

First Sunday in Lent

March 9, 2025

The First Reading

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

When you have come into the land that the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the LORD your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the LORD your God that I have come into the land that the LORD swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the LORD your God, you shall make this response before the LORD your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the LORD, the God of our ancestors; the LORD heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O LORD, have given me." You shall set it down before the LORD your God and bow down before the LORD your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the LORD your God has given to you and to your house.

Psalm

Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16

- 1 He who dwells in the shelter of the Most High, *
abides under the shadow of the Almighty.
- 2 He shall say to the LORD, "You are my refuge and my stronghold, *
my God in whom I put my trust."
- 9 Because you have made the LORD your refuge, *
and the Most High your habitation,
- 10 There shall no evil happen to you, *
neither shall any plague come near your dwelling.
- 11 For he shall give his angels charge over you, *
to keep you in all your ways.
- 12 They shall bear you in their hands, *
lest you dash your foot against a stone.
- 13 You shall tread upon the lion and adder; *
you shall trample the young lion and the serpent under your feet.
- 14 Because he is bound to me in love, therefore will I deliver him; *
I will protect him, because he knows my Name.
- 15 He shall call upon me, and I will answer him; *
I am with him in trouble; I will rescue him and bring him to honor.
- 16 With long life will I satisfy him, *
and show him my salvation.

The Second Reading

Romans 10:8b-13

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

The Gospel Reading

Luke 4:1-13

Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says

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

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After his baptism, Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'"

Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

2nd: Laura Brown
 6th: Raven Buckner
 13th: Susan Kuhlman
 14th: Allyssa Morse
 15th: Stan Williams
 24th: Norman White
 27th: Lorraine Litterski

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, March 12, 2025

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, March 16, 2025

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00 am Holy Eucharist

Easter Hydrangeas

If you would like to purchase Hydrangeas for Easter Sunday, **April 20, 2025**, please pick up and fill out the form in the entry way of the church. Place your check noted “**Easter Hydrangeas**” and the form in the offering plate. Please print legibly. Suggested Donation: **Hydrangeas \$25.00**. Deadline to purchase Hydrangeas will be **Sunday, April 6th**.

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

Acolytes: Sheila Thrash
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
DOK Prayer Person: Need a person
Danny's Team: Stan Williams
Eucharistic Ministers: Sheila Thrash
Greeter: Susan Kuhlman
Lector: Joshua Martinez
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Bryan White, Jerry Ritchie
Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Michael Greathouse
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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
02/09/25	\$4,719	\$3,431	\$1,288
02/16/25	\$1,558	\$3,431	-\$1,873
02/23/25	\$3,340	\$3,431	-\$91
03/02/25	\$4,535	\$3,431	\$1,104
YTD TOTALS	\$31,770	\$30,879	\$891

NEXT Sunday's Servers (03/16)

Acolytes: Joshua Martinez
Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse
DOK Prayer Person: Donna Richardson
Danny's Team: Bryan White
Eucharistic Ministers: Laura Buckner
Greeter: Catherine White
Lector: Harrison Brown
Nursery Helper: Roxanne Brink
Ushers: Joe Frank Brown, Jerry Ritchie
Vestry People: Stan Williams, need a person
Worship Tech: Gianna Glave

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