



The Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

July 23, 2023

The Word of God

Processional

Rise Up Ye Saints of God

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things,
Give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.

Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long:
Lord, bring the day of truth and love and end the night of wrong.

Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
And quickened by the Spirit's power, rise up, ye saints of God!

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Your Grace is Enough

So remember Your people, remember Your children,
Remember Your promise O God

Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough, Your grace is enough for me

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Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Collect for Purity

Celebrant Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Song of Praise

Good Good Father

I've heard a thousand stories of what they think You're like
But I've heard the tender whisper of love in the dead of night
You tell me that You're pleased and that I'm never alone

Chorus

You're a Good Good Father,
It's who You are (3x)
And I'm loved by You
It's who I am (3x)

I've seen many searching for answers far and wide
But I know we're all searching for answers only You provide
Cause You know just what we need before we say a word (*repeat Chorus*)

You are perfect in all of Your ways, You are perfect in all of Your ways
You are perfect in all of Your ways to us

Love so undeniable I can hardly speak
Peace so unexplainable I can hardly think
As You call me deeper still (3x)
Into love, love, love (*repeat Chorus*)

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Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, the fountain of all wisdom, you know our necessities before we ask and our ignorance in asking: Have compassion on our weakness, and mercifully give us those things which for our unworthiness we dare not, and for our blindness we cannot ask; through the worthiness of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The First Reading

Isaiah 44:6-8

Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel, and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts: I am the first and I am the last; besides me there is no god. Who is like me? Let them proclaim it, let them declare and set it forth before me. Who has announced from of old the things to come? Let them tell us what is yet to be. Do not fear, or be afraid; have I not told you from of old and declared it? You are my witnesses! Is there any god besides me? There is no other rock; I know not one.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord

People **Thanks be to God**

Psalm

Psalm 86:11-17

¹¹Teach me your way, O Lord, and I will walk in your truth; *
knit my heart to you that I may fear your Name.

¹²I will thank you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, *
and glorify your Name for evermore.

¹³For great is your love toward me; *
you have delivered me from the nethermost Pit.

¹⁴The arrogant rise up against me, O God, and a band of violent men
seeks my life; *
they have not set you before their eyes.

¹⁵But you, O Lord, are gracious and full of compassion, *
slow to anger, and full of kindness and truth.

¹⁶Turn to me and have mercy upon me; *
give your strength to your servant; and save the child of your
handmaid.

¹⁷Show me a sign of your favor, so that those who hate me may see it and
be ashamed; *
because you, O Lord, have helped me and comforted me.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh-- for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ-- if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

The Gospel Song

Almighty God Your Word is Cast

Almighty God, your word is cast like seed upon the ground,
Now let the dew of heaven descend and righteous fruits abound.

Let not our selfishness and hate this holy seed remove,
But give it root in every heart to bring forth fruits of love.

Let not the world's deceitful cares the rising plant destroy,
But let it yield a hundredfold the fruits of peace and joy.

John Cawood; Music: Tune: *Walden*, Jane M. Marshall

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

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

Jesus put before the crowd another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!"

After the Gospel, the Priest says

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People Form VI

After each bidding, you may offer your own prayers aloud.

Leader In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.
Silence

Leader For all people in their daily life and work;
All For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

Leader For this community, the nation, and the world;
All For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

Leader For the just and proper use of your creation;
All For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

Leader For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;
For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

Leader For the peace and unity of the Church of God;
All For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

Leader For our Presiding Bishop and all bishops and other ministers;
All For all who serve God in his Church.

Leader For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.
Silence

Leader Hear us, Lord;
All For your mercy is great.

Leader We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.
Silence

Leader We will exalt you, O God our King;
All And praise your Name for ever and ever.

Leader We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

Silence

Leader Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;
All Who put their trust in you.

Confession and Absolution

Celebrant We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

All Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Announcements

The Offertory

Children of God

Praise to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ
Our God and our King to Him we will sing
In His great mercy He has given us life
Now we can be called the children of God

(Chorus)

Great is the love that the Father has given us
He has delivered us, He has delivered us
Children of God sing your song and rejoice
For the love that He has given us all, Oh children of God
By the blood of His Son we have been redeemed
And we can be called children of God

The mystery is revealed to the universe
The Father above has proven His love
Now we are free from the judgment that we deserve
So we are called the children of God *(repeat Chorus)*

We are the saints, we are the children, we've been redeemed, we've been forgiven
We are the sons and daughters of our God

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The Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Celebrant We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

All Therefore, according to his command, O Father,
We remember his death.
We proclaim his resurrection.
We await his coming in glory.

Celebrant And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

Celebrant As our savior Christ taught us, we now pray
All **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Breaking and Sharing of the Bread

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
People **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

All who are baptized, regardless of age or denomination are welcome to receive communion at the Lord's table. If you are not baptized, or prefer not to receive, you may come forward for a blessing. To indicate that you would like to receive a blessing, please cross your arms over your chest. Please know that there is real wine in the cup; you do not have to receive both bread and wine in order to participate in communion. If you would like to talk about baptism for yourself or a child, please speak to Mtr. Tracey. If you need communion brought to you in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

Communion Songs

In Remembrance

In remembrance of me eat this bread
In remembrance of me drink this wine
In remembrance of me pray for the time when God's own will is done

In remembrance of me heal the sick
In remembrance of me feed the poor
In remembrance of me open the door and let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat and be comforted. Drink and remember to
That this is my body and precious blood shed for you, shed for you

In remembrance of me search for truth
In remembrance of me always love
In remembrance of me don't look above but in your hearts, in your hearts
Look in your hearts, look for God

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Breathe

This is the air I breathe. This is the air I breathe. Your Holy Presence living in me
This is my daily bread. This is my daily bread. Your very Word spoken to me
And I, I'm desperate for You. And I, I'm lost without You

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All Who are Thirsty

All who are thirsty. All who are weak, Come to the fountain
Dip your heart in the stream of life
Let the pain and the sorrow be washed away in the waves of His mercy
As deep cries out to deep We sing

Come Lord Jesus come, Come Lord Jesus come

Holy Spirit come, Holy Spirit come

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Celebrant Let us pray.

All Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Closing Song

Do Lord

Do Lord O do Lord, O do remember me *(3x)*
Way beyond the blue

I've got a home in glory land that outshines the sun *(3x)*
Way beyond the blue

I took Jesus as my Savior you take Him too *(3x)*
Way beyond the blue

Dismissal

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Birthdays this month

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

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, July 26, 2023

4:00 pm Windshield Tour

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, July 30, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Morning Prayer

THIS 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 provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

Forward Day by Day

Pick up your Daily Devotional for August, September, & October in the entryway.

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Diane Buffington

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Terry Lewis for diabetes & neuropathy
- The Akinson & Brown Family
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

Comfort For:

- Becky Supercinski's granddaughter

Bereavement For:

- Prayers for the Kirschke Family: Sara, Dawn, Stefanie & Lindsay for the passing of their father
- Sunni Spraggins Family

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
06/25/23	\$3,318	\$2,939	\$379
07/02/23	\$3,480	\$2,939	\$541
07/09/23	\$807	\$2,939	-\$2,132
07/16/23	\$2,703	\$2,939	-\$236
YTD TOTALS	\$96,162	\$85,227	\$10,935

Next Sunday's Servers (7/30)

Acolytes: Ruby Hahne

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Michael Greathouse

Lector: Mary Lynn Dawes

Nursery Helper: Marie Tuckner

Ushers: Joe Frank Brown

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Susan Brown

Worship Tech: Melinda Smith