

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 14, 2024

The First Reading

Amos 7:7-15

This is what the Lord God showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by; the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword." Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very centre of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' " And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there; but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom." Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees, and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'"

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people
and to those who turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of Jesus and his disciples, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

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 17, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, July 21, 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 2024 are in the narthex.

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Javier Glave
Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: Joshua Martinez
Greeter: Diane Buffington
Lector: Diane Buffington
Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel
Ushers: Stan Williams
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
06/16/24	\$7,440	\$3,302	\$4,138
06/23/24	\$1,879	\$3,302	-\$1,424
06/30/24	\$4,718	\$3,302	\$1,416
07/07/24	\$3,353	\$3,302	\$51
YTD TOTALS	\$101,952	\$89,159	\$12,793

Next Sunday's Servers (07/21)

Acolytes: Joshua Martinez
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown
Greeter: Ruby Hahne
Lector: Ruby Hahne
Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins
Ushers: Joe Frank Brown
Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Tommy Smith
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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