

First Sunday after the Epiphany

January 12, 2025

The First Reading

Isaiah 43:1-7

Thus says the LORD,
he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by
name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I
will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not
be burned, and the flame shall not consume you. For I am
the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior. I
give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange
for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and
honored, and I love you, I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life. Do not fear, for I am with
you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the
west I will gather you; I will say to the north, "Give them
up," and to the south, "Do not withhold; bring my sons
from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth-
everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for
my glory, whom I formed and made."

Psalm

Psalm 29

- 1 Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, *
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; *
worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the
God of glory thunders; *
the LORD is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; *
the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.
- 5 The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; *
the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, *
and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire;
the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; *
the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees
writhe *
and strips the forests bare.
- 9 And in the temple of the LORD *
all are crying, "Glory!"
- 10 The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; *
the LORD sits enthroned as King for
evermore.
- 11 The LORD shall give strength to his people; *
the LORD shall give his people the blessing of
peace.

The Second Reading

Acts 8:14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that
Samaria had accepted the word of God, they
sent Peter and John to them. The two went
down and prayed for them that they might
receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had
not come upon any of them; they had only been
baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then
Peter and John laid their hands on them, and
they received the Holy Spirit.

The Gospel Reading

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

As the people were filled with expectation, and
all were questioning in their hearts concerning
John, whether he might be the Messiah, John
answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you
with water; but one who is more powerful than I
is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of
his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy
Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his
hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather
the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will
burn with unquenchable fire."

Now when all the people were baptized, and
when Jesus also had been baptized and was
praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy
Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a
dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are
my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well
pleased."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

8th: Javier Glave
 9th: Preston Martin
 14th: Linsay Kirschke
 16th: Janice Bynum
 16th: Lauren Cammack
 21st: Jess Richardson
 25th: Christina Richardson
 25th: Louie Lewis
 27th: Esther Frier
 30th: Teresa Smith

Wednesday, January 15, 2025

6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, January 19, 2025

9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00 am Holy Eucharist
 11:30 am Annual Meeting: Potluck Lunch

Church Annual Meeting

We will be having a potluck lunch after the service **NEXT Sunday, January 19, 2025**. Please bring a side dish to share.

Bishop Doyle

The Bishop will be with us on **June 1st, 2025**. If you are interested being confirmed, please contact Mtr. Tracey.

THIS Sunday's Servers (01/12)

Acolytes: Michael Greathouse
Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown
Danny's Team: Melinda Smith
Eucharistic Ministers: Amy Brown
Greeter: David Brown
Lector: Roxanne Brink
Nursery Helper: Diane Buffington
Ushers: David Brown, Chip Doran
Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Joshua Martinez
Worship Tech: Tommy Smith

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- JoLee Ferguson
- Danny Carroll
- Sheila Carlisle's Family
- Tom Cobb
- Andrew McWhorter
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine and Margie Litterski

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
12/01/24	\$2,959	\$3,302	-\$343
12/08/24	\$2,989	\$3,302	-\$313
12/15/24	\$6,392	\$3,302	\$3,090
12/22/24	\$2,385	\$3,302	-\$917
12/29/24	\$2,802	\$3,302	-\$500
YTD TOTALS	\$175,968	\$171,710	\$4,258

NEXT Sunday's Servers (01/19)

Acolytes: Diane Buffington
Cameras & Streaming: Melinda Smith
Danny's Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown
Greeter: Louis Zak
Lector: Helen Daniel Glave
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Donna Richardson, Tommy Read
Vestry People: Bryan White, Samantha Rauch
Worship Tech: Amy Brown

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