

The Sixth Sunday of Easter: May 10, 2026

The First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, "Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For 'In him we live and move and have our being'; as even some of your own poets have said, 'For we too are his offspring.' Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Psalm

Psalm 66:7-18

7 Bless our God, you peoples; *
make the voice of his praise to be heard;

8 Who holds our souls in life, *
and will not allow our feet to slip.

9 For you, O God, have proved us; *
you have tried us just as silver is tried.

10 You brought us into the snare; *
you laid heavy burdens upon our backs.

11 You let enemies ride over our heads; we went through
fire and water; *
but you brought us out into a place of refreshment.

12 I will enter your house with burnt-offerings and will
pay you my vows, *
which I promised with my lips and spoke with my mouth
when I was in trouble.

13 I will offer you sacrifices of fat beasts with the smoke
of rams; *
I will give you oxen and goats.

14 Come and listen, all you who fear God, *
and I will tell you what he has done for me.

15 I called out to him with my mouth, *
and his praise was on my tongue.

16 If I had found evil in my heart, *
the Lord would not have heard me;

17 But in truth God has heard me; *
he has attended to the voice of my prayer.

18 Blessed be God, who has not rejected my prayer, *
nor withheld his love from me.

The Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you-- not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

The Gospel Reading

John 14:15-21

Jesus said, "If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

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 13, 2026

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, May 17, 2026

10:00 am Holy Eucharist: Fr. Kevin Wittmayer

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: NEXT SUNDAY

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
04/12/26	\$1,575	\$3,611	-\$2,036
04/19/26	\$1,413	\$3,611	-\$2,198
04/26/26	\$1,605	\$3,611	-\$2,006
05/03/26	\$2,653	\$3,611	-\$958
YTD TOTALS	\$52,975	\$64,998	-\$12,023

This Sunday’s Servers

Acolytes: Wayne Workman

Cameras & Streaming: Devin McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Parker

Greeter: Teresa Read

Lector: Becky Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: David Brown, Stan Williams

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Janice Bynum

Worship Tech: Valerie Buckner

Next Sunday’s Servers (05/17)

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Robert Brown

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Tommy Read

Lector: Roxanne Brink

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel Glave

Ushers: Bryan White, Stephen Smith

Vestry People: Stan Williams, Dana Parker

Worship Tech: Gianna Glave