

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 29, 2024

The First Reading

Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29

The rabble among them had a strong craving; and the Israelites also wept again, and said, "If only we had meat to eat! We remember the fish we used to eat in Egypt for nothing, the cucumbers, the melons, the leeks, the onions, and the garlic; but now our strength is dried up, and there is nothing at all but this manna to look at."

Moses heard the people weeping throughout their families, all at the entrances of their tents. Then the Lord became very angry, and Moses was displeased. So Moses said to the Lord, "Why have you treated your servant so badly? Why have I not found favor in your sight, that you lay the burden of all this people on me? Did I conceive all this people? Did I give birth to them, that you should say to me, 'Carry them in your bosom, as a nurse carries a sucking child,' to the land that you promised on oath to their ancestors? Where am I to get meat to give to all this people? For they come weeping to me and say, 'Give us meat to eat!' I am not able to carry all this people alone, for they are too heavy for me. If this is the way you are going to treat me, put me to death at once—if I have found favor in your sight—and do not let me see my misery."

So the Lord said to Moses, "Gather for me seventy of the elders of Israel, whom you know to be the elders of the people and officers over them; bring them to the tent of meeting, and have them take their place there with you."

So Moses went out and told the people the words of the Lord; and he gathered seventy elders of the people, and placed them all around the tent. Then the Lord came down in the cloud and spoke to him, and took some of the spirit that was on him and put it on the seventy elders; and when the spirit rested upon them, they prophesied. But they did not do so again.

Two men remained in the camp, one named Eldad, and the other named Medad, and the spirit rested on them; they were among those registered, but they had not gone out to the tent, and so they prophesied in the camp. And a young man ran and told Moses, "Eldad and Medad are prophesying in the camp." And Joshua son of Nun, the assistant of Moses, one of his chosen men, said, "My lord Moses, stop them!" But Moses said to him, "Are you jealous for my sake? Would that all the Lord's people were prophets, and that the Lord would put his spirit on them!"

Psalm

Psalm 19:7-14

7 The law of the Lord is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the Lord is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.

8 The statutes of the Lord are just and rejoice the heart; *
the commandment of the Lord is clear and gives light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the Lord are true and righteous altogether.

10 More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, *
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.

11 By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.

12 Who can tell how often he offends? *
cleanse me from my secret faults.

13 Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins; let them not
get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound, and innocent of a great offense.

14 Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, *
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to
the glory of God by the Tucker Family in
celebration of Lillian & Caroline Tucker*

*The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to
the glory of God in celebrating the birthdays of
Kyle and Helen Daniel Glave*

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Margot Lindsey
 2nd: Michael Buckner
 3rd: Ruby Hahne
 3rd: Tasha Root
 4th: Gloria Richards
 11th: David Brown
 11th: Terisa Kirschke
 17th: Diane Buffington
 19th: Robyn Murphy
 19th: Roxanne Brink
 23rd: Kyle Glave
 24th: Caroline Tucker
 26th: Lillian Tucker
 27th: Helen Daniel Glave
 27th: Ava Rook

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, October 2, 2024
 6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, October 6, 2024
 9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00am Holy Eucharist

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.

Church Wide Bible Study

The study, titled "The Path," will commence on Sunday, **October 6th at 9:00 AM**. It features excerpts from Scripture guiding you from the creation narrative to the conclusion of Revelation. The primary coursebook for adults includes both the reading passages and study questions. Correspondingly, the Family Story book is organized into identical chapters, containing the same narratives along with discussion questions for families. Additionally, a coloring book will be offered. For those interested in purchasing any of these books, a sign-up sheet can be found in the narthex.

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: Sheila Thrash
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Melinda Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Patti Maxwell
Lector: Susan Brown
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Stan Williams, Chip Doran
Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Joshua Martinez
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Angelina Bynum
- Mtr. Tracey
- Andrew McWhorter
- Libby Menger
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine and Margie Litterski

Bereavement For:

- Pete Litterski's Family
- William Read's Family

Other Prayer Request:

- Jonathan secures employment, enabling the Bowman family to relocate to Longview.

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
09/01/24	\$2,194	\$3,302	-\$1,108
09/08/24	\$3,647	\$3,302	\$345
09/15/24	\$1,495	\$3,302	-\$1,807
09/22/24	\$2,070	\$3,302	-\$1,232
YTD TOTALS	\$129,415	\$125,482	\$3,933

Next Sunday's Servers (10/06)

Acolytes: Joe Frank Brown
Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith
Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Michael Greathouse
Lector: Joshua Martinez
Nursery Helper: Marie Tucker
Ushers: Bryan White, Donna Richardson
Vestry People: Samantha Rauch, Susan Brown
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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