

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 15, 2021

## The Second Reading

*Ephesians 5:15-20*

### The First Reading

*Proverbs 9:1-6*

Wisdom has built her house,  
she has hewn her seven pillars.  
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,  
she has also set her table.  
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls  
from the highest places in the town,  
“You that are simple, turn in here!”  
To those without sense she says,  
“Come, eat of my bread  
and drink of the wine I have mixed.  
Lay aside immaturity, and live,  
and walk in the way of insight.”

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

### Psalm

*Psalm 34:9-14*

- 9 Fear the LORD, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing that is  
good.
- 11 Come, children, and listen to me; \*  
I will teach you the fear of the LORD.
- 12 Who among you loves life \*  
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?
- 13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking \*  
and your lips from lying words.
- 14 Turn from evil and do good; \*  
seek peace and pursue it.

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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### Sequence Hymn

### The Gospel Reading

*John 6:51-58*

*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 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.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

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 **TODAY 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 **TODAY 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:

- Rebecca Sweets
- Jim & Martha Berry
- Regina
- 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
07/18/21	\$1,461	\$2,946	-\$1,485
07/25/21	\$2,117	\$2,946	-\$829
08/01/21	\$931	\$2,946	-\$2,015
08/08/21	\$768	\$2,946	-\$2,178
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$70,735</b>	<b>\$94,286</b>	<b>-\$23,551</b>

### NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/22)

**Cameras & Streaming:** Danielle Martin

**Danny's Team:** Mary Lynn Dawes

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Greeter:** Roxanne Brink

**Lector:** Harrison Brown

**Sound Board:** Jonathan Roberts

**Ushers:** Bryan White

**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, David Brown

**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

### This Sunday's Servers

**Cameras & Streaming:** Bryan White

**Danny's Team:** Laura Buckner

**Eucharistic Ministers:**

**Greeter:** Amy Brown

**Lector:** Ruby Hahne

**Sound Board:** Harrison Brown

**Ushers:** David Brown

**Vestry People:** Susan Kuhlman, Laura Buckner

**Worship Tech:** Jessica Sanders

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