

Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 12, 2023

The First Reading

Amos 5:18-24

Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the Lord: Alas for you who desire the day of the Lord! Why do you want the day of the Lord? It is darkness, not light; as if someone fled from a lion, and was met by a bear; or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall, and was bitten by a snake. Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light, and gloom with no brightness in it? I hate, I despise your festivals, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals I will not look upon. Take away from me the noise of your songs; I will not listen to the melody of your harps. But let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream.

Psalm

Psalm 70

1 Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; *

O Lord, make haste to help me.

2 Let those who seek my life be ashamed and altogether dismayed; *

let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.

3 Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back, *

because they are ashamed.

4 Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; *

let those who love your salvation say for ever, "Great is the Lord!"

5 But as for me, I am poor and needy; *

come to me speedily, O God.

6 You are my helper and my deliverer; *

O Lord, do not tarry.

The Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 25:1-13

Jesus said, "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

Offertory

1 Chronicles 29:11

Yours, O Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the victory, and the majesty. For everything in heaven and on earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom, and you are exalted as head over all.

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

Announcements

Birthdays this month

3rd: Ron Buckner
 3rd: Jennifer Randell
 4th: Mona Clower
 5th: Michael Greathouse
 8th: Francis Rauch
 13th: Owen Glave
 16th: Charlyne White
 18th: Devin McLaughlin
 19th: Mary Beth Cobb
 24th: Susan Frier Brown
 27th: Joe Frank Brown
 28th: Michael Clower
 28th: Teresa Read

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, November 15, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, November 19, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Choral Compline Service

Tonight, **November 12 - 8:30pm** at Trinity Episcopal Church, Downtown Longview. Reception in the Parish Hall after the Service.

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 **NEXT 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.

UPCOMING in DECEMBER

Sunday, December 17th, 4-8PM

Church Christmas Party at Bryan & Charlyne White's Home. Bring Hors D'oeuvres

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Susan Schug
- Rick Fedrizzi
- 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

**** 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
10/15/23	\$2,143	\$2,939	-\$796
10/22/23	\$2,020	\$2,939	-\$919
10/29/23	\$1,258	\$2,939	-\$1,681
11/05/23	\$14,190	\$2,939	\$11,251
YTD TOTALS	\$153,259	\$132,249	\$21,010

NEXT Sunday's Servers (11/19)

Acolyte: Amy Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Supercinski

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Susan Brown

Nursery Helper: Ruby Hahne

Ushers: Joe Frank Brown

Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Tommy Smith

Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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