



# The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

St. Michael & All Angels Episcopal Church

July 16, 2023

## The Word of God

**Processional**

*Higher Ground*

I'm pressing on the upward way. New heights I'm gaining ev'ry day.  
Still praying as I'm onward bound. Lord plant my feet on higher ground.

*Chorus*

Lord lift me up and let me stand by faith on heaven's tableland  
A higher plane than I have found, Lord plant my feet on higher ground.

My heart has no desire to stay where doubts arise and fears dismay  
Tho' some may dwell where these abound my prayer, my aim is higher ground.

*(repeat Chorus)*

I want to live above the world. Though Satan's darts at me are hurled.  
For faith has caught the joyful sound, the song of saints on higher ground. *(repeat Chorus)*

I want to scale the utmost height and catch a gleam of glory bright.  
But still I'll pray till heaven I've found. Lord lead me on to higher ground. *(repeat Chorus)*

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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

*The Trees of the Field*

You shall go out with joy and be led forth with peace  
The mountains and the hills will break forth before you  
There'll be shouts of joy and all the trees of the field  
Will clap, will clap their hands

And all the trees of the field will clap their hands  
The trees of the field will clap their hands. The trees of the field will clap their hands  
While you go out with joy

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## Collect of the Day

**Celebrant** The Lord be with you.

**People** **And also with you.**

**Celebrant** Let us pray.

O Lord, mercifully receive the prayers of your people who call upon you, and grant that they may know and understand what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to accomplish them; through 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 55:10-13*

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it. For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial, for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

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

**People** **Thanks be to God**

**Psalm**  
*Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-14*

<sup>1</sup>You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; \*  
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, \*  
because of their transgressions.

<sup>3</sup>Our sins are stronger than we are, \*  
but you will blot them out.

<sup>4</sup>Happy are they whom you choose and draw to your courts to dwell there! \*  
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the holiness of your temple.

<sup>5</sup>Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness, O God of our salvation, \*  
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that are far away.

<sup>6</sup>You make fast the mountains by your power; \*  
they are girded about with might.

<sup>7</sup>You still the roaring of the seas, \*  
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the peoples.

<sup>8</sup>Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at your marvelous signs; \*  
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.

<sup>9</sup>You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it very plenteous; \*  
the river of God is full of water.

<sup>10</sup>You prepare the grain, \*  
for so you provide for the earth.

<sup>11</sup>You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; \*  
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its increase.

<sup>12</sup>You crown the year with your goodness, \*  
and your paths overflow with plenty.

<sup>13</sup>May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, \*  
and the hills be clothed with joy.

<sup>14</sup>May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the valleys cloak themselves  
with grain; \*  
let them shout for joy and sing.

## The Second Reading

*Romans 8:1-11*

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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

**People**      **Thanks be to God**

## The Gospel Song

*Jesus, You're the Word*

Jesus, You're the Word: The Living Word of God  
Jesus, You're the Word: The Living Word of God  
Word made flesh, dwelt among us, Your glory we have seen  
Alpha and Omega and all the letters in between  
Jesus, You're the Word: The Living Word of God

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## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23*

*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 went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

*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.

## The Offertory

### *Honey in the Rock*

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know, everything I need You've got  
There's honey in the rock

Praying for a miracle. Thirsty for the Living Well. Only You can satisfy.  
Sweetness at the mercy seat. Now I've tasted it's not hard to see: only You can satisfy

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know, everything I need You've got  
There's honey in the rock

Freedom where the Spirit is. Bounty in the wilderness. You will always satisfy

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know, everything I need You've got  
There's honey in the rock purpose in Your plan, power in the blood, healing in Your hands  
Started flowing when You said it is done. Everything You did's enough

I keep looking. I keep finding. You keep giving, keep providing  
I have all that I need. You are all that I need  
I keep praying. You keep moving. I keep praising. You keep proving  
I have all that I need. You are all that I need.

There's honey in the rock, water in the stone, manna on the ground no matter where I go  
I don't need to worry now that I know, everything I need You've got  
There's honey in the rock purpose in Your plan, power in the blood, healing in Your hands  
Started flowing when You said it is done. Jesus who You are is enough

Oh how sweet, how sweet it is to trust in You Jesus (3x)

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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

### *Eat This Bread*

Eat this bread. Drink this cup. Come to me and never be hungry.  
Eat this bread. Drink this cup. Trust in me and you will not thirst.

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### *Set a Fire*

No place I would rather be (3x)  
Than here in Your love, here in Your love

So set a fire down in my soul that I can't contain and I can't control  
I want more of You God. I want more of You God

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### *Holy Spirit*

There's nothing worth more that will ever come close.  
No thing can compare. You're our living hope. Your Presence, Lord

I've tasted and seen of the sweetest of loves  
Where my heart becomes free and my shame is undone  
In Your Presence Lord

Holy Spirit You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence Lord

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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 19, 2023**

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

**Sunday, July 23, 2023**

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

**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 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: Ruby Hahne

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Susan Brown

Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink

Ushers: Bryan White

Vestry People: Bryan White, Connie Fedrizzi

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, Whitney and baby Harrison

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
06/18/23	\$3,324	\$2,939	\$385
06/25/23	\$3,318	\$2,939	\$379
07/02/23	\$3,480	\$2,939	\$541
07/09/23	\$807	\$2939	-\$2,132
YTD TOTALS	\$93,459	\$82,288	\$11,171

## Next Sunday's Servers (7/23)

Acolytes: Diane Buffington

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Susan Schug

Worship Tech: Amy Brown