

## Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 13, 2023

### The First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

### Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, \*  
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those  
who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, \*  
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; \*  
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, \*  
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, \*  
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, \*  
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

### The Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

### The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Barbara McClellan in honor of Angelina Bynum for the joy she brings to others through her artistic gifts.*

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

1st: Jerry Ritchie  
 4th: Harper Martin  
 7th: Pete Litterski  
 13th: Donna Richardson  
 14th: Margie Litterski  
 20th: Ella Cammack  
 22nd: Monika Henry  
 22nd: Connor Tucker  
 23rd: Kristel Morris  
 27th: Stefanie Kirschke  
 29th: Paige Lindsey

## This Week at SMAA

**Wednesday, July 16, 2023**

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

**Sunday, July 20, 2023**

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

### New Pictorial Directory for 2023

Christina will be in the church office to take you and/or your family's picture every Sunday during August either before the service or after the service. She will also have a clipboard for you to verify or update your contact information. If you would like to send your own picture, use same photo from two years ago, or updated your contact information, please e-mail her at [christina@smaalongview.org](mailto:christina@smaalongview.org).

### Confirmation Classes

Classes will begin **TODAY August 13<sup>th</sup>** for students in grades 7<sup>th</sup> and up. If interested, please contact Mother Tracey.

### 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:** Norah Lindey  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown  
**Danny's Team:** Bryan White  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Greeter:** David Brown  
**Lector:** Becky Supercinski  
**Nursery Helper:** Carolyn Deakins  
**Ushers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Vestry People:** Bryan White, Roxanne Brink  
**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Ed Maxwell
- Patti Maxwell
- Andrew McWhorter
- Chris and Penny Nicholson
- 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 & Linsay 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](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/ <b>BELOW</b>
<b>07/16/23</b>	<b>\$2,703</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$236</b>
<b>07/23/23</b>	<b>\$2,741</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$198</b>
<b>07/30/23</b>	<b>\$1,170</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$1,769</b>
<b>08/06/23</b>	<b>\$3,098</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>\$159</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$103,171</b>	<b>\$94,044</b>	<b>\$9,127</b>

## Next Sunday's Servers (08/20)

**Acolytes:** Joe Frank Brown  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse  
**Danny's Team:** Diane Buffington  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** Frank Supercinski  
**Greeter:** Amy Brown  
**Lector:** Susan Schug  
**Nursery Helper:** Mary Lynn Dawes  
**Ushers:** Stan Williams  
**Vestry People:** Susan Schug, Bryan White  
**Worship Tech:** Melinda Smith

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