

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 31, 2022

The First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

I, the Teacher, when king over Israel in Jerusalem, applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to human beings to be busy with. I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun; and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to those who come after me -- and who knows whether they will be wise or foolish? Yet they will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

Psalm

Psalm 49:1-11

1 Hear this, all you peoples; hearken, all you who dwell in the world, *
you of high degree and low, rich and poor together.

2 My mouth shall speak of wisdom, *
and my heart shall meditate on understanding.

3 I will incline my ear to a proverb *
and set forth my riddle upon the harp.

4 Why should I be afraid in evil days, *
when the wickedness of those at my heels surrounds me,

5 The wickedness of those who put their trust in their goods, *
and boast of their great riches?

6 We can never ransom ourselves, *
or deliver to God the price of our life;

7 For the ransom of our life is so great, *
that we should never have enough to pay it,

8 In order to live for ever and ever, *
and never see the grave.

9 For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stupid they
perish *
and leave their wealth to those who come after them.

10 Their graves shall be their homes for ever, their dwelling places
from generation to generation, *
though they call the lands after their own names.

11 Even though honored, they cannot live for ever; *
they are like the beasts that perish.

The Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: fornication, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. But now you must get rid of all such things-- anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, slave and free; but Christ is all and in all!

The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:13-21

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me." But he said to him, "Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?" And he said to them, "Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed; for one's life does not consist in the abundance of possessions." Then he told them a parable: "The land of a rich man produced abundantly. And he thought to himself, 'What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, 'Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.' But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

4th: David Buckner
 10th: Claire Cammack
 11th: Harrison Brown
 12th: Gary Miller
 19th: Sandra McLaughlin
 22nd: Christopher Clodfelter
 29th: Kathleen Millican
 31st: Lauren Hale

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, August 7, 2022

9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00am Holy Eucharist

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the Flower Dedication forms are in the narthex.

This Sunday's Servers

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Becky Supercinski
Lector: Frank Supercinski
Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes
Ushers: Donna Richardson
Vestry People: Becky Supercinski, Amy Brown
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/07)

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Frank Supercinski
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes
Greeter: Susan Kuhlman
Lector: David Brown
Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski
Ushers: Stan Williams
Vestry People: Bryan White, Laura Buckner
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Jeff Hahne
- Frank Rauch
- Tim Baker
- Kathe Suchan
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

Comfort for:

- Regina Nesbitt's family
- Carolyn Deakins, Read and Burlingame families

Prayer Request:

- Callie Ellis requests prayers for rain in the East Texas area. Parents farm and cattle is/are in great need of rain.
- Former members Dustin and Jamie Hess' youngest son, Psilas
- Terisa Kirschke's father Jimmy Fielder

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
07/03/22	\$1,426	\$2,955	-\$1,529
07/10/22	\$2,400	\$2,955	-\$555
07/17/22	\$1,553	\$2,955	-\$1,402
07/24/22	\$837	\$2,955	-\$2,118
YTD TOTALS	\$74,732	\$88,656	-\$13,923

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