

Third Sunday of Easter

April 14, 2024

The First Reading

Acts 3:12-19

Peter addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you. "And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

Psalm

Psalm 4

1 Answer me when I call, O God, defender of my cause; *
you set me free when I am hard-pressed; *
have mercy on me and hear my prayer.

2 "You mortals, how long will you dishonor my glory; *
how long will you worship dumb idols
and run after false gods?"

3 Know that the Lord does wonders for the faithful; *
when I call upon the Lord, he will hear me.

4 Tremble, then, and do not sin; *
speak to your heart in silence upon your bed.

5 Offer the appointed sacrifices *
and put your trust in the Lord.

6 Many are saying, "Oh, that we might see better
times!" *
Lift up the light of your countenance upon us, O Lord.

7 You have put gladness in my heart, *
more than when grain and wine and oil increase.

8 I lie down in peace; at once I fall asleep; *
for only you, Lord, make me dwell in safety.

The Second Reading

1 John 3:1-7

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:36b-48

Jesus himself stood among the disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you." They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

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 17, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

TODAY-Lay Eucharistic Minister Class

For new and current LEM. **April 14th**, after church. 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 (04/21)

Acolytes: Diane Buffington
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
Danny's Team: Mary Lynn Dawes
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown
Greeter: Catherine White
Lector: Mary Lynn Dawes
Nursery Helper: Ruby Hahne
Ushers: Frank Supercinski
Vestry People: Bryan White, Joshua Martinez
Worship Tech: Laura Buckner

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Janice Bynum
- 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
03/10/24	\$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
04/07/24	\$4,310	\$3,302	\$1,008
YTD TOTALS	\$61,689	\$46,231	\$15,459

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