

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 3, 2023

The First Reading

Jeremiah 15:15-21

O Lord, you know; remember me and visit me, and bring down retribution for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance do not take me away; know that on your account I suffer insult. Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart; for I am called by your name, O Lord, God of hosts. I did not sit in the company of merry-makers, nor did I rejoice; under the weight of your hand I sat alone, for you had filled me with indignation. Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Truly, you are to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail. Therefore, thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them. And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, says the Lord. I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.

Psalm

Psalm 26:1-8

1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.

3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.

4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.

5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.

6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,

7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.

The Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 16:21-28

Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?"

"For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Susan Kuhlman in birthday celebrations of Will Ramey and Michael Buckner and for the blessings they've brought to our lives.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Margot Lindsey
 2nd: Michael Buckner
 3rd: Ruby Hahne
 3rd: Tasha Root
 4th: Gloria Richards
 11th: David Brown
 11th: Terisa Kirschke
 17th: Diane Buffington
 19th: Robyn Murphy
 19th: Roxanne Brink
 21st: Grace Richardson
 21st: Mary Lynn Dawes
 23rd: Kyle Glave
 24th: Caroline Tucker
 26th: Lillian Tucker
 27th: Helen Daniel
 27th: Ava Rook

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, September 06, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, September 10, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

Piney Woods ECW September Luncheon

St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 314 Henderson Blvd. Kilgore, Texas 75662 on **Saturday, September 16**

The event will begin at 10:00am. Fee: \$10 due by **Sept 9**

Text Sherry Lockman or Liz Garrison for info

903-649-1253 or 903-431-6198

Mail \$10 to St Paul's ECW (address above)

Venmo \$10 to: @Sherry-Lockman (please make sure we know who you are)

Potluck Lunch

Canon Janet Waggoner will be with us to preach on

Sunday, September 17th. We will gather for a potluck lunch after the service, please bring a side dish to share.

Event for children

All ages are welcome to join with Trinity Episcopal Church and their new Youth minister, Rachel White. The event will be at the soccer fields at Trinity School of Texas on **Sunday, September 24th at 3:30 PM**. All ages are welcome to this event. Mtr Tracey plans to attend and needs a parent or two to help her chaperone.

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Melinda Smith

Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink

Ushers: Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Susan Schug

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- The Akinson & Brown Families
- 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
08/06/23	\$3,098	\$2,939	\$159
08/13/23	\$4,465	\$2,939	\$1,526
08/20/23	\$7,394	\$2,939	\$4,455
08/27/23	\$1,838	\$2,939	-\$1,101
YTD TOTALS	\$116,868	\$102,860	\$14,008

Next Sunday's Servers (09/10)

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Laura Buckner

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Patti Maxwell

Lector: Roxanne Brink

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: Bryan White

Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Bryan White

Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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