

## Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 17, 2024

### The First Reading

*Jeremiah 31:31-34*

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the Lord. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the Lord,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the Lord; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

### Psalm

*Psalms 51:1-13*

- 1 Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness; \*  
in your great compassion blot out my offenses.
- 2 Wash me through and through from my wickedness \*  
and cleanse me from my sin.
- 3 For I know my transgressions, \*  
and my sin is ever before me.
- 4 Against you only have I sinned \*  
and done what is evil in your sight.
- 5 And so you are justified when you speak \*  
and upright in your judgment.
- 6 Indeed, I have been wicked from my birth, \*  
a sinner from my mother's womb.
- 7 For behold, you look for truth deep within me, \*  
and will make me understand wisdom secretly.
- 8 Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure; \*  
wash me, and I shall be clean indeed.
- 9 Make me hear of joy and gladness, \*  
that the body you have broken may rejoice.
- 10 Hide your face from my sins \*  
and blot out all my iniquities.
- 11 Create in me a clean heart, O God, \*  
and renew a right spirit within me.
- 12 Cast me not away from your presence \*  
and take not your holy Spirit from me.
- 13 Give me the joy of your saving help again \*  
and sustain me with your bountiful Spirit.

## The Second Reading

*Hebrews 5:5-10*

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son, today I have begotten you”; as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek.”

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

## The Gospel Reading

*John 12:20-33*

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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 20, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, March 24, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Palm Sunday: 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**.

### Lay Eucharistic Minister Class

For new and current LEM. **April 14<sup>th</sup>**, after church in Tracey's office. You must be confirmed.

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (03/24)

**Acolytes:** Joshua Martinez

**Cameras & Streaming:** Michael Greathouse

**Danny's Team:** Laura Buckner

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Diane Buffington

**Greeter:** Susan Kuhlman

**Lector:** David Brown

**Nursery Helper:** Roxanne Brink

**Ushers:** Stan Williams

**Vestry People:** Roxanne Brink, Joshua Martinez

**Worship Tech:** Amy Brown

## 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
02/18/24	\$4,140	\$3,302	\$838
02/25/24	\$2,625	\$3,302	-\$677
03/03/24	\$2,747	\$3,302	-\$555
03/10/24	\$5,125	\$3,302	\$1,823
YTD TOTALS	\$46,539	\$33,022	\$13,517

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

**Acolytes:** Michael Greathouse

**Cameras & Streaming:** Robert Brown

**Danny's Team:** Bryan White

**Eucharistic Ministers:** David Brown

**Greeter:** Frank Supercinski

**Lector:** Amy Brown

**Nursery Helper:** Mary Lynn Dawes, Carolyn Deakins

**Ushers:** Tommy Read

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

**Worship Tech:** Melinda Smith

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