

The Transfiguration

August 6, 2023

The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

Psalm

Psalm 99

- 1 [The Lord is King; let the people tremble; *
he is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.
- 2 The Lord is great in Zion; *
he is high above all peoples.
- 3 Let them confess his Name, which is great and awesome; *
he is the Holy One.
- 4 "O mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; *
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob."]
- 5 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and fall down before his footstool; *
he is the Holy One.
- 6 Moses and Aaron among his priests, and Samuel among those who call upon his Name, *
they called upon the Lord, and he answered them.
- 7 He spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud; *
they kept his testimonies and the decree that he gave them.
- 8 O Lord our God, you answered them indeed; *
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.
- 9 Proclaim the greatness of the Lord our God and worship him upon his holy hill; *
for the Lord our God is the Holy One.

The Second Reading

2 Peter 1:13-21

I think it right, as long as I am in this body, to refresh your memory, since I know that my death will come soon, as indeed our Lord Jesus Christ has made clear to me. And I will make every effort so that after my departure you may be able at any time to recall these things.

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 9:28-36

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

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

Wednesday, August 9, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, August 13, 2023

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

Blessing of the Backpacks

TODAY Sunday, August 6th, we invite all students, teachers, and educators to bring their backpacks and workbags as we ask God's blessing on the new school year ahead.

New Pictorial Directory for 2023

Starting on **August 6th**, Christina will be in the church office to take you and/or your family's picture 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.

Confirmation Classes

Classes will begin **August 13th** for students in grades 7th 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: Jonathan Roberts
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
Danny's Team: Melinda Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Bryan White
Lector: Amy Brown
Nursery Helper: Ruby Hahne
Ushers: Donna Richardson
Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Tommy Smith
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- 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

**** 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
07/02/23	\$3,480	\$2,939	\$541
07/09/23	\$807	\$2,939	-\$2,132
07/16/23	\$2,703	\$2,939	-\$236
07/23/23	\$2,741	\$2,939	-\$198
07/30/23	\$1,170	\$2,939	-\$1,769
YTD TOTALS	\$100,073	\$91,105	\$8,968

Next Sunday's Servers (08/13)

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

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