

## The Second Sunday of Easter

April 16, 2023

### The First Reading

*Acts 2:14a, 22-32*

Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, "You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, 'I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.' "Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, 'He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.' This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses."

### Psalm

*Psalm 16*

1 Protect me, O God, for I take refuge in you; \*  
I have said to the Lord, "You are my Lord, my good above all other."

2 All my delight is upon the godly that are in the land, \*  
upon those who are noble among the people.

3 But those who run after other gods \*  
shall have their troubles multiplied.

4 Their libations of blood I will not offer, \*  
nor take the names of their gods upon my lips.

5 O Lord, you are my portion and my cup; \*  
it is you who uphold my lot.

6 My boundaries enclose a pleasant land; \*  
indeed, I have a goodly heritage.

7 I will bless the Lord who gives me counsel; \*  
my heart teaches me, night after night.

8 I have set the Lord always before me; \*  
because he is at my right hand I shall not fall.

9 My heart, therefore, is glad, and my spirit rejoices; \*  
my body also shall rest in hope.

10 For you will not abandon me to the grave, \*  
nor let your holy one see the Pit.

11 You will show me the path of life; \*  
in your presence there is fullness of joy, and in your right hand are pleasures for evermore.

## The Second Reading

*1 Peter 1:3-9*

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By his great mercy he has given us a new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who are being protected by the power of God through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, even if now for a little while you have had to suffer various trials, so that the genuineness of your faith-- being more precious than gold that, though perishable, is tested by fire-- may be found to result in praise and glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Although you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and rejoice with an indescribable and glorious joy, for you are receiving the outcome of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

### The Gospel Reading

*John 20:19-31*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

2nd: Kara Smith  
 4th: Rose Feazell  
 7th: Meg Cammack  
 12th: Barbara McClellan  
 16th: Melinda Smith  
 23rd: Laura Buckner

## This Week at SMAA

**Wednesday, April 19, 2023**  
 6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

**Sunday, April 23, 2023**  
 9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist  
 11:30 am Inquirer's Class

## Next Sunday's Servers (04/23)

**Acolytes:** Michael Greathouse  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Laura Buckner  
**Greeter:** Bryan White  
**Lector:** Melinda Smith  
**Nursery Helper:** Ruby Hahne  
**Ushers:** David Brown  
**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, Susan Brown  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## This Sunday's Servers

**Acolytes:** Jonathan Roberts  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski  
**Lector:** Amy Brown  
**Nursery Helper:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Ushers:** Joe Frank Brown  
**Vestry People:** Bryan White, Susan Schug  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Rusty Akinson
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

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
03/19/23	\$2,845	\$2,939	-\$94
03/26/23	\$1,733	\$2,939	-\$1,206
04/02/23	\$2,403	\$2,939	-\$536
04/09/23	\$3,527	\$2,939	\$588
YTD TOTALS	\$49,671	\$44,083	\$5,588

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