

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 3, 2022

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert. The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Psalm

Psalm 126

- 1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, *
then were we like those who dream.
- 2 Then was our mouth filled with laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of joy.
- 3 Then they said among the nations, *
"The LORD has done great things for them."
- 4 The LORD has done great things for us, *
and we are glad indeed.
- 5 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, *
like the watercourses of the Negev.
- 6 Those who sowed with tears *
will reap with songs of joy.
- 7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their sheaves.

The Second Reading

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

The Gospel Reading

John 12:1-8

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

2nd: Kara Smith
 4th: Rose Feazell
 7th: Meg Cammack
 12th: Barbara McClellan
 16th: Melinda Smith
 23rd: Laura Buckner

Holy Week Worship Schedule:

Palm Sunday

Sunday, April 10, 2022, Service at 10:00 AM

Maundy Thursday

Thursday, April 14, 2022, Service at 6:00 PM

Good Friday

Friday, April 15, 2022, Service at 6:00 PM

Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 17, 2022, Service at 10:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt after the service at 11:30 AM

Then join us for a wonderful breakfast lunch in Parish Hall, after the Easter Egg Hunt

Lent Wednesday Night Services

Please join us every Wednesday as we begin this Lenten Journey together. **THIS Wednesday, April 6th**, we'll gather at 6PM. We need volunteers to help bring stuff for dinner. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

Easter Flowers

If you would like to purchase flowers for Easter Sunday, **April 17, 2022** please pick up and fill out the form in the entryway of the church. Place your check noted "**Easter Flowers**" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Flowers \$20.00**

Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt after the service on **Easter Sunday, April 17th**. We need to start collecting eggs for the hunt. Place the eggs in the box provided in the narthex. **(PLEASE BRING PLASTIC EGGS FILLED WITH TREATS)**

*****NO CHOCOLATE & NUTS PLEASE*****

Adult Education

Sunday mornings at **9:00 AM**, adult education hour in Mother Tracey's office. For Lent we will look at this year's offering from Living Compass, which Mother Tracey has ordered. The meditation book is also available as an eBook on Amazon.

Worship Tech Volunteers

We are needing more Worship Tech Volunteers. You can set your own volunteer schedule in our church scheduling program. It is easy, just use a mouse to project the next slide onto the screen. Major skill needed is to climb stairs. Contact Bryan White b4hntn@cablelynx.com

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Brian Watson
- Ruby Hahne
- Frank Rauch
- Roni & Tom

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
03/06/22	\$1,387	\$2,955	-\$1,568
03/13/22	\$1,826	\$2,955	-\$1,129
03/20/22	\$2,339	\$2,955	-\$616
03/27/22	\$1,253	\$2,955	-\$1,702
YTD TOTALS	\$35,180	\$38,417	-\$3,237

This Sunday's Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Harrison Brown

Ushers: Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Connie Bobnock, Amy Brown

Worship Tech: Laura Brown

NEXT Sunday's Servers (04/10)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Diane Buffington

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Supercinski

Greeter: Joe Frank Brown

Lector: Charlie Parker

Ushers: Michael Greathouse

Vestry People: Becky Supercinski, Susan Schug

Worship Tech: Laura Brown

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