

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany

January 28, 2024

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Moses said: The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.

Psalm

Psalms 111

1 Hallelujah!

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, *
in the assembly of the upright, in the congregation.

2 Great are the deeds of the Lord! *
they are studied by all who delight in them.

3 His work is full of majesty and splendor, *
and his righteousness endures for ever.

4 He makes his marvelous works to be remembered; *
the Lord is gracious and full of compassion.

5 He gives food to those who fear him; *
he is ever mindful of his covenant.

6 He has shown his people the power of his works *
in giving them the lands of the nations.

7 The works of his hands are faithfulness and justice; *
all his commandments are sure.

8 They stand fast for ever and ever, *
because they are done in truth and equity.

9 He sent redemption to his people;
he commanded his covenant for ever; *
holy and awesome is his Name.

10 The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; *
those who act accordingly have a good understanding;
his praise endures for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus and his disciples went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

After the Gospel, the Priest says The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: William Magee
 2nd: Frank Supercinski
 8th: Javier Glave
 9th: Preston Martin
 10th: Elena Randell
 14th: Linsay Kirschke
 16th: Lauren McCalman
 16th: Janice Bynum
 25th: Louie Lewis
 27th: Esther Frier
 27th: Ryan Randell
 30th: Teresa Smith

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, January 31, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, February 4, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Bishop Fisher

The Bishop will be with us on **February 11th, 2024**. If you are interested being confirmed, please contact Mtr. Tracey.

Traces of the Trade: A Tale from the Deep North

A Film Screening and Facilitated Dialogue on Race on **Wednesday, February 21st from 6 to 9 PM** in the Parish Hall of Trinity Episcopal Church. Dinner and childcare will be provided, but space is limited. More information or interested attending, please contact Mtr Tracey.

On Saturday, March 9, Trinity Episcopal Church are hosting the One Human Race workshop from **9:00 AM to 5:00 PM**. Both events require pre-registration and are brought to us with funding from the community engagement team of the Episcopal Health Foundation.

NEXT Sunday's Servers (02/04)

Acolytes: Ruby Hahne
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
Danny's Team: Melinda Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Buffington
Greeter: Patti Maxwell
Lector: Becky Supercinski
Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins, Marie Tucker
Ushers: Frank Supercinski
Vestry People: Bryan White, Susan Brown
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Gary (Bubba) Lewis
- 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
01/07/24	\$3,126	\$3,302	-\$176
01/14/24	\$2,465	\$3,302	-\$837
01/21/24	\$9,692	\$3,302	\$6,390
YTD TOTALS	\$15,283	\$9,907	\$5,376

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Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Ruby Hahne
Lector: Roxanne Brink
Nursery Helper: Mary Lynn Dawes
Ushers: Frank Supercinski
Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Samantha Rauch
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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