

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

The First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

You, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. If I say to the wicked, "O wicked ones, you shall surely die," and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life.

Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: "Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?" Say to them, As I live, says the Lord God, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

Psalm

Psalm 119:33-40

33 Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes, *
and I shall keep it to the end.

34 Give me understanding, and I shall keep your law; *
I shall keep it with all my heart.

35 Make me go in the path of your commandments, *
for that is my desire.

36 Incline my heart to your decrees *
and not to unjust gain.

37 Turn my eyes from watching what is worthless; *
give me life in your ways.

38 Fulfill your promise to your servant, *
which you make to those who fear you.

39 Turn away the reproach which I dread, *
because your judgments are good.

40 Behold, I long for your commandments; *
in your righteousness preserve my life.

The Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet"; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, "Love your neighbor as yourself." Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.

Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; let us live honorably as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:15-20

Jesus said, "If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector. Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Susan Frier Brown in honor of David Brown's birthday.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Gloria Richards in memory of her husband Stan.

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 13, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, September 17, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00am Holy Eucharist-Canon Janet Waggoner
 11:30am Potluck Lunch

Potluck Lunch

Canon Janet Waggoner will be with us to preach **NEXT 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: 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

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 (09/17)

Acolytes: Michael Greathouse
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Frank Supercinski
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner
Greeter: David Brown
Lector: Mary Lynn Dawes
Nursery Helper: Marie Tucker
Ushers: Jerry Ritchie
Vestry People: Laura Buckner, Susan Schug
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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