

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 7, 2024

The First Reading

Ezekiel 2:1-5

The Lord said to me: O mortal, stand up on your feet, and I will speak with you. And when he spoke to me, a spirit entered into me and set me on my feet; and I heard him speaking to me. He said to me, Mortal, I am sending you to the people of Israel, to a nation of rebels who have rebelled against me; they and their ancestors have transgressed against me to this very day. The descendants are impudent and stubborn. I am sending you to them, and you shall say to them, "Thus says the Lord God." Whether they hear or refuse to hear (for they are a rebellious house), they shall know that there has been a prophet among them.

Psalm

Psalm 123

- 1 To you I lift up my eyes, *
to you enthroned in the heavens.
- 2 As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, *
and the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress,
- 3 So our eyes look to the Lord our God, *
until he show us his mercy.
- 4 Have mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy, *
for we have had more than enough of contempt,
- 5 Too much of the scorn of the indolent rich, *
and of the derision of the proud.

The Second Reading

2 Corinthians 12:2-10

I know a person in Christ who fourteen years ago was caught up to the third heaven—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows. And I know that such a person—whether in the body or out of the body I do not know; God knows— was caught up into Paradise and heard things that are not to be told, that no mortal is permitted to repeat. On behalf of such a one I will boast, but on my own behalf I will not boast, except of my weaknesses. But if I wish to boast, I will not be a fool, for I will be speaking the truth. But I refrain from it, so that no one may think better of me than what is seen in me or heard from me, even considering the exceptional character of the revelations. Therefore, to keep me from being too elated, a thorn was given me in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me, to keep me from being too elated. Three times I appealed to the Lord about this, that it would leave me, but he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness."

So, I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities for the sake of Christ; for whenever I am weak, then I am strong.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 6:1-13

Jesus came to his hometown, and his disciples followed him. On the sabbath he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were astounded. They said, "Where did this man get all this? What is this wisdom that has been given to him? What deeds of power are being done by his hands! Is not this the carpenter, the son of Mary and brother of James and Joses and Judas and Simon, and are not his sisters here with us?" And they took offense at him. Then Jesus said to them, "Prophets are not without honor, except in their hometown, and among their own kin, and in their own house." And he could do no deed of power there, except that he laid his hands on a few sick people and cured them. And he was amazed at their unbelief.

Then he went about among the villages teaching. He called the twelve and began to send them out two by two, and gave them authority over the unclean spirits. He ordered them to take nothing for their journey except a staff; no bread, no bag, no money in their belts; but to wear sandals and not to put on two tunics. He said to them, "Wherever you enter a house, stay there until you leave the place. If any place will not welcome you and they refuse to hear you, as you leave, shake off the dust that is on your feet as a testimony against them." So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Roxanne Brink in thanksgiving for family and friends

Announcements

Birthdays this month

4th: David Buckner
 9th: Angelina Bynum
 10th: Claire Cammack
 11th: Harrison Brown
 19th: Sandra McLaughlin
 22nd: Christopher Clodfelter
 22nd: Natasha Bynum

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, July 10, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, July 14, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist: Rev. Sean Steele

Mother Tracey on Vacation

Mother Tracey will be out on vacation **July 8th – 29th**
 The Rev. Sean Steele will be with us Next Sunday,
 July 14^h and July 21st.

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sunday, August 11th, we invite all students, teachers,
 and educators to bring their backpacks and workbags as
 we ask God's blessing on the new school year ahead.

Blessing of the Animals

Join us **Sunday, October 6th at 1:00 PM** for the
 Annual Blessing of the Animals. Dogs, Cats, and other
 pets-small and large, furry, and non-furry are all welcome.
 Kids are welcome to bring a stuffed animal to bless.

Please begin to bring dog food and other dog items to be
 donated to the local animal shelter.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the
 Flower Dedication forms for 2022 are in the narthex.

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Joshua Martinez
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown
Greeter: Catherine White
Lector: Javier Glave
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Bryan White
Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Stan Williams
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine, Pete and Margie Litterski

Bereavement For:

- Frank Supercinski's Family
- Gary Cox's Family
- Bill Magee's 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
06/09/24	\$3,677	\$3,302	\$375
06/16/24	\$7,440	\$3,302	\$4,138
06/23/24	\$1,879	\$3,302	-\$1,424
06/30/24	\$4,718	\$3,302	\$1,416
YTD TOTALS	\$98,599	\$85,857	\$12,742

Next Sunday's Servers (07/14)

Acolytes: Michael Greathouse
Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith
Danny's Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Joshua Martinez
Greeter: Diane Buffington
Lector: Diane Buffington
Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel
Ushers: Stan Williams
Vestry People: Joshua Martinez, Roxanne Brink
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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