

# The Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21, 2023

## The First Reading

*Acts 1:6-14*

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

## Psalm

*Psalm 68:1-10, 33-36*

1 Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; \*  
let those who hate him flee before him.

2 Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; \*  
as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.

3 But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; \*  
let them also be merry and joyful.

4 Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon  
the heavens; \*

YAHWEH is his Name, rejoice before him!

5 Father of orphans, defender of widows, \*  
God in his holy habitation!

6 God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into  
freedom; \*  
but the rebels shall live in dry places.

7 O God, when you went forth before your people, \*  
when you marched through the wilderness,

8 The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of  
God, the God of Sinai, \*  
at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

9 You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance; \*  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

10 Your people found their home in it; \*  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision for the poor.

33 Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; \*  
sing praises to the Lord.

34 He rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; \*  
he sends forth his voice, his mighty voice.

35 Ascribe power to God; \*  
his majesty is over Israel; his strength is in the skies.

36 How wonderful is God in his holy places! \*  
the God of Israel giving strength and power to his people!  
Blessed be God!

## The Second Reading

*1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11*

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice insofar as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power forever and ever. Amen.

## The Gospel Reading

*John 17:1-11*

*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 looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Samantha Rauch  
 7th: Jeff Hahne  
 12th: Joe McClellan  
 18th: Danny Carroll  
 20th: Jessica Cunningham  
 23rd: Alan McCalman  
 24th: Fred Brink  
 25th: Charlotte Oberthier  
 30th: Cord Cammack

## This Week at SMAA

**Wednesday, May 24, 2023**

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

**Sunday, May 28, 2023**

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

### Honoring Graduates

**TODAY Sunday, May 21st**, Mother Tracey will be recognizing all who have graduated from elementary school to middle school all the way up to master's degree.

### Pentecost Sunday, May 28th

Don't forget to wear **RED** for **Pentecost Sunday, May 28th**. Please bring a dish to share. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

### Next Sunday's Servers (05/28)

**Acolytes:** Diane Buffington  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse  
**Danny's Team:** Melinda Smith  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Becky Supercinski  
**Lector:** Susan Schug  
**Nursery Helper:** Helen Daniel  
**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Vestry People:** Susan Schug, Roxanne Brink  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- 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
04/16/23	\$6,437	\$2,939	\$3,498
04/23/23	\$3,110	\$2,939	\$171
04/30/23	\$3,321	\$2,939	\$382
05/07/23	\$3,330	\$2,939	\$391
05/14/23	\$8,835	\$2,939	\$5,896
YTD TOTALS	\$74,704	\$58,777	\$15,927

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**Acolytes:** Diane Buffington  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Laura Buckner  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Greeter:** Ruby Hahne  
**Lector:** Frank Supercinski  
**Nursery Helper:** Becky Supercinski  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Laura Buckner, Tommy Smith  
**Worship Tech:** Melinda Smith

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