

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

July 2, 2023

The First Reading

Jeremiah 28:5-9

The prophet Jeremiah spoke to the prophet Hananiah in the presence of the priests and all the people who were standing in the house of the Lord; and the prophet Jeremiah said, "Amen! May the Lord do so; may the Lord fulfill the words that you have prophesied, and bring back to this place from Babylon the vessels of the house of the Lord, and all the exiles. But listen now to this word that I speak in your hearing and in the hearing of all the people. The prophets who preceded you and me from ancient times prophesied war, famine, and pestilence against many countries and great kingdoms. As for the prophet who prophesies peace, when the word of that prophet comes true, then it will be known that the Lord has truly sent the prophet."

Psalm

Psalm 89: 1-4, 15-18

1 Your love, O Lord, for ever will I sing; *
from age to age my mouth will proclaim your faithfulness.

2 For I am persuaded that your love is established for ever; *
you have set your faithfulness firmly in the heavens.

3 "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; *
I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

4 'I will establish your line for ever, *
and preserve your throne for all generations.'"

15 Happy are the people who know the festal shout! *
they walk, O Lord, in the light of your presence.

16 They rejoice daily in your Name; *
they are jubilant in your righteousness.

17 For you are the glory of their strength, *
and by your favor our might is exalted.

18 Truly, the Lord is our ruler; *
the Holy One of Israel is our King.

The Second Reading

Romans 6:12-23

Do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 10:40-42

Jesus said, "Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet's reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple-- truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward."

Announcements

Birthdays this month

4th: David Buckner
 10th: Claire Cammack
 11th: Harrison Brown
 12th: Gary Miller
 19th: Sandra McLaughlin
 22nd: Christopher Clodfelter
 29th: Kathleen Millican
 31st: Lauren Hale

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, July 5, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, July 9, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Potluck Lunch

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

Wednesday, July 26th, 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: Amy Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Diane Buffington

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: David Brown

Lector: Javier Glave

Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink

Ushers: Michael Greathouse

Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Susan Brown

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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

**** 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
05/28/23	\$1,424	\$2,939	-\$1,515
06/04/23	\$2,715	\$2,939	-\$224
06/11/23	\$1,801	\$2,939	-\$1,138
06/18/23	\$3,324	\$2,939	\$385
YTD TOTALS	\$85,854	\$73,472	\$12,382

Next Sunday's Servers (07/09)

Acolytes: Norah Lindsey

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner

Greeter: Joe Frank Brown

Lector: Ruby Hahne

Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: Bryan White, Laura Buckner

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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