

Third Sunday in Lent

March 20, 2022

The First Reading

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I am who I am." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I am has sent me to you.'" God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations."

Psalm

Psalm 63:1-8

- 1 O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; *
my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.
- 2 Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, *
that I might behold your power and your glory.
- 3 For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; *
my lips shall give you praise.
- 4 So will I bless you as long as I live *
and lift up my hands in your Name.
- 5 My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, *
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,
- 6 When I remember you upon my bed, *
and meditate on you in the night watches.
- 7 For you have been my helper, *
and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.
- 8 My soul clings to you; *
your right hand holds me fast.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play." We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 13:1-9

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them--do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?' He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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 23rd**, 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
02/13/22	\$3,509	\$2,955	\$553
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
YTD TOTALS	\$31,589	\$32,507	-\$918

This Sunday's Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny's Team: Laura Buckner
Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Supercinski
Greeter: Catherine White
Lector: Javier Glave
Ushers: David Brown
Vestry People: Laura Buckner, David Brown
Worship Tech: Laura Brown

NEXT Sunday's Servers (03/27)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin
Danny's Team: Bryan White
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes
Greeter: Michael Greathouse
Lector: David Brown
Ushers: Jerry Ritchie
Vestry People: Bryan White, Susan Kuhlman
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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