

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 22, 2023

The First Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him-- and the gates shall not be closed: I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the Lord, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. I am the Lord, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the Lord, and there is no other. I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the Lord do all these things.

Psalm

Psalms 96:1-9 (10-13)

- 1 Sing to the Lord a new song; *
sing to the Lord, all the whole earth.
- 2 Sing to the Lord and bless his Name; *
proclaim the good news of his salvation from day to day.
- 3 Declare his glory among the nations *
and his wonders among all peoples.
- 4 For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised; *
he is more to be feared than all gods.
- 5 As for all the gods of the nations, they are but idols; *
but it is the Lord who made the heavens.
- 6 Oh, the majesty and magnificence of his presence! *
Oh, the power and the splendor of his sanctuary!
- 7 Ascribe to the Lord, you families of the peoples; *
ascribe to the Lord honor and power.
- 8 Ascribe to the Lord the honor due his Name; *
bring offerings and come into his courts.
- 9 Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness; *
let the whole earth tremble before him.
- 10 [Tell it out among the nations: "The Lord is King! *
he has made the world so firm that it cannot be moved; he will
judge the peoples with equity."
- 11 Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea
thunder and all that is in it; *
let the field be joyful and all that is therein.
- 12 Then shall all the trees of the wood shout for joy before
the Lord when he comes, *
when he comes to judge the earth.
- 13 He will judge the world with righteousness *
and the peoples with his truth.]

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:

Grace to you and peace.

We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of persons we proved to be among you for your sake. And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead-- Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:15-22

The Pharisees went and plotted to entrap Jesus in what he said. So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to the emperor, or not?" But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, "Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? Show me the coin used for the tax." And they brought him a denarius. Then he said to them, "Whose head is this, and whose title?" They answered, "The emperor's." Then he said to them, "Give therefore to the emperor the things that are the emperor's, and to God the things that are God's." When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.

Offertory

Revelation 4:11

O Lord our God, you are worthy to receive glory and honor and power; because you have created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.

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 25, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, October 29, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00am Holy Eucharist
 5:00pm Trunk or Treat, First Christian Church

TODAY Sunday, October 22nd, Join us for Coffee and conversation in the parish hall after the service.

Trunk or Treat

Join us **TODAY, 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 5TH

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 1st by 12:00 PM**

Pledge Cards

Please turn in your pledge card by **November 12th**. 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>

Fall Fest Cookout

Join us on **Sunday, November 19th**, after the service in the Parish Hall. Hamburgers, Hot Dogs and All the Fixins', provided by Brad Tidwell and Claire Renzetti and the VeraBank Big Cooker. Please bring a side or dessert to go with burgers & hot dogs.

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

**** 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
10/15/23	\$2,143	\$2,939	-\$796
YTD TOTALS	\$135,791	\$123,432	\$12,359

Next Sunday's Servers (10/29)

Acolytes: Amy Brown
Cameras & Streaming: Bryan White
Danny's Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Buffington
Greeter: Becky Supercinski
Lector: Roxanne Brink
Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel
Ushers: Frank Supercinski
Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Tommy Smith
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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