

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8, 2021

The First Reading

1 Kings 19:4-8

Elijah went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.

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

People Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 34:1-8

- 1 I will bless the LORD at all times; *
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 I will glory in the LORD; *
let the humble hear and rejoice.
- 3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the LORD; *
let us exalt his Name together.
- 4 I sought the LORD, and he answered me *
and delivered me out of all my terror.
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant, *
and let not your faces be ashamed.
- 6 I called in my affliction and the LORD heard me *
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the LORD encompasses those who fear him, *
and he will deliver them.
- 8 Taste and see that the LORD is good; *
happy are they who trust in him!

The Second Reading

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

Putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who

hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

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People Thanks be to God

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.

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

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven?'" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Barbara McClellan in honor of Donna Richardson's Birthday and in thanks for her son, Jeff Richardson and his musical gifts

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 **NEXT Sunday, August 15th**, 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 **NEXT Sunday, August 15th**, 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 22nd & 29th**. If you would like to send your own picture and contact information, please E-mail 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@cabllynx.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:

- Jim & Martha Berry
- 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
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
08/01/21	\$1,131	\$2,946	-\$1,815
YTD TOTALS	\$70,167	\$91,340	-\$21,173

NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/15)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny's Team: Bryan White
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes
Greeter: Amy Brown
Lector: Diana Duesterhoft
Sound Board: Harrison Brown
Ushers: David Brown
Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Laura Buckner
Worship Tech: Jessica Sanders

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Greeter: Ruby Hahne
Lector: David Brown
Sound Board: Harrison Brown
Ushers: Frank Supercinski
Vestry People: Amy Brown, Frank Supercinski
Worship Tech: Laura Brown

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