

# Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 12, 2021

## The First Reading

*Isaiah 50:4-9a*

The Lord God has given me the tongue of a teacher, that I may know how to sustain the weary with a word. Morning by morning he wakens--wakens my ear to listen as those who are taught. The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious, I did not turn backward. I gave my back to those who struck me, and my cheeks to those who pulled out the beard; I did not hide my face from insult and spitting. The Lord God helps me; therefore I have not been disgraced; therefore I have set my face like flint, and I know that I shall not be put to shame; he who vindicates me is near. Who will contend with me? Let us stand up together. Who are my adversaries? Let them confront me. It is the Lord God who helps me; who will declare me guilty?

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**People Thanks be to God**

## Psalm

*Psalm 116:1-8*

- 1 I love the LORD, because he has heard the voice of my supplication, \*  
because he has inclined his ear to me whenever I called upon him.
- 2 The cords of death entangled me;  
the grip of the grave took hold of me; \*  
I came to grief and sorrow.
- 3 Then I called upon the Name of the LORD: \*  
"O LORD, I pray you, save my life."
- 4 Gracious is the LORD and righteous; \*  
our God is full of compassion.
- 5 The LORD watches over the innocent; \*  
I was brought very low, and he helped me.
- 6 Turn again to your rest, O my soul, \*  
for the LORD has treated you well.
- 7 For you have rescued my life from death, \*  
my eyes from tears, and my feet from stumbling.
- 8 I will walk in the presence of the LORD \*  
in the land of the living.

## The Second Reading

*James 3:1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature,

and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue-- a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

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## Sequence Hymn

## The Gospel Reading

*Mark 8:27-38*

*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 went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?" And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets." He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah." And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

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  
Gloria Richards in memory of her husband  
Stan Richards*

## 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](mailto: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 (09/19)

**Cameras & Streaming:** Danielle Martin  
**Danny's Team:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Eucharistic Ministers:**  
**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski  
**Lector:** Javier Glave  
**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Vestry People:** Frank Supercinski, David Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Jessica Sanders

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Nancy
- 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)

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
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
09/05/21	\$1,295	\$2,946	-\$1,652
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$85,492</b>	<b>\$106,072</b>	<b>-\$20,580</b>

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