

Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 27, 2022

The First Reading

Joshua 5:9-12

The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

Psalm

Psalm 32

- 1 Happy are they whose transgressions are forgiven, *
and whose sin is put away!
- 2 Happy are they to whom the LORD imputes no guilt, *
and in whose spirit there is no guile!
- 3 While I held my tongue, my bones withered away, *
because of my groaning all day long.
- 4 For your hand was heavy upon me day and night; *
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.
- 5 Then I acknowledged my sin to you, *
and did not conceal my guilt.
- 6 I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD." *
Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.
- 7 Therefore all the faithful will make their prayers to you in time
of trouble; *
when the great waters overflow, they shall not reach them.
- 8 You are my hiding-place;
you preserve me from trouble; *
you surround me with shouts of deliverance.
- 9 "I will instruct you and teach you in the way that you should go;
*
I will guide you with my eye.
- 10 Do not be like horse or mule, which have no understanding; *
who must be fitted with bit and bridle,
or else they will not stay near you."
- 11 Great are the tribulations of the wicked; *
but mercy embraces those who trust in the LORD.
- 12 Be glad, you righteous, and rejoice in the LORD; *
shout for joy, all who are true of heart.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

From now on, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

All the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to Jesus. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So Jesus told them this parable:

"There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe--the best one--and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

2nd: Laura Brown
 3rd: Marie Tucker
 13th: Susan Kuhlman
 14th: Allyssa Morse
 15th: Stan Williams
 24th: Norman White
 27th: Lorraine Litterski

Lent Wednesday Night Services

Please join us every Wednesday as we begin this Lenten Journey together. **THIS Wednesday, March 30th**, we'll gather at 6PM. We need volunteers to help bring stuff for dinner. Signup sheet is in the Narthex.

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.

Nursery News

Our Parish Nursery will reopen on Sunday mornings beginning with **Easter Sunday, April 17th**. This is going to mean we need more volunteers. All volunteers must be approved through Mother Tracey and must obtain Safeguarding God's Children Certification through the Diocese. If you are interested, please contact Mother Tracey

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

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.

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
02/20/22	\$8,046	\$2,955	\$5,091
02/27/22	\$2,619	\$2,955	-\$336
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
YTD TOTALS	\$33,928	\$35,462	-\$1,535

This Sunday's Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: David Brown

Lector: David Brown

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Bryan White, Amy Brown

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

NEXT Sunday's Servers (04/03)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Harrison Brown

Ushers: Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Amy Brown, Connie Bobnock

Worship Tech: Laura Brown

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