

Ascension

May 8, 2024

The First Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

Psalm

Psalm 47

- 1 Clap your hands, all you peoples; *
shout to God with a cry of joy.
- 2 For the LORD Most High is to be feared; *
he is the great King over all the earth.
- 3 He subdues the peoples under us, *
and the nations under our feet.
- 4 He chooses our inheritance for us, *
the pride of Jacob whom he loves.
- 5 God has gone up with a shout, *
the LORD with the sound of the ram's-horn.
- 6 Sing praises to God, sing praises; *
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
- 7 For God is King of all the earth; *
sing praises with all your skill.
- 8 God reigns over the nations; *
God sits upon his holy throne.
- 9 The nobles of the peoples have gathered
together *
with the people of the God of Abraham.
- 10 The rulers of the earth belong to God, *
and he is highly exalted.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Jesus said to his disciples, "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. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Samantha Rauch
 6th: Jordan Rook
 7th: Jeff Hahne
 12th: Joe McClellan
 13th: Patti Maxwell
 18th: Danny Carroll
 20th: Jessica Cunningham
 23rd: Alan McCalman
 24th: Fred Brink
 25th: Charlotte Oberthier
 30th: Cord Cammack

This Week at SMAA

Sunday, May 12, 2024 (Mother's Day)

9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

TODAY Ascension Eve Service

Wednesday, May 8th at 5:30 PM, Join us after the service for fellowship & dinner.

Honoring Graduates

Sunday, May 19th, Mother Tracey will be recognizing all who have graduated from elementary school to middle school all the way up to master's degree.

Pentecost Sunday, May 19th

Don't forget to wear **RED** for **Pentecost Sunday, May 19th**. After the service, we will have a potluck. Please bring a dish to share.

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/>

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Amy Brown
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Bryan White
Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Workman
Greeter: David Brown
Lector: Helen Daniel
Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski
Ushers: Joshua Martinez
Vestry People: Connie Fedrizzi, Bryan White
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- 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 |
|------------|----------|----------|-------------|
| 04/14/24 | \$1,288 | \$3,302 | -\$2,014 |
| 04/21/24 | \$2,131 | \$3,302 | -\$1,171 |
| 04/28/24 | \$2,147 | \$3,302 | -\$1,155 |
| YTD TOTALS | \$67,255 | \$56,137 | \$11,118 |

Next Sunday's Servers (05/19)

Acolytes: Joshua Martinez
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Buffington
Greeter: Wayne Workman
Lector: Susan Brown
Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel
Ushers: Stan Williams
Vestry People: Susan Brown, Joshua Martinez
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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