

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021

The First Reading

Isaiah 35:4-7a

Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water;

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

People Thanks be to God

Psalm

Psalm 146

1 Hallelujah!

Praise the Lord, O my soul! *
I will praise the LORD as long as I live;
I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

2 Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, *
for there is no help in them.

3 When they breathe their last, they return to earth, *
and in that day their thoughts perish.

4 Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help! *
whose hope is in the LORD their God;

5 Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them; *
who keeps his promise for ever;

6 Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, *
and food to those who hunger.

7 The LORD sets the prisoners free;
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; *
the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

8 The LORD loves the righteous;
the LORD cares for the stranger; *
he sustains the orphan and widow,
but frustrates the way of the wicked.

9 The LORD shall reign for ever, *
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations.
Hallelujah!

The Second Reading

James 2:1-10, [11-13], 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. [For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.]

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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Sequence Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Mark 7:24-37

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Margot Lindsey Jackson
 1st: Jay Ramo
 2nd: Michael Buckner
 3rd: Ruby Hahne
 4th: Gloria Richards
 5th: Jane Hale
 6th: Rhys Duncalfe
 11th: David Brown
 11th: Terisa Kirschke
 12th: Madison Robinson
 17th: Diane Buffington
 18th: Matthew Burke
 19th: Ethan Bohnsack
 19th: Robyn Murphy
 19th: Roxanne Brink
 21st: Grace Richardson
 21st: Mary Lynn Dawes
 23rd: Amanda Nail
 23rd: Kyle Glave
 24th: Caroline Tucker
 27th: Helen Daniel
 28th: Regina Nesbitt

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@cablelynx.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.

NEXT Sunday's Servers (09/12)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Frank Supercinski

Eucharistic Ministers:

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Helen Daniel

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Andy Sanders

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Frank Rauch
- Pepe Forina (in a coma with COVID)
- Harold Hoffmeister (heart attack)
- Greg Caldwell (in ICU with COVID)
- Aaron, Roni, & Tom

Other Prayer Requests:

- Terisa Kirschke (TRMC where I work pray for myself/co-workers for strength & protection against COVID. Our hospital is full)
- Joe McClellan (to adjust to Hawkins Creek Assisted Living Facility)

Prayers For Deceased:

- Roel "Roy" Martinez (Adoptive Father of Joshua Martinez)
- Tim Raif (Son of Ron & Gayle Raif)

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
08/08/21	\$768	\$2,946	-\$2,178
08/15/21	\$8,848	\$2,946	\$5,902
08/22/21	\$2,698	\$2,946	-\$248
08/29/21	\$1,917	\$2,946	-\$1,030
YTD TOTALS	\$84,198	\$103,126	-\$18,928

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Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Amy Brown

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