

## The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 30, 2023

### The First Reading

*Acts 2:42-47*

Those who had been baptized devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

### Psalm

*Psalm 23*

1 The Lord is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.

2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.

3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his  
Name's sake.

4 Though I walk through the valley of the  
shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff,  
they comfort me.

5 You spread a table before me in the presence of  
those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup  
is running over.

6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow  
me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

## The Second Reading

*1 Peter 2:19-25*

It is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, what credit is that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

“He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.”

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

### The Gospel Reading

*John 10:1-10*

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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

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

Jesus said, “Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.” Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.”

## 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, May 3, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

### Saturday, May 6, 2023

9:00 am Workday

### Sunday, May 7, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study  
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### SMAA Workday

**Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM**, We need volunteers to help shovel out a ditch west of the trash shed and clean out flower beds.

### Honoring Graduates

**Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup>**, Mother Tracey will be recognizing all who are transitioning to middle school, high school and graduating from high school. If you have a student to be recognize please send an email to Mtr. Tracey at [mothertracey@smaalongview.org](mailto:mothertracey@smaalongview.org). If you would like your graduate to be recognize in the May vine, please email [christina@smaalongview.org](mailto:christina@smaalongview.org) with the details.

### Next Sunday's Servers (05/07)

**Acolytes:** Jonathan Roberts  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Stan Williams  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Greeter:** David Brown  
**Lector:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Nursery Helper:** Marie Tucker  
**Ushers:** Michael Greathouse  
**Vestry People:** Laura Buckner, Connie Fedrizzi  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

### This Sunday's Servers

**Acolytes:** Norah Lindsey  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse  
**Danny's Team:** Diane Buffington  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Brown  
**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski  
**Lector:** Becky Supercinski  
**Nursery Helper:** Carolyn Deakins  
**Ushers:** Stan Williams  
**Vestry People:** Samantha Rauch, Susan Schug  
**Worship Tech:** Melinda Smith

## 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
04/02/23	\$2,403	\$2,939	-\$536
04/09/23	\$3,527	\$2,939	\$588
04/16/23	\$6,437	\$2,939	\$3,498
04/23/23	\$3,110	\$2,939	\$171
YTD TOTALS	\$59,218	\$49,961	\$9,258

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