

## Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 7, 2022

### The First Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

The word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the Lord came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

### Psalm

Psalm 33:12-22

- 12 Happy is the nation whose God is the LORD! \*  
happy the people he has chosen to be his own!
- 13 The LORD looks down from heaven, \*  
and beholds all the people in the world.
- 14 From where he sits enthroned he turns his gaze \*  
on all who dwell on the earth.
- 15 He fashions all the hearts of them \*  
and understands all their works.
- 16 There is no king that can be saved by a mighty army; \*  
a strong man is not delivered by his great strength.
- 17 The horse is a vain hope for deliverance; \*  
for all its strength it cannot save.
- 18 Behold, the eye of the LORD is upon those who fear him, \*  
on those who wait upon his love,
- 19 To pluck their lives from death, \*  
and to feed them in time of famine.
- 20 Our soul waits for the LORD; \*  
he is our help and our shield.
- 21 Indeed, our heart rejoices in him, \*  
for in his holy Name we put our trust.
- 22 Let your loving-kindness, O LORD, be upon us, \*  
as we have put our trust in you.

### The Second Reading

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked

forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old-- and Sarah herself was barren-- because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 12:32-40

*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 to his disciples, "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*The flowers in the Sanctuary last Sunday were given in memory of our dad, Wayne Deakins Mom and Dad's 63<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary. In honor of our Aunt Loretta's Birthday given to the glory of God by Teresa, Tommy, Sheri, Bill, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.*

## 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 10, 2022

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, August 14, 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 for 2022 are in the narthex.

## This Sunday's Servers

**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

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/14)

**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse

**Danny's Team:** Stan Williams

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Buckner

**Greeter:** Joe Frank Brown

**Lector:** Robyn Murphy

**Nursery Helper:** Marie Tucker

**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski

**Vestry People:** Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug

**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

## 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
07/03/22	\$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
07/31/22	\$6,240	\$2,955	\$3,285
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$80,973</b>	<b>\$91,611</b>	<b>-\$10,638</b>

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