

# Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

October 8, 2023

## The First Reading

*Isaiah 5:1-7*

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

## Psalm

*Psalm 80:7-14*

7 Restore us, O God of hosts; \*  
show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.

8 You have brought a vine out of Egypt; \*  
you cast out the nations and planted it.

9 You prepared the ground for it; \*  
it took root and filled the land.

10 The mountains were covered by its shadow \*  
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.

11 You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea \*  
and its branches to the River.

12 Why have you broken down its wall, \*  
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?

13 The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, \*  
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.

14 Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;  
behold and tend this vine; \*  
preserve what your right hand has planted.

## The Second Reading

*Philippians 3:4b-14*

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 21:33-46*

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.'" So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him.

Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes?'"

Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls."

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Claire Renzetti & Brad Tidwell in celebration of Henry Tidwell's birthday*

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

4th: Brad Tidwell  
 5th: Bryan White  
 8th: Amy Brown  
 8th: Fr. Bill Carroll  
 8th: Tommy Read  
 20th: Gianna Glave  
 21st: Ken Root  
 26th: Joshua Martinez

## This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, October 11, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Saturday, October 14, 2023

7:00 am Church Workday

Sunday, October 15, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

### Church Workday

**THIS Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>.** Need Volunteers for our upcoming workday. Please join us at **7:00 AM** to help with some general outside clean up.

### Trunk or Treat

Join us on **Sunday, October 29th, 5-7 PM** at First Christian Church. We need kids, parents, and adults to give out candy and bring candy for the event. If you would like to donate candy for this event, you may bring your candy to church. You can place it in Mother's Tracey's office.

### All Saints' Day: Remember the Saints in our Lives Sunday, November 5<sup>TH</sup>

Please join us for All Saints' Sunday service to honor and remember our loved ones. Please bring a photograph, or a small token to represent whom you love who have gone before us. We will display them on the altar for the Eucharistic prayer that day, as well as remember the names of those you would like us to remember. We will celebrate with a potluck lunch, after the service. Please bring favorite foods of our beloved friends and family that we are remembering.

Please send those names by **Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup> by 12:00 PM**

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the Flower Dedication forms for 2022 are in the narthex.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Gregg Hammock
- Curtis Cobb
- Connie Lawrence
- 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](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/BELOW
09/10/23	\$3,135	\$2,939	\$196
09/17/23	\$3,651	\$2,939	\$712
09/24/23	\$1,660	\$2,939	-\$1,279
10/01/23	\$2,159	\$2,939	-\$780
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$130,089</b>	<b>\$117,554</b>	<b>\$12,535</b>

## This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Diane Buffington

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes, Roxanne Brink

Ushers: Frank Supercinski

Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Roxanne Brink

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

## Next Sunday's Servers (10/15)

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Frank Supercinski

Lector: Frank Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: Stan Williams

Vestry People: Bryan White, Connie Fedrizzi

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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