

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 9, 2021

The First Reading

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, "Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?" So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 98

- 1 Sing to the LORD a new song, *
for he has done marvelous things.
- 2 With his right hand and his holy arm *
has he won for himself the victory.
- 3 The LORD has made known his victory; *
his righteousness has he openly shown in the
sight of the nations.
- 4 He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the
house of Israel, *
and all the ends of the earth have seen the
victory of our God.
- 5 Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; *
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.
- 6 Sing to the LORD with the harp, *
with the harp and the voice of song.
- 7 With trumpets and the sound of the horn *
shout with joy before the King, the LORD.
- 8 Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, *
the lands and those who dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands, *
and let the hills ring out with joy before
the LORD,
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 10 In righteousness shall he judge the world *
and the peoples with equity.

The Second Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another."

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Samantha Rauch
 6th: Lily Nail
 7th: Jeff Hahne
 12th: Jane Barker
 12th: Joe McClellan
 18th: Danny Carroll
 19th: Rita Burke
 24th: Fred Brink
 25th: Charlotte Oberthier
 28th: Aaron Keith
 30th: Cord Cammack

Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

Honoring Graduates

Sunday, May 16th, Mother Tracey will be recognizing all who have graduated from elementary school to middle school all the way up to master's degree.

Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd

Don't forget to wear **RED** for **Pentecost Sunday, May 23rd**.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

NEXT Sunday's Servers (05/16)

Cameras & Streaming: Bryan White

Danny's Team: Frank Supercinski

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Becky Supercinski

Sound Board: Andy Sanders

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, need a person

Worship Tech: Jessica Sanders

This Sunday's Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Greeter: David Brown

Lector: David Brown

Sound Board: Jonathan Roberts

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, David Brown

Worship Tech: Laura Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Willa Ann
- Fred & Libby
- Cathy
- Aaron, Roni, & Tom
- Lorraine
- Pete & Margie

To submit a prayer request, fill out the back of the information sheet in the pew and place it in the offering.

Or, send an email with your request to: prayer@smaalongview.org

**** Emailed prayer requests are received by all who've signed up for the SMAA prayer chain. This community of prayer is committed to holding up our needs and thanksgivings to God whenever they are shared. TO JOIN IN THIS IMPORTANT MINISTRY, JUST SEND A REQUEST TO SMAA@SMAALONGVIEW.ORG ASKING TO BE A PART OF THE PRAYER CHAIN. ****

Stewardship Update

DATE	GIVING	BUDGET	ABOVE/BELOW
04/11/21	\$940	\$2,946	-\$2,006
04/18/21	\$1,570	\$2,946	-\$1,376
04/25/21	\$2,330	\$2,946	-\$616
05/02/21	\$1,011	\$2,946	-\$1,935
YTD TOTALS	\$40,873	\$53,036	-\$12,163

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