

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

October 31, 2021

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Moses said: Now this is the commandment--the statutes and the ordinances--that the LORD your God charged me to teach you to observe in the land that you are about to cross into and occupy, so that you and your children and your children's children, may fear the LORD your God all the days of your life, and keep all his decrees and his commandments that I am commanding you, so that your days may be long. Hear therefore, O Israel, and observe them diligently, so that it may go well with you, and so that you may multiply greatly in a land flowing with milk and honey, as the LORD, the God of your ancestors, has promised you.

Hear, O Israel: The LORD is our God, the Lord alone. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your might. Keep these words that I am commanding you today in your heart. Recite them to your children and talk about them when you are at home and when you are away, when you lie down and when you rise. Bind them as a sign on your hand, fix them as an emblem on your forehead, and write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

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

Psalm

Psalm 119:1-8

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, *
who walk in the law of the LORD!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees *
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, *
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, *
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct *
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, *
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, *
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; *
do not utterly forsake me.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 9:11-14

When Christ came as a high priest of the good things that have come, then through the greater and perfect tent (not made with hands, that is, not of this creation), he entered once for all into the Holy Place, not with the blood of goats and calves, but with his own blood, thus obtaining eternal redemption. For if the blood of goats and bulls, with the sprinkling of the ashes of a heifer, sanctifies those who have been defiled so that their flesh is purified, how much more will the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without blemish to God, purify our conscience from dead works to worship the living God!

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Sequence Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Mark 12:28-34

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

One of the scribes came near and heard the Saducees disputing with one another, and seeing that Jesus answered them well, he asked him, "Which commandment is the first of all?" Jesus answered, "The first is, 'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these." Then the scribe said to him, "You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that 'he is one, and besides him there is no other'; and 'to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,' and 'to love one's neighbor as oneself,'—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices." When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, "You are not far from the kingdom of God." After that no one dared to ask him any question.

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 Claire Renzetti & Brad
Tidwell in memory of Clara & Joseph Renzetti*

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Jodie Millican
 5th: Bryan White
 8th: Amy Brown
 8th: Fr. Bill Carroll
 8th: Tommy Read
 11th: Lexi Smith
 13th: Gayle Raif
 17th: Tito Nieves
 18th: Cyndie Woodbury
 20th: Gianna Glave
 24th: Ian McCarty
 26th: Joshua Martinez

Time to Fall BACK

THIS Saturday, November 6TH
 Remember to set your clocks **BACK** an hour.

All Saints Sunday

NEXT Sunday, November 7th, we will honor and remember our loved ones. Please bring a photograph to represent whom you love who have gone before us. We will display them on the altar for the Eucharistic prayer that day, as well as remember the names of those you would like us to remember. We will celebrate with a potluck lunch, after the service. Please bring a family favorite dish to share with SMAA.

Pledge Cards

Please make sure you turn in your pledge card. Pledge cards are due on or before **Sunday, November 14TH**. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, they are in the narthex.

Inquirer's Class

Bishop Fisher will be with us on January 30, 2022. In preparation for that, if you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation please contact Mother Tracey by email or text: mothertracey@smaalongview.org
 903.399.8334

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.

NEXT Sunday's Servers (11/07)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny's Team: Frank Supercinski
Eucharistic Ministers:
Greeter: Becky Supercinski
Lector: David Brown
Ushers: Jerry Ritchie
Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, David Brown
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- McCarty Family
- Bo Farrow
- Ruby Hahne
- Nancy
- Frank Rauch
- Pepe Forina (in a coma with COVID)
- Harold Hoffmeister (heart attack)
- 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

**** 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
10/03/21	\$1,135	\$2,946	-\$1,811
10/10/21	\$1,684	\$2,946	-\$1,262
10/17/21	\$979	\$2,946	-\$1,968
10/24/21	\$1,130	\$2,946	-\$1,816
YTD TOTALS	\$95,828	\$126,697	-\$30,869

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