

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 22, 2023

The First Reading

Isaiah 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness-- on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

Psalm

Psalms 27:1, 5-13

1 The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? *

the LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

5 One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; *
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

6 To behold the fair beauty of the LORD *
and to seek him in his temple.

7 For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; *
he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

8 Even now he lifts up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

9 Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; *
I will sing and make music to the LORD.

10 Harken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

11 You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." *
Your face, LORD, will I seek.

12 Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

13 You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 4:12-23

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles— the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned."

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: William Magee
 2nd: Frank Supercinski
 7th: Dana Parker
 8th: Javier Glave
 9th: Preston Martin
 10th: Elena Randell
 14th: Linsay Kirschke
 16th: Lauren Cammack
 21st: Jess Richardson
 25th: Christina Richardson
 27th: Ryan Randell

TODAY: Church Annual Meeting

We will be having a potluck lunch after the service on Sunday, January 22, 2022. Please bring a side dish to share.

Work Day

We're currently looking for volunteers for our upcoming St. Michael's Workday. To make this a success, we need your help on **Saturday, January 28th**. Depending on weather, we will be picking up branches and changing out light bulbs. You can stay as long or as little as you need.

Inquirer's Class

If you are interested in confirmation, reception, or reaffirmation please contact Mother Tracey by email or text: mothertracey@smaalongview.org or 903.399.8334 Our confirmation class for adults (age 18+) will begin on **Sunday, January 29** after the service in Mother Tracey's office.

LCM Food Drive

Souper Bowl of Caring. Help us fill the LCM Food box to help our community. You may begin to bring food items now till Super Bowl **Sunday, February 12th**.

Next Sunday's Servers (01/29)

Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Laura Buckner
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Susan Kuhlman
Lector: Susan Brown
Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes
Ushers: Stan Williams
Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Nettie Wittmayer
- Fred & Libby Menger
- Todd Green
- Laura Schill
- Marsha Magee
- Jeff Hahne
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

Comfort for:

- Larry Solomon's family

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
12/04/22	\$3,965	\$2,955	\$1,010
12/11/22	\$1,206	\$2,955	-\$1,749
12/18/22	\$1,484	\$2,955	-\$1,472
12/25/22	\$2,957	\$2,955	\$2
YTD TOTALS	\$138,171	\$153,670	-\$15,499

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Greeter: David Brown
Lector: Helen Daniel
Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins
Ushers: Frank Supercinski
Vestry People: Amy Brown, Susan Schug
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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