

# All Saints' Day

November 5, 2023

## The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-3

## The First Reading

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I, John, looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. "For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

## Psalm

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; \*  
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

2 I will glory in the Lord; \*  
let the humble hear and rejoice.

3 Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord; \*  
let us exalt his Name together.

4 I sought the Lord, and he answered me \*  
and delivered me out of all my terror.

5 Look upon him and be radiant, \*  
and let not your faces be ashamed.

6 I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me \*  
and saved me from all my troubles.

7 The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him, \*  
and he will deliver them.

8 Taste and see that the Lord is good; \*  
happy are they who trust in him!

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, \*  
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, \*  
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants, \*  
and none will be punished who trust in him.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

## The Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

## Offertory

Romans 12:1

I appeal to you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present yourselves as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Study and meditate on the offertory as we consider our offerings for next year.

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Carolyn Deakins in memory of Wayne and loved ones who are with Jesus*

## 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 8, 2023**  
6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

**Sunday, November 12, 2023**  
9:00 am Bible Study  
10:00 am Morning Worship

### All Saints Sunday

**TODAY** Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup>, we will honor and remember our loved ones. We will celebrate with a potluck lunch, join us after the service.

### Pledge Cards

Please turn in your pledge card by **November 19<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>

### Fall Fest Cookout

Join us on **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**, 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 17<sup>th</sup>, 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](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
<b>10/01/23</b>	<b>\$2,159</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$780</b>
<b>10/08/23</b>	<b>\$3,559</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>\$620</b>
<b>10/15/23</b>	<b>\$2,143</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$796</b>
<b>10/22/23</b>	<b>\$2,020</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$919</b>
<b>10/29/23</b>	<b>\$1,258</b>	<b>\$2,939</b>	<b>-\$1,681</b>
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$139,069</b>	<b>\$129,310</b>	<b>\$9,759</b>

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (11/12)

**Acolyte:** Diane Buffinton  
**Cameras & Streaming:** Amy Brown, Michael Greathouse  
**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski  
**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Brown  
**Greeter:** Patti Maxwell  
**Lector:** Helen Daniel  
**Nursery Helper:** Becky Supercinski  
**Ushers:** Jerry Ritchie  
**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, Connie Fedrizzi  
**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

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