

# Last Sunday after Pentecost

November 26, 2023

## The First Reading

*Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24*

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

## Psalm

*Psalm 95:1-7a*

- 1 Come, let us sing to the LORD; \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.
- 2 Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.
- 3 For the LORD is a great God, \*  
and a great King above all gods.
- 4 In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.
- 5 The sea is his, for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.
- 6 Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the LORD our Maker.
- 7 For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep  
of his hand.

## The Second Reading

*Ephesians 1:15-23*

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

## The Gospel Reading

*Matthew 25:31-46*

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Claire Renzetti & Brad Tidwell in celebration of Sean Curran's birthday*

## 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 29, 2023

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, December 3, 2023

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Church Scheduling

Check out the new scheduling page at [www.churchscheduling.com](http://www.churchscheduling.com) After you select login, select "My assignments." Upgraded on November 13<sup>th</sup>.

### Poinsettia Dedications

If you would like to provide a Poinsettia for the Sanctuary, please fill out the form located in the narthex and place in the offering plate. Suggested donation: \$20.00 per Poinsettia. Please indicate "Poinsettia" on your check

### UPCOMING in DECEMBER

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, after the service**

Family tree decorating party, bring a family ornament.

**Sunday, December 17<sup>th</sup>, 4-8PM**

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

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, after the service**

Church decorating party, preparing the church for the Christmas Eve evening service. Need volunteers to help.

**Sunday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, Evening service**

Christmas Carols will begin at **5:45 PM** and service will begin at **6:00 PM**.

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Susan Schug
- 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
10/29/23	\$1,258	\$2,939	-\$1,681
11/05/23	\$14,190	\$2,939	\$11,251
11/12/23	\$2,064	\$2,939	-\$875
11/19/23	\$2,399	\$2,939	-\$540
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$157,722</b>	<b>\$138,126</b>	<b>\$19,596</b>

### Next Sunday's Servers (12/03)

Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman

Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner

Greeter: David Brown

Lector: Melinda Smith

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: Frank Supercinski

Vestry People: Susan Kuhlman, Samantha Rauch

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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