

## The Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

### The First Reading

Isaiah 11:1-10

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD.

He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins.

The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox.

The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### Psalm

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

- 1 Give the King your justice, O God, \*  
and your righteousness to the King's Son;
- 2 That he may rule your people righteously \*  
and the poor with justice;
- 3 That the mountains may bring prosperity to the people, \*  
and the little hills bring righteousness.
- 4 He shall defend the needy among the people; \*  
he shall rescue the poor and crush the oppressor.
- 5 He shall live as long as the sun and moon endure, \*  
from one generation to another.
- 6 He shall come down like rain upon the mown field, \*  
like showers that water the earth.
- 7 In his time shall the righteous flourish; \*  
there shall be abundance of peace till the moon shall be no more.
- 18 Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, \*  
who alone does wondrous deeds!
- 19 And blessed be his glorious Name for ever! \*  
and may all the earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen. Amen.

## The Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the patriarchs, and in order that the Gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name"; and again he says, "Rejoice, O Gentiles, with his people"; and again, "Praise the Lord, all you Gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the Gentiles; in him the Gentiles shall hope." May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 3:1-12

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

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

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'"

Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? Bear fruit worthy of repentance. Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.

"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Lincoln Randell  
 2nd: Susan Schug  
 6th: Gloria Akinson  
 6th: Janet Sue Whetzel  
 14th: Becky Supercinski  
 21st: Ron Raif  
 26th: Jeff Richardson  
 27th: Don King  
 28th: Kayla Smith  
 30th: Sunni Spraggins  
 31st: John Dawes

### Christmas Eve Service

Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 PM

### Christmas Day Service

Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

### Christmas Cookie Exchange

Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, after the service  
 Bake just one kind of cookie or candy. Package into bags of six, enough for each participant. Ruby Hahne will call those that sign up after church on December 11<sup>th</sup> to let them know how many bags of 6 to bring. Sign up form located in the narthex.

### Poinsettia Dedications

If you would like to provide a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary, please fill out the form located in the narthex and place in the offering plate. Suggested donation: \$20.00 per Poinsettia. Please indicate "Poinsettia" on your check

### Inquirer's Class

Bishop Fisher will visit us soon in 2023. In preparation for that, if you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation please contact Mother Tracey by email or text: [mothertracey@smaalongview.org](mailto:mothertracey@smaalongview.org) 903.399.8334

### NEXT Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, after the service

Family tree decorating party, bring a family ornament

### Saturday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-6 PM

Church Christmas Party at Bryan & Charlyne White's Home. Bring Hors D'oeuvres

### Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>

DOK Christmas lunch, after the church service, place TBD

## This Sunday's Servers

**Acolytes:** Joe Frank Brown  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse  
**Danny's Team:** Melinda Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Amy Brown  
**Lector:** David Brown  
**Nursery Helper:** Carolyn Deakins  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Amy Brown, David Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Marsha Magee
- Courtney Kale
- Jeff Hahne
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

### Comfort for:

- Frank Rauch's family
- 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](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
11/06/22	\$1,854	\$2,955	-\$1,101
11/13/22	\$8,105	\$2,955	\$5,150
11/20/22	\$2,144	\$2,955	-\$811
11/27/22	\$3,512	\$2,955	\$557
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$128,559</b>	<b>\$141,849</b>	<b>-\$13,290</b>

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (12/11)

**Acolytes:** Diane Buffington  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Melinda Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Buckner  
**Greeter:** Susan Kuhlman  
**Lector:** Helen Daniel  
**Nursery Helper:** Marie Tucker  
**Ushers:** Bryan White  
**Vestry People:** Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

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