

The Last Sunday after the Epiphany

February 19, 2023

The First Reading

Exodus 24:12-18

The LORD said to Moses, "Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction." So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. To the elders he had said, "Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them."

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

Psalm

Psalm 2

- 1 Why are the nations in an uproar? *
Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- 2 Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt,
and the princes plot together, *
against the Lord and against his Anointed?
- 3 "Let us break their yoke," they say; *
"let us cast off their bonds from us."
- 4 He whose throne is in heaven is laughing; *
the Lord has them in derision.
- 5 Then he speaks to them in his wrath, *
and his rage fills them with terror.
- 6 "I myself have set my king *
upon my holy hill of Zion."
- 7 Let me announce the decree of the LORD: *
he said to me, "You are my Son;
this day have I begotten you.
- 8 Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance *
and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- 9 You shall crush them with an iron rod *
and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- 10 And now, you kings, be wise; *
be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- 11 Submit to the LORD with fear, *
and with trembling bow before him;
- 12 Lest he be angry and you perish; *
for his wrath is quickly kindled.
- 13 Happy are they all *
who take refuge in him!

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:16-21

We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 17:1-9

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

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 19, 2023

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

Tuesday, February 21, 2023

6:00 pm Shrove Tuesday, Pancake supper

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

6:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Sunday, February 26, 2023

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

Shrove Tuesday

THIS 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

THIS Wednesday, St Michael Service on February 22nd at 6:00pm Trinity will have an Ash Wednesday Service at **12:15 pm**

Easter Hydrangeas

If you would like to purchase Hydrangeas for Easter Sunday, **April 9, 2023**, please pick up and fill out the form in the entry way of the church. Place your check noted "**Easter Hydrangeas**" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Hydrangeas \$25.00.** Deadline to purchase Hydrangeas will be **Sunday, April 2nd**

Next Sunday's Servers (02/26)

Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Diane Buffington
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner
Greeter: Frank Supercinski
Lector: Melinda Smith
Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes
Ushers: Stan Williams
Vestry People: Laura Buckner, Bryan White
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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

**** 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
01/22/23	\$1,760	\$2,939	-\$1,179
01/29/23	\$2,264	\$2,939	-\$675
02/05/23	\$631	\$2,939	-\$2,308
02/12/20	\$5,942	\$2,939	\$3,003
YTD TOTALS	\$22,651	\$20,572	\$2,079

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Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Samantha Rauch
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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