July 5th. 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

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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.

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.

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: Mike Woltering/Kay Morrison
Crucifer: Nick Cerniglia
Epistle Torch: Thomas Cerniglia
Gospel Torch/Bells: Tori Vaughan
LEM: Doug Blackburn
Reader: Amanda Cerniglia
Teller: Gary Dorminey

 **Birthdays this week:**
Gwen Green 7/14
Liam MacNeill 7/14
Patricia Krupp 7/15
Jim Carr 7/17
Brittany Immke 7/17
Payton Immke 7/18

 **Anniversaries this week:**
Scott & Kelly Burleson 7/15
Mike & Margie Woltering 7/18

TREASURER'S SUMMARY as of May 2026	
Pledges YTD	\$ 113,825
Total Income	\$165,286
Total Expenses	\$ 162,418



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For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace.

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 Scott and Kelly Burleson in honor and celebration of the
Burlesons' Anniversary on 7/15 and
Mike & Margie Woltering's anniversary on 7/18.

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