

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 9, 2023

The First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the war horse from Jerusalem; and the battle bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Psalm

Psalm 145:8-15

8 The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.

9 The Lord is loving to everyone *
and his compassion is over all his works.

10 All your works praise you, O Lord, *
and your faithful servants bless you.

11 They make known the glory of your kingdom *
and speak of your power;

12 That the peoples may know of your power *
and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

13 Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom; *
your dominion endures throughout all ages.

14 The Lord is faithful in all his words *
and merciful in all his deeds.

15 The Lord upholds all those who fall; *
he lifts up those who are bowed down.

The Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

Jesus said to the crowd, "To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, 'We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.'

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, 'He has a demon'; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!' Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds."

At that time Jesus said, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 12, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, July 16, 2023

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

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: Jonathan Roberts
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny’s Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner
Greeter: Roxanne Brink
Lector: Ruby Hahne
Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins
Ushers: David Brown
Vestry People: Bryan White, Roxanne Brink
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

**** 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 (07/16)

Acolytes: Ruby Hahne
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny’s Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes
Greeter: Catherine White
Lector: Susan Brown
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Bryan White
Vestry People: Bryan White, Connie Fedrizzi
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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