

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 15, 2023

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 25:1-9*

O LORD, you are my God; I will exalt you, I will praise your name; for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure. For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin; the palace of aliens is a city no more, it will never be rebuilt. Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you. For you have been a refuge to the poor, a refuge to the needy in their distress, a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat. When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm, the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place, you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds; the song of the ruthless was stilled. On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

### Psalm

*Psalm 23*

- 1 The LORD is my shepherd; \*  
I shall not be in want.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures \*  
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He revives my soul \*  
and guides me along right pathways for his Name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil; \*  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; \*  
you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.
- 6 Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, \*  
and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

### The Second Reading

*Philippians 4:1-9*

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 22:1-14*

Once more Jesus spoke to the people in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

### Offertory

*Psalm 50:14*

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High.

Study and meditate on the offertory as we consider our offerings for next year.

## 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 18, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, October 22, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

**Sunday, October 22<sup>nd</sup>**, The Rev. Canon Janet

Waggoner will join us for worship. Coffee and conversation in the parish hall after the service.

### 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**

### Pledge Cards

Please turn in your pledge card by **November 12<sup>th</sup>**. Extra pledge cards are available in the Narthex. You can also go onto Onrealm, create an account, and enter your pledge. Go to:  
<https://onrealm.org/smaalongview/AddPledge/generalfund>

### 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:

- Rick Fedrizzi
- Gregg Hammock
- Curtis Cobb
- Connie Lawrence
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

### Bereavement For:

- Bill Sims 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](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
09/24/23	\$1,660	\$2,939	-\$1,279
10/01/23	\$2,159	\$2,939	-\$780
10/08/23	\$3,559	\$2,939	\$620
YTD TOTALS	\$133,648	\$120,493	\$13,155

## This Sunday's Servers

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

## Next Sunday's Servers (10/22)

Acolytes: Ruby Hahne

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Frank Supercinski

Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown

Greeter: Joe Frank Brown

Lector: Helen Daniel

Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes

Ushers: Michael Greathouse

Vestry People: Susan Schug, Susan Brown

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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