

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 17, 2023

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalms

Psalms 103: (1-7), 8-13

- 1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Susan Frier Brown in honor of Betsy A. Colosky

By Claire Renzetti & Brad Tidwell in celebration of Ide Yeung Curran's birthday

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 20, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, September 24, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

3:30pm Event at Trinity for all children

TODAY: Potluck Lunch

Join us after the service as we gather for a potluck lunch, please bring a side dish to share.

Event for children: NEXT Sunday

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: 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

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 (09/24)

Acolytes: Diane Buffington

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Ruby Hahne

Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski

Ushers: Joe Frank Brown

Vestry People: Bryan White, Susan Brown

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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