

Second Sunday of Easter

April 7, 2024

The First Reading

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

Psalm

Psalm 133

- 1 Oh, how good and pleasant it is, *
when brethren live together in unity!
- 2 It is like fine oil upon the head *
that runs down upon the beard,
- 3 Upon the beard of Aaron, *
and runs down upon the collar of his robe.
- 4 It is like the dew of Hermon *
that falls upon the hills of Zion.
- 5 For there the Lord has ordained the blessing: *
life for evermore.

The Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life-- this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us-- we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the

truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

The Gospel Reading

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

2nd: Kara Smith
 7th: Valerie Buckner
 7th: Meg Cammack
 12th: Barbara McClellan
 16th: Melinda Smith
 23rd: Laura Buckner

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Friday, April 12, 2024

10:00 am Work Day

Sunday, April 14, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

11:30 am LEM Class

Work Day

We need volunteers to help remove Joshua House contents, replace light bulbs as needed in all buildings and remove fallen limbs on **Friday, April 12th at 10:00 AM**. Looking for a home for the contents removed from Joshua House. Contact Bryan White for details at b4hntn@cablelynx.com.

Lay Eucharistic Minister Class

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

Daughters of the King

Dok has chosen to assemble hygiene packs as their outreach project. Donated items will be packaged and distributed locally to Highway 80 Rescue Mission Women's shelter, One Love Longview and Longview Community Ministries. Beginning **Sunday, April 21st**, a basket will be placed in the Narthex with a list of suggested items. The congregation may purchase items to place in the basket or place a check or cash in the basket as well. Please indicate "hygiene packs" in the memo line if donating by check.

VBS

Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Trinity, **June 17-21, 9:00 am- 12:00pm, ages 3-10**
 Register at: <https://trinityparish.mycokesburyvbs.com/>

Next Sunday's Servers (04/14)

Acolytes: Michael Greathouse

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Diane Buffington

Lector: Frank Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: Tommy Read

Vestry People: Stan Williams, Connie Fedrizzi

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Monika Henry
- Carolyn Deakins
- Frank Supercinski
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

Bereavement For:

- Charlie Parker Family

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
03/03/24	\$2,747	\$3,302	-\$555
03/10/24	\$5,125	\$3,302	\$1,823
03/17/24	\$2,288	\$3,302	-\$1,014
03/24/24	\$2,541	\$3,302	-\$761
03/31/24	\$6,011	\$3,302	\$2,709
YTD TOTALS	\$57,379	\$42,928	\$14,451

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Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Daine Buffington

Eucharistic Ministers: Frank Supercinski

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Javier Glave

Nursery Helper: Marie Tucker

Ushers: Joe Frank Brown

Vestry People: Susan Brown, Tommy Smith

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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