

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

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!"

After the Reading, the Reader says The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

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.

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Sequence Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Mark 9:38-50

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

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."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Margot Lindsey Jackson
 1st: Jay Ramo
 2nd: Michael Buckner
 3rd: Ruby Hahne
 4th: Gloria Richards
 5th: Jane Hale
 6th: Rhys Duncalfe
 11th: David Brown
 11th: Terisa Kirschke
 12th: Madison Robinson
 17th: Diane Buffington
 18th: Matthew Burke
 19th: Ethan Bohnsack
 19th: Robyn Murphy
 19th: Roxanne Brink
 21st: Grace Richardson
 21st: Mary Lynn Dawes
 23rd: Amanda Nail
 23rd: Kyle Glave
 24th: Caroline Tucker
 27th: Helen Daniel
 28th: Regina Nesbitt

Feast of St. Michael

NEXT Sunday, October 3rd, we will have a potluck lunch after the service to celebrate the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels. Please bring your favorite side dish to share.

Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, October 10th, at 1:00 PM, all pets are welcomed to receive a blessing! Kids are welcome to bring a stuffed animal to bless. Please keep pets on a leash or in a crate.

Longview Community Ministries

They are the principal organization in Longview that helps people with all sorts of emergency services, including food. They have asked us to help by donating canned fruits and vegetables during this season when food bank donations are down, and the need for services has increased. We will have a basket in the Narthex for ongoing donations. Please donate if you are able.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to provide flowers in the sanctuary, the flower dedication forms are in the entryway.

NEXT Sunday's Servers (10/03)

Cameras & Streaming: Danielle Martin

Danny's Team: Mary Lynn Dawes

Eucharistic Ministers:

Greeter: Frank Supercinski

Lector: Charlie Parker

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Amy Brown, Andy Sanders

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Bo Farrow
- Ruby Hahne
- Nancy
- Frank Rauch
- Pepe Forina (in a coma with COVID)
- Harold Hoffmeister (heart attack)
- Roni & Tom

Other Prayer Requests:

- Terisa Kirschke (TRMC where I work pray for myself/co-workers for strength & protection against COVID. Our hospital is full)
- Joe McClellan (to adjust to Hawkins Creek Assisted Living Facility)

Prayers for the Deceased:

- Aaron Keith

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
08/29/21	\$1,917	\$2,946	-\$1,030
09/05/21	\$1,295	\$2,946	-\$1,652
09/12/21	\$1,762	\$2,946	-\$1,184
09/19/21	\$1,268	\$2,946	-\$1,678
YTD TOTALS	\$88,523	\$111,965	-\$23,443

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Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Danny's Team: Susan Kuhlman

Eucharistic Ministers:

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: Robyn Murphy

Ushers: Stan Williams

Vestry People: Frank Supercinski, Amy Brown

Worship Tech: Laura Brown

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