

## Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 14, 2022

### The First Reading

*Jeremiah 23:23-29*

Am I a God near by, says the Lord, and not a God far off? Who can hide in secret places so that I cannot see them? says the Lord. Do I not fill heaven and earth? says the Lord. I have heard what the prophets have said who prophesy lies in my name, saying, "I have dreamed, I have dreamed!" How long? Will the hearts of the prophets ever turn back-- those who prophesy lies, and who prophesy the deceit of their own heart? They plan to make my people forget my name by their dreams that they tell one another, just as their ancestors forgot my name for Baal. Let the prophet who has a dream tell the dream, but let the one who has my word speak my word faithfully. What has straw in common with wheat? says the Lord. Is not my word like fire, says the Lord, and like a hammer that breaks a rock in pieces?

### Psalm

*Psalm 82*

- 1 God takes his stand in the council of heaven; \*  
he gives judgment in the midst of the gods:
- 2 "How long will you judge unjustly, \*  
and show favor to the wicked?
- 3 Save the weak and the orphan; \*  
defend the humble and needy;
- 4 Rescue the weak and the poor; \*  
deliver them from the power of the wicked.
- 5 They do not know, neither do they understand;  
they go about in darkness; \*  
all the foundations of the earth are shaken.
- 6 Now I say to you, 'You are gods, \*  
and all of you children of the Most High;
- 7 Nevertheless, you shall die like mortals, \*  
and fall like any prince."
- 8 Arise, O God, and rule the earth, \*  
for you shall take all nations for your own.

## The Second Reading

*Hebrews 11:29-12:2*

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land, but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. By faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient, because she had received the spies in peace.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets-- who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented-- of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.

Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## The Gospel Reading

*Luke 12:49-56*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled! I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am under until it is completed! Do you think that I have come to bring peace to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! From now on five in one household will be divided, three against two and two against three; they will be divided:

father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law."

He also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you immediately say, 'It is going to rain'; and so it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat'; and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Jerry Ritchie  
 4th: Harper Martin  
 7th: Pete Litterski  
 13th: Donna Richardson  
 14th: Margie Litterski  
 20th: Ella Cammack  
 22nd: Monika Henry  
 22nd: Connor Tucker  
 23rd: Kristel Morris  
 27th: Stefanie Kirschke  
 29th: Paige Lindsey  
 31st: Kari Dickson  
 31st: Jim Watson

## This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, August 17, 2022

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, August 21, 2022

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist, Father Thompson

### Mother Tracey

Mother Tracey is scheduled to have knee replacement surgery on her other knee on **Monday, August 15th**. Please keep her in your prayers. She will be out for six weeks recovering.

Father Edward Thompson will be with us the last two Sundays in **August (21<sup>st</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>)**

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the Flower Dedication forms for 2022 are in the narthex.

## This Sunday's Servers

**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown

**Danny's Team:** Stan Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Buckner

**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski

**Lector:** Robyn Murphy

**Nursery Helper:** Marie Tucker

**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski

**Vestry People:** Becky Supercinski, Susan Schug

**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/21)

**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown

**Danny's Team:** Mary Lynn Dawes

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Amy Brown

**Greeter:** Michael Greathouse

**Lector:** Susan Brown

**Nursery Helper:** Helen Daniel

**Ushers:** Joe Frank Brown

**Vestry People:** Bryan White, David Brown

**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## 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:

- Jeff Richardson
- 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](mailto: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
07/10/22	\$2,400	\$2,955	-\$555
07/17/22	\$1,553	\$2,955	-\$1,402
07/24/22	\$837	\$2,955	-\$2,118
07/31/22	\$6,240	\$2,955	\$3,285
08/07/22	\$2,076	\$2,955	-\$879
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$83,049</b>	<b>\$94,566</b>	<b>-\$11,517</b>

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