

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 18, 2024

The First Reading

Proverbs 9:1-6

Wisdom has built her house,
she has hewn her seven pillars.
She has slaughtered her animals, she has mixed her wine,
she has also set her table.
She has sent out her servant-girls, she calls
from the highest places in the town,
“You that are simple, turn in here!”
To those without sense she says,
“Come, eat of my bread
and drink of the wine I have mixed.
Lay aside immaturity, and live,
and walk in the way of insight.”

Psalm

Psalm 34:9-14

9 Fear the Lord, you that are his saints, *
for those who fear him lack nothing.

10 The young lions lack and suffer hunger, *
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

11 Come, children, and listen to me; *
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.

12 Who among you loves life *
and desires long life to enjoy prosperity?

13 Keep your tongue from evil-speaking *
and your lips from lying words.

14 Turn from evil and do good; *
seek peace and pursue it.

The Second Reading

Ephesians 5:15-20

Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise, making the most of the time, because the days are evil. So do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. Do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit, as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts, giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

The Gospel Reading

John 6:51-58

Jesus said, “I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.”

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.”

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Jerry Ritchie
 4th: Harper Martin
 7th: Pete Litterski
 9th: Joshua Newsom
 11th: Nancy McCrary
 13th: Donna Richardson
 14th: Margie Litterski
 20th: Ella Cammack
 22nd: Connor Tucker
 22nd: Monika Henry
 23rd: Kristel Morris
 27th: Stefanie Kirschke
 29th: Paige Lindsey
 31st: Kari Dickson
 31st: Jim Watson

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, August 21, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, August 25, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist: Fr. Sean Steele

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.

Piney Woods September Brunch
Traditional Hymns to Contemporary Music

St. Michael's & All Angels, 909 Reel Road, Longview 75604
 Saturday, September 14 from 10:00 am to 12:30 pm

Please respond by September 3
Mail the \$10 registration fee to the church
You may mail several checks in one envelope!
See YOU then!

Roxanne Brink 480-208-2966 Susan Kuhlman 903-918-2261

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Andrew McWhorter
- Libby Menger
- The Akinson & Brown Family
- 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
07/21/24	\$2,399	\$3,302	-\$903
07/28/24	\$2,528	\$3,302	-\$774
08/04/24	\$3,541	\$3,302	\$239
08/11/24	\$1,121	\$3,302	-\$2,181
YTD TOTALS	\$112,808	\$105,670	\$7,138

Next Sunday's Servers (08/25)

Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Mary Lynn Dawes

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Javier Glave

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel

Ushers: Bryan White

Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Susan Brown

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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Acolytes: Ruby Hahne

Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith

Danny's Team: Mary Lynn Dawes

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Amy Brown

Lector: Susan Brown

Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink

Ushers: Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Bryan White, Joshua Martinez

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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