

## Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2025

## The Second Reading

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

### The First Reading

Proverbs 25:6-7

Do not put yourself forward in the king's presence  
or stand in the place of the great;  
for it is better to be told, "Come up here,"  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

### Psalm

Psalm 112

- 1 Hallelujah!  
Happy are they who fear the Lord \*  
and have great delight in his commandments!
- 2 Their descendants will be mighty in the land; \*  
the generation of the upright will be blessed.
- 3 Wealth and riches will be in their house, \*  
and their righteousness will last for ever.
- 4 Light shines in the darkness for the upright; \*  
the righteous are merciful and full of  
compassion.
- 5 It is good for them to be generous in lending \*  
and to manage their affairs with justice.
- 6 For they will never be shaken; \*  
the righteous will be kept in everlasting  
remembrance.
- 7 They will not be afraid of any evil rumors; \*  
their heart is right; they put their trust in the  
Lord.
- 8 Their heart is established and will not shrink, \*  
until they see their desire upon their enemies.
- 9 They have given freely to the poor, \*  
and their righteousness stands fast for ever;  
they will hold up their head with honor.
- 10 The wicked will see it and be angry; they will  
gnash their teeth and pine away; \*  
the desires of the wicked will perish.

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you." So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

### The Gospel Reading

Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Before proclaiming the Gospel, the Priest says*

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

**People Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

Priest: The Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Announcements

### Birthdays this month

- 1st: Jerry Ritchie
- 4th: Harper Martin
- 9th: Joshua Newsom
- 11th: Nancy McCrary
- 13th: Donna Richardson
- 14th: Margie Litterski
- 20th: Ella Cammack
- 22nd: Connor Tucker
- 27th: Stefanie Kirschke
- 29th: Paige Lindsey

## This Week at SMAA

**Wednesday, September 3, 2025**

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

**Sunday, September 7, 2025**

9:00 am Bible Study

10:00am Holy Eucharist

### Brotherhood of Saint Andrew

Join us for fellowship, food, and service! We meet twice a month:

- 2nd Saturday at 8:00 AM
- 4th Tuesday at 6:00 PM

Meeting locations are announced on the SMAA Parish Community Facebook Page. Each gathering includes a shared meal, Bible study, and planning for local service projects. All men are welcome—bring your ideas & appetite. For questions or more information, please contact Wayne Workman.

### Longview Community Ministries

Please help support by bringing items for the food drive. Any can goods would be greatly appreciated.

### Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the Flower Dedication forms for 2025 are in the narthex.

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## Prayer Requests

### Healing For:

- Mathew Jackson
- Charles Harris
- Jack Foster
- Susan Brown
- JoLee Ferguson
- Andrew McWhorter
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine and Margie Litterski

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](mailto: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
8/3/2025	\$1,211	\$3,431	-\$2,220
8/10/25	\$3,775	\$3,431	\$344
8/17/25	\$2,742	\$3,431	-\$689
8/24/25	\$1804	\$3431	-\$1,627
<b>YTD TOTALS</b>	<b>\$106,284</b>	<b>\$116,654</b>	<b>-\$10,370</b>

## This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Wayne Workman

Cameras & Streaming: Devin McLaughlin

Danny's Team: Stan Williams

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Buffington

Greeter: Michael Greathouse

Lector: Wayne Workman

Nursery Helper: Valerie Buckner

Ushers: Michael Greathouse, Joe Frank Brown

Vestry People: Michael Greathouse, Devin McLaughlin

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

## NEXT Sunday's Servers (09/07)

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Danny's Team: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Diane Buffington

Greeter: Louis Zak

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski

Ushers: Donna Richardson, Louis Zak

Vestry People: Michael Greathouse, Diane Buffington

Worship Tech: Devin McLaughlin