

Second Sunday after the Epiphany

January 18, 2026

The First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away! The Lord called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me. He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the Lord, and my reward with my God."

And now the Lord says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the Lord, and my God has become my strength-- he says, "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the Lord, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, "Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the Lord, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

Psalm

Psalm 40:1-12

1 I waited patiently upon the Lord; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

2 He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.

3 He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the Lord.

4 Happy are they who trust in the Lord! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

5 Great things are they that you have done, O Lord my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

6 Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.

7 In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

8 Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, "Behold, I come.

9 In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"

10 I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O Lord, you know.

11 Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have
spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great
congregation.

12 You are the Lord; do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The Gospel Reading

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, "You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas" (which is translated Peter).

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Roxanne Brink, in loving memory of Charles Harris, father of Carrie Harris

Announcements

Birthdays this month

7th: Dana Parker
8th: Javier Glave
14th: Lindsay Kirschke
16th: Janice Bynum
16th: Lauren McCalman
25th: Christina Richardson
25th: Louie Lewis
30th: Teresa Smith

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- The family of Kathleen Bullock
- The family of H.l. Carlson
- Charlie Hertel
- Mr. Morgan (spouse of Sherri Morgan)
- Mathew Jackson
- Susan Brown
- JoLee Ferguson
- Andrew McWhorter
- The Akinson & Brown Families
- Lorraine and Margie Litterski

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, January 21, 2026
6:00 pm Dinner & Fellowship

Sunday, January 25, 2026
9:00 am Bible Study
10:00am Holy Eucharist: Fr. Kevin Wittmayer

Church Annual Meeting

TODAY: We will be having a potluck lunch after the service on **Sunday, January 18, 2026**. Please bring a side dish to share.

Nursery Volunteers Needed

We're looking for additional nursery volunteers. If you're interested in serving and would like to complete Safeguarding training, please contact Christina at christina@smaalongview.org.

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
12/07/25	\$3,950	\$3,431	\$519
12/14/25	\$1,884	\$3,431	-\$1,547
12/21/25	\$3,217	\$3,431	-\$214
12/28/25	\$2,022	\$3,431	-\$1,410
YTD TOTALS	\$161,986	\$178,412	-\$16,426

NEXT Sunday's Servers (01/25)

Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts

Cameras & Streaming: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Becky Supercinski

Greeter: Patti Maxwell

Lector: Roxanne Brink

Nursery Helper: Susan Kuhlman, Valerie Buckner

Ushers: Donna Richardson, Stan Williams

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Dana Parker

Worship Tech: Wayne Workman

This Sunday's Servers (01/18)

Acolytes: Dana Parker

Cameras & Streaming: Devin McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Workman

Greeter: Roxanne Brink

Lector: Helen Daniel Glave

Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski, Valerie Buckner

Ushers: Bryan White, Donna Richardson

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Patti Maxwell

Worship Tech: Amy Brown