

## Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 18, 2023

### The First Reading

*Exodus 19:2-8a*

The Israelites had journeyed from Rephidim, entered the wilderness of Sinai, and camped in the wilderness; Israel camped there in front of the mountain. Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on eagles' wings and brought you to myself. Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites."

So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do."

### Psalm

*Psalm 100*

1 Be joyful in the Lord, all you lands; \*  
serve the Lord with gladness  
and come before his presence with a song.

2 Know this: The Lord himself is God; \*  
he himself has made us, and we are his;  
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

3 Enter his gates with thanksgiving;  
go into his courts with praise; \*  
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

4 For the Lord is good;  
his mercy is everlasting; \*  
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

### The Second Reading

*Romans 5:1-8*

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person-- though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 9:35-10:8(9-23)*

Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and curing every disease and every sickness. When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee, and his brother John; Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus; Simon the Cananaean, and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him.

These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Go nowhere among the Gentiles, and enter no town of the Samaritans, but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' Cure the sick, raise the dead, cleanse the lepers, cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff; for laborers deserve their food. Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. As you enter the house, greet it. If the house is worthy, let your peace come upon it; but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town.

"See, I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves; so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues; and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the Gentiles. When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say; for what you are to say will be given to you at that time; for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. Brother will betray brother to death, and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death; and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next; for truly I tell you, you will not have gone through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."]

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

2nd: Danielle Martin  
 5th: Marsha Magee  
 7th: Mother Tracey  
 9th: Jim Kale  
 11th: Catherine White  
 11th: Rick Fedrizzi  
 21st: Charlie Parker

### This Week at SMAA

**Wednesday, June 21, 2023**

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

**Sunday, June 25, 2023**

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Upcoming:

#### Potluck Lunch

We will be having a potluck lunch after the service **Sunday, July 2, 2023**. Please bring a side dish to share.

**Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 4 PM**

Please join me and Canon Waggoner to go on a "windshield" tour of Longview. We can take several cars. At 6 PM, we will have dinner with all of SMAA who can make it, and we will be inviting some people that I will have made contact with from some of our other congregations. So that we can begin to form a network of relationships with each other. We will probably end the night with compline as we usually do on Wednesday.

#### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the Flower Dedication forms for 2022 are in the narthex.

### This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Michael Greathouse

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Mary Lynn Dawes

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Supercinski

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Melinda Smith

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: Bryan White, Susan Kuhlman

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- The Akinson & Brown Family
- 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
05/21/23	\$1,886	\$2,939	-\$1,053
05/28/23	\$1,424	\$2,939	-\$1,515
06/04/23	\$2,715	\$2,939	-\$224
06/11/23	\$1,801	\$2,939	-\$1,138
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$82,530</b>	<b>\$70,533</b>	<b>\$11,997</b>

### Next Sunday's Servers (06/25)

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Amy Brown

Lector: Helen Daniel

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: Stan Williams

Vestry People: Susan Schug, Roxanne Brink

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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