

Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost

October 29, 2023

The First Reading

Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying: Speak to all the congregation of the people of Israel and say to them: You shall be holy, for I the Lord your God am holy. You shall not render an unjust judgment; you shall not be partial to the poor or defer to the great: with justice you shall judge your neighbor. You shall not go around as a slanderer among your people, and you shall not profit by the blood of your neighbor: I am the Lord. You shall not hate in your heart anyone of your kin; you shall reprove your neighbor, or you will incur guilt yourself. You shall not take vengeance or bear a grudge against any of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself: I am the Lord.

Psalm

Psalm 1

1 Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, *
nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

2 Their delight is in the law of the Lord, *
and they meditate on his law day and night.

3 They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; *
everything they do shall prosper.

4 It is not so with the wicked; *
they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

5 Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, *
nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

6 For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, *
but the way of the wicked is doomed.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 2:1-8

You yourselves know, brothers and sisters, that our coming to you was not in vain, but though we had already suffered and been shamefully mistreated at Philippi, as you know, we had courage in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in spite of great opposition. For our appeal does not spring from deceit or impure motives or trickery, but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the message of the gospel, even so we speak, not to please mortals, but to please God who tests our hearts. As you know and as God is our witness, we never came with words of flattery or with a pretext for greed; nor did we seek praise from mortals, whether from

you or from others, though we might have made demands as apostles of Christ. But we were gentle among you, like a nurse tenderly caring for her own children. So deeply do we care for you that we are determined to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you have become very dear to us.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 22:34-46

When the Pharisees heard that Jesus had silenced the Sadducees, they gathered together, and one of them, a lawyer, asked him a question to test him. "Teacher, which commandment in the law is the greatest?" He said to him, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets."

Now while the Pharisees were gathered together, Jesus asked them this question: "What do you think of the Messiah? Whose son is he?" They said to him, "The son of David." He said to them, "How is it then that David by the Spirit calls him Lord, saying,

'The Lord said to my Lord,
'Sit at my right hand,
until I put your enemies under your feet'?"

If David thus calls him Lord, how can he be his son?" No one was able to give him an answer, nor from that day did anyone dare to ask him any more questions.

Offertory

Hebrews 13:15, 16

But do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

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, November 1, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, November 5, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist: All Saints' Day 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 19th**. 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:

- Susan Schug
- 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 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|
| 10/01/23 | \$2,159 | \$2,939 | -\$780 |
| 10/08/23 | \$3,559 | \$2,939 | \$620 |
| 10/15/23 | \$2,143 | \$2,939 | -\$796 |
| 10/22/23 | \$2,020 | \$2,939 | -\$919 |
| YTD TOTALS | \$137,811 | \$126,371 | \$11,440 |

Next Sunday's Servers (11/05)

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Amy Brown

Danny's Team: Laura Buckner

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Becky Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Connie Fedrizzi

Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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