

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 4, 2022

The First Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

Then the word of the Lord came to me: Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

Psalm

Psalm 1

- 1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!
- 2 Their delight is in the law of the LORD, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.
- 3 They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.
- 4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.
- 5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.
- 6 For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading

Philemon 1-21

Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love-- and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel; but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother-- especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Now large crowds were traveling with Jesus; and he turned and said to them, "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Eliza & Addison Speight's Birthday

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God in celebration of Gloria Richards 90th Birthday and in memory of her husband

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Margot Lindsey Jackson
 2nd: Michael Buckner
 3rd: Ruby Hahne
 4th: Gloria Richards
 11th: David Brown
 11th: Terisa Kirschke
 12th: Madison Robinson
 17th: Diane Buffington
 19th: Robyn Murphy
 19th: Roxanne Brink
 21st: Grace Richardson
 21st: Mary Lynn Dawes
 23rd: Kyle Glave
 24th: Caroline Tucker
 26th: Kenneth Millican
 26th: Lillian Tucker
 27th: Helen Daniel

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, September 7, 2022
 6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Saturday, September 10, 2022
 7:00 am Church Workday

Sunday, September 11, 2022
 9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00am Worship

Church Workday-THIS SATURDAY

Need Volunteers for our upcoming workday. Please join us at **7:00 AM** to help with some general outside and inside clean up on **Saturday, September 10th**.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 9th, at 1:00 PM, all pets are welcomed to receive a blessing! Kids are welcome to bring a stuffed animal to bless. Please keep pets on a leash or in a crate.

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: Diane Buffington
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner
Greeter: Susan Kuhlman
Lector: Mary Lynn Dawes
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Jerry Ritchie
Vestry People: Bryan White, Laura Buckner
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Mother Tracey
- 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

Guidance, Healing and Strength for:

- Will & Erin Ramey

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
08/07/22	\$2,076	\$2,955	-\$879
08/14/22	\$8,262	\$2,955	\$5,307
08/21/22	\$1,850	\$2,955	-\$1,105
08/28/22	\$978	\$2,955	-\$1,977
YTD TOTALS	\$94,139	\$103,432	-\$9,293

NEXT Sunday's Servers (09/11)

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Supercinski

Greeter: Amy Brown

Lector: Javier Glave

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug

Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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