

# The Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

February 12, 2023

## The First Reading

*Deuteronomy 30:15-20*

Moses said, "See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the LORD your God that I am commanding you today, by loving the LORD your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the LORD your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the LORD swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob."

## Psalm

*Psalm 119:1-8*

- 1 Happy are they whose way is blameless, \*  
who walk in the law of the Lord!
- 2 Happy are they who observe his decrees \*  
and seek him with all their hearts!
- 3 Who never do any wrong, \*  
but always walk in his ways.
- 4 You laid down your commandments, \*  
that we should fully keep them.
- 5 Oh, that my ways were made so direct \*  
that I might keep your statutes!
- 6 Then I should not be put to shame, \*  
when I regard all your commandments.
- 7 I will thank you with an unfeigned heart, \*  
when I have learned your righteous judgments.
- 8 I will keep your statutes; \*  
do not utterly forsake me.

## The Second Reading

*1 Corinthians 3:1-9*

Brothers and sisters, I could not speak to you as spiritual people, but rather as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ. I fed you with milk, not solid food, for you were not ready for solid food. Even now you are still not ready, for you are still of the flesh. For as long as there is jealousy and quarreling among you, are you not of the flesh, and behaving according to human inclinations? For when one says, "I belong to Paul," and another, "I belong to Apollos," are you not merely human?

What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. The one who plants and the one who waters have a common purpose, and each will receive wages according to the labor of each. For we are God's servants, working together; you are God's field, God's building.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 5:21-37*

Jesus said, "You have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not murder'; and 'whoever murders shall be liable to judgment.' But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgment; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, 'You fool,' you will be liable to the hell of fire. So when you are offering your gift at the altar, if you remember that your brother or sister has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar and go; first be reconciled to your brother or sister, and then come and offer your gift. Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are on the way to court with him, or your accuser may hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you will be thrown into prison. Truly I tell you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.

"You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lust has already committed adultery with her in his heart. If your right eye causes you to sin, tear it out and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to be thrown into hell. And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and throw it away; it is better for you to lose one of your members than for your whole body to go into hell.

"It was also said, 'Whoever divorces his wife, let him give her a certificate of divorce.' But I say to you that anyone who divorces his wife, except on the ground of unchastity, causes her to commit adultery; and whoever marries a divorced woman commits adultery.

"Again, you have heard that it was said to those of ancient times, 'You shall not swear falsely, but carry out the vows you have made to the Lord.' But I say to you, Do not swear at all, either by heaven, for it is the throne of God, or by the earth, for it is his footstool, or by Jerusalem, for it is the city of the great King. And do not swear by your head, for you cannot make one hair white or black. Let your word be 'Yes, Yes' or 'No, No'; anything more than this comes from the evil one."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Norah Lindsey  
 4th: Carolyn Deakins  
 6th: Robert Brown  
 9th: Tommy Smith  
 10th: Belinda King  
 13th: Claire Renzetti  
 16th: Wanda Ellis  
 21st: Rusty Akinson  
 28th: Jonathan Roberts

## This Week at SMAA

### Sunday, February 12, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 11:30 am Inquirer's Class

### Wednesday, February 15, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

### Sunday, February 19, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 11:30 am Inquirer's Class

### LCM Food Drive

TODAY is the last day. 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 12<sup>th</sup>**.

### Shrove Tuesday

**February 21st at 6:00 PM.** We need volunteers to help get ready for Shrove Tuesday. If you can be here between 4PM and 5PM, we should have enough time to accomplish everything.

### Ash Wednesday Service

February 22nd at 6:00pm

### Forward Day by Day

Pick up you Daily Devotion for February, March, & April in the entryway.

### Next Sunday's Servers (02/19)

**Acolytes:** Diane Buffington  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Bryan White  
**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Greeter:** Michael Greathouse  
**Lector:** Ruby Hahne  
**Nursery Helper:** Helen Daniel  
**Ushers:** Donna Richardson  
**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, Samantha Rauch  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Don King
- Barbara Tidwell
- 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](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
01/15/23	\$3,995	\$2,939	\$1,056
01/22/23	\$1,760	\$2,939	-\$1,179
01/29/23	\$2,264	\$2,939	-\$675
02/05/23	\$631	\$2,939	-\$2,308
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$16,709</b>	<b>\$17,633</b>	<b>-\$924</b>

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