

The Fifth Sunday of Easter: May 3, 2026

The Collect of the Day

Almighty God, whom truly to know is everlasting life: Grant us so perfectly to know your Son Jesus Christ to be the way, the truth, and the life, that we may steadfastly follow his steps in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

Filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. "Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died.

Psalm

Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.

2 Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.

3 Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.

4 Take me out of the net that they have secretly set
for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.

5 Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.

15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.

16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."

The Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: "See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame." To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner", and "A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall." They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

The Gospel Reading

John 14:1-14

Jesus said, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going." Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it."

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Samantha Rauch
 6th: Jordan Rook
 12th: Jane Barker
 12th: Joe McClellan
 13th: Patti Maxwell
 20th: Jessica Cunningham
 23rd: Alan McCalman
 24th: Fred Brink
 25th: Charlotte Oberthier
 30th: Cord Cammack

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, May 6, 2026

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, May 10, 2026

9:00 am Bible Study
 10:00 am Morning Prayer

One Dollar for One Love

Please drop a one dollar bill in the “One Dollar for One Love” box in the entryway. This will go towards the next Pancake Breakfast fundraiser which St. Michael’s will prepare. All extra proceeds will be put towards a new 12 passenger van.

All loose-cash offerings received on the second Sunday of each month will be allocated to the One Love donation box.

Honoring Graduates

Sunday, May 17th, Fr. Wittmayer will be recognizing all who have graduated from primary school to all the way up to master’s degree.

Pentecost Sunday, May 24th

Don’t forget to wear **RED** for **Pentecost Sunday, May 24th**.

For a Birthday Blessing

O God, our times are in your hand: Look with favor, we pray, on your servant *N.* as *he* begins another year. Grant that *he* may grow in wisdom and grace, and strengthen *his* trust in your goodness all the days of *his* life; through Jesus, Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

For a Wedding Anniversary Blessing

O God, you have so consecrated the covenant of marriage that in it is represented the spiritual unity between Christ and his Church: Send therefore your blessing upon these your servants, that they may so love, honor, and cherish each other in faithfulness and patience, in wisdom and true godliness, that their home may be a haven of blessing and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Prayer Requests

Healing For:

- Lauren Hale
- Francie Bailey
- The family of Kathleen Bullock
- Mathew Jackson
- 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

**** 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
04/05/26	\$5,919	\$3,611	\$2,308
04/12/26	\$1,575	\$3,611	-\$2,036
04/19/26	\$1,413	\$3,611	-\$2,198
04/26/26	\$1,605	\$3,611	-\$2,006
YTD TOTALS	\$50,323	\$61,387	-\$11,064

This Sunday’s Servers

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Dana Parker

Nursery Helper: Valerie Buckner

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie, Chip Doran

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Teresa Read

Worship Tech: Bryan White

Next Sunday’s Servers (05/10)

Acolytes: Jonathan Roberts

Cameras & Streaming: Devin McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Parker

Greeter: Teresa Read

Lector: Becky Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: David Brown, Michael Greathouse

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Janice Bynum

Worship Tech: Valerie Buckner