

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024

The First Reading

Ezekiel 17:22-24

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

Psalm

Psalms 92:1-4, 11-14

1 It is a good thing to give thanks to the Lord, *
and to sing praises to your Name, O Most High;

2 To tell of your loving-kindness early in the morning *
and of your faithfulness in the night season;

3 On the psaltery, and on the lyre, *
and to the melody of the harp.

4 For you have made me glad by your acts, O Lord; *
and I shout for joy because of the works of your hands.

11 The righteous shall flourish like a palm tree, *
and shall spread abroad like a cedar of Lebanon.

12 Those who are planted in the house of the Lord *
shall flourish in the courts of our God;

13 They shall still bear fruit in old age; *
they shall be green and succulent;

14 That they may show how upright the Lord is, *
my Rock, in whom there is no fault.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, [11-13], 14-17

We are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord-- for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil.

[Therefore, knowing the fear of the Lord, we try to persuade others; but we ourselves are well known to God, and I hope that we are also well known to your consciences. We are not commending ourselves to you again, but giving you an opportunity to boast about us, so that you may be able to answer those who boast in outward appearance and not in the heart. For if we are beside ourselves, it is for God; if we are in our right mind, it is for you.] For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

The Gospel Reading

Mark 4:26-34

Jesus said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Frank & Becky Supercinski in celebration of June 20, 2024, Sixty Years of Marriage.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

- 2nd: Danielle Martin
- 3rd: Chip Doran
- 5th: Marsha Magee
- 7th: Mother Tracey
- 11th: Catherine White
- 11th: Rick Fedrizzi
- 27th: David Maxwell

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, June 19, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, June 23, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

VBS

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: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Mary Lynn Dawes

Eucharistic Ministers: Joshua Martinez

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Harrison Brown

Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink

Ushers: David Brown

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Joshua Martinez

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Frank Supercinski
- 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
05/19/24	\$3,220	\$3,302	-\$82
05/26/24	\$1,864	\$3,302	-\$1,438
06/02/24	\$2,152	\$3,302	-\$1,150
06/09/24	\$3,677	\$3,302	\$375
YTD TOTALS	\$84,563	\$75,950	\$8,613

Next Sunday's Servers (06/23)

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown

Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Joshua Martinez

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Marie Tucker

Ushers: Tommy Read

Vestry People: Bryan White, Susan Brown

Worship Tech: Wayne Workman

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