

## Fourth Sunday in Lent

March 10, 2024

### The First Reading

*Numbers 21:4-9*

From Mount Hor the Israelites set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

### Psalm

*Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22*

1 Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, \*  
and his mercy endures for ever.

2 Let all those whom the Lord has redeemed proclaim \*  
that he redeemed them from the hand of the foe.

3 He gathered them out of the lands; \*  
from the east and from the west,  
from the north and from the south.

17 Some were fools and took to rebellious ways; \*  
they were afflicted because of their sins.

18 They abhorred all manner of food \*  
and drew near to death's door.

19 Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble, \*  
and he delivered them from their distress.

20 He sent forth his word and healed them \*  
and saved them from the grave.

21 Let them give thanks to the Lord for his mercy \*  
and the wonders he does for his children.

22 Let them offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving \*  
and tell of his acts with shouts of joy.

### The Second Reading

*Ephesians 2:1-10*

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ-- by grace you have been saved-- and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God-- not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

### The Gospel Reading

*John 3:14-21*

Jesus said, "Just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

2nd: Laura Brown  
 3rd: Marie Tucker  
 13th: Susan Kuhlman  
 14th: Allyssa Morse  
 15th: Stan Williams  
 24th: Norman White  
 27th: Lorraine Litterski

## This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, March 13, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, March 17, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

### Holy Week Worship Schedule

Palm Sunday, **March 24** at 10:00 am

Maundy Thursday, **March 28** at 6:00 pm

Good Friday, **March 29** at 6:00 pm

Easter Day, Sunday, **March 31** at 10:00

with Brunch to follow

### Easter Egg Hunt

We will be having our annual Easter Egg Hunt after the service on **Easter Sunday, March 31st**. We need to start collecting eggs for the hunt. **(PLEASE BRING PLASTIC EGGS FILLED WITH TREATS)**

**\*\*\*NO CHOCOLATE & NUTS PLEASE\*\*\***

### Easter Sunday

**Sunday, March 31, 2024**, Service at **10:00 AM**

**Easter Egg Hunt** after the service at **11:30 AM**

Then join us for an Easter Day Brunch in the Parish Hall, after the Easter Egg Hunt. Please sign up in the narthex to bring something to the Easter Day Brunch.

### Easter Hydrangeas

If you would like to purchase Hydrangeas for Easter Sunday, **March 31, 2024**, please pick up and fill out the form in the entry way of the church. Place your check noted "**Easter Hydrangeas**" and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Hydrangeas \$25.00**. Deadline to purchase Hydrangeas will be **Sunday, March 24th**.

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (03/17)

**Acolytes:** Javier Glave

**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown

**Danny's Team:** Bryan White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Brown

**Greeter:** Frank Supercinski

**Lector:** Amy Brown

**Nursery Helper:** Mary Lynn Dawes

**Ushers:** Tommy Read

**Vestry People:** Bryan White, Connie Fedrizzi

**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Andrew McWhorter
- Ed Maxwell
- 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](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
02/11/24	\$7,870	\$3,302	\$4,568
02/18/24	\$4,140	\$3,302	\$838
02/25/24	\$2,625	\$3,302	-\$677
03/03/24	\$2,747	\$3,302	-\$555
YTD TOTALS	\$41,414	\$29,720	\$11,694

## THIS Sunday's Servers (03/10)

**Acolytes:** Javier Glave

**Cameras & Streaming:** Bryan White

**Danny's Team:** Frank Supercinski

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Becky Supercinski

**Greeter:** Joe Frank Brown

**Lector:** Ruby Hahne

**Nursery Helper:** Carolyn Deakins

**Ushers:** Joshua Martinez

**Vestry People:** Susan Brown, Stan Williams

**Worship Tech:** Gianna Glave

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