

Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost

October 13, 2024

The First Reading

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15

Seek the Lord and live, or he will break out against the house of Joseph like fire, and it will devour Bethel, with no one to quench it. Ah, you that turn justice to wormwood, and bring righteousness to the ground! They hate the one who reproves in the gate, and they abhor the one who speaks the truth. Therefore, because you trample on the poor and take from them levies of grain, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not live in them; you have planted pleasant vineyards, but you shall not drink their wine. For I know how many are your transgressions, and how great are your sins—you who afflict the righteous, who take a bribe, and push aside the needy in the gate. Therefore the prudent will keep silent in such a time; for it is an evil time. Seek good and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you, just as you have said. Hate evil and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts, will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph.

Psalm

Psalm 90:12-17

12 So teach us to number our days *
that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.

13 Return, O Lord; how long will you tarry? *
be gracious to your servants.

14 Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning; *
so shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

15 Make us glad by the measure of the days that you
afflicted us *
and the years in which we suffered adversity.

16 Show your servants your works *
and your splendor to their children.

17 May the graciousness of the Lord our God be upon us; *
prosper the work of our hands; prosper our handiwork.

The Second Reading

Hebrews 4:12-16

The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Gospel Reading

Mark 10:17-31

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: ‘You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.’” He said to him, “Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.” Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, “You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.” When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, “How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!” And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, “Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.” They were greatly astounded and said to one another, “Then who can be saved?” Jesus looked at them and said, “For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.”

Peter began to say to him, “Look, we have left everything and followed you.” Jesus said, “Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.”

Announcements

Birthdays this month

4th: Brad Tidwell
 5th: Bryan White
 8th: Amy Brown
 8th: Fr. Bill Carroll
 8th: Tommy Read
 17th: Tito Nieves
 20th: Gianna Glave
 21st: Ken Root
 26th: Joshua Martinez

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, October 16, 2024

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, October 20, 2024

9:00 am Bible Study: The Path

10:00am Holy Eucharist

All Saints' Day: Remember the Saints in our Lives Sunday, November 3rd

Please join us for All Saints' Sunday service to honor and remember our loved ones. Please bring a photograph, or a small token to represent whom you love who have gone before us. We will display them on the altar for the Eucharistic prayer that day, as well as remember the names of those you would like us to remember. We will celebrate with a potluck lunch, after the service. Please bring favorite foods of our beloved friends and family that we are remembering.

Please send those names by **Wednesday, October 30th by 12:00 PM**

Pledge Cards

Stewardship letters were mailed out on Friday, October 11th and you should be receiving a pledge card. Please turn in your pledge card by **November 3rd**. Extra pledge cards are available in the Narthex. You can also go onto Onrealm, create an account, and enter your pledge. Go to: <https://onrealm.org/smaalongview/AddPledge/generalfund>

Altar Flowers

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

Next Sunday's Servers (10/22)

Acolytes: Sheila Thrash
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Melinda Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Buffington
Greeter: Louis Zak
Lector: Amy Brown
Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski, Carolyn Deakins
Ushers: Stan Williams, Joshua Martinez
Vestry People: Connie Fedrizzi, Joshua Martinez
Worship Tech: Tommy Smith

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
09/15/24	\$1,495	\$3,302	-\$1,807
09/22/24	\$4,575	\$3,302	\$1,273
09/29/24	\$1,601	\$3,302	-\$1,701
10/06/24	\$1,937	\$3,302	-\$1,365
YTD TOTALS	\$135,458	\$132,086	\$3,372

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Acolytes: Joshua Martinez
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
Danny's Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Workman
Greeter: Diane Buffington
Lector: Diane Buffington
Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel
Ushers: Jerry Ritchie, Louis Zak
Vestry People: Stan Williams, Tommy Smith
Worship Tech: Melinda Smith

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