

# Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1, 2021

## The First Reading

*Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15*

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the Lord said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. The Lord spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat."

*After the Reading, the Reader says* The Word of the Lord

**People Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*Psalm 78:23-29*

- 23 So he commanded the clouds above \*  
and opened the doors of heaven.
- 24 He rained down manna upon them to eat \*  
and gave them grain from heaven.
- 25 So mortals ate the bread of angels; \*  
he provided for them food enough.
- 26 He caused the east wind to blow in the heavens \*  
and led out the south wind by his might.
- 27 He rained down flesh upon them like dust \*  
and winged birds like the sand of the sea.
- 28 He let it fall in the midst of their camp \*  
and round about their dwellings.
- 29 So they ate and were well filled, \*  
for he gave them what they craved.

## The Second Reading

*Ephesians 4:1-16*

I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, one Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all. But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity  
itself a captive;

he gave gifts to his people."

(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

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## Sequence Hymn

### The Gospel Reading

*John 6:24-35*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The next day, when the people who remained after the feeding of the five thousand saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Jerry Ritchie  
 4th: Harper Martin  
 7th: Pete Litterski  
 8th: Austin Keith  
 13th: Donna Richardson  
 14th: Margie Litterski  
 20th: Ella Cammack  
 21st: Carli Lara  
 22nd: Monika Henry  
 27th: Ayedin Nail  
 29th: Paige Lindsey Jackson  
 30th: Jason Richardson  
 31st: Kari Dickson  
 31st: Jim Watson

### Blessing of the Backpacks Cookout

Please join us **Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, after the service as we celebrate together the beginning of the new school year! We invite all students, teachers, and educators to bring their backpacks and workbags as we ask God's blessing on the new school year ahead.

**We need volunteers to help cook, setup, serve, & bring food items. Signup sheet located in the narthex.**

### New Church Directory

Please help us update our information and pictures so we can publish a current directory. Starting on **Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>**, Christina Richardson will be in the church office to take you and/or your family's picture either before or after the service. Other picture days available, **August 22<sup>nd</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you would like to send your own picture and contact information, please E-mail [christina@smaalongview.org](mailto:christina@smaalongview.org)

### Volunteers Needed

We need one or more volunteers to train/help in Streaming, Sound Board, & Worship Tech. If you would like to Volunteer, please contact Bryan White, 903.757.2990 or by email: [b4hntn@cablerynx.com](mailto:b4hntn@cablerynx.com)

### 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.

### Altar Flowers

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

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- 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](mailto: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
07/04/21	\$1,871	\$2,946	-\$1,075
07/11/21	\$888	\$2,946	-\$2,058
07/18/21	\$1,461	\$2,946	-\$1,485
07/25/21	\$2,117	\$2,946	-\$829
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$69,036</b>	<b>\$88,393</b>	<b>-\$19,358</b>

### NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/08)

**Cameras & Streaming:** Danielle Martin

**Danny's Team:** Laura Buckner

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Brown

**Greeter:** Ruby Hahne

**Lector:** Charlie Parker

**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown

**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski

**Vestry People:** Amy Brown, Frank Supercinski

**Worship Tech:** Laura Brown

### This Sunday's Servers

**Cameras & Streaming:** Danielle Martin

**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Buckner

**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski

**Lector:** Robyn Murphy

**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown

**Ushers:** David Brown

**Vestry People:** Amy Brown, David Brown

**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

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