

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost: July 12, 2026

The First Reading

Isaiah 55:10-13

As the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and
bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my
mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish
that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy, and be led back in peace; the
mountains and the hills before you shall burst into song, and all
the trees of the field shall clap their hands. Instead of the thorn
shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the
myrtle; and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

Psalm

Psalm 65: (1-8), 9-14

- [1 You are to be praised, O God, in Zion; *
to you shall vows be performed in Jerusalem.
- 2 To you that hear prayer shall all flesh come, *
because of their transgressions.
- 3 Our sins are stronger than we are, *
but you will blot them out.
- 4 Happy are they whom you choose
and draw to your courts to dwell there! *
they will be satisfied by the beauty of your house, by the
holiness of your temple.
- 5 Awesome things will you show us in your righteousness,
O God of our salvation, *
O Hope of all the ends of the earth and of the seas that
are far away.
- 6 You make fast the mountains by your power; *
they are girded about with might.
- 7 You still the roaring of the seas, *
the roaring of their waves, and the clamor of the
peoples.
- 8 Those who dwell at the ends of the earth will tremble at
your marvelous signs; *
you make the dawn and the dusk to sing for joy.]
- 9 You visit the earth and water it abundantly; you make it
very plenteous; *
the river of God is full of water.
- 10 You prepare the grain, *
for so you provide for the earth.
- 11 You drench the furrows and smooth out the ridges; *
with heavy rain you soften the ground and bless its
increase.
- 12 You crown the year with your goodness, *
and your paths overflow with plenty.
- 13 May the fields of the wilderness be rich for grazing, *
and the hills be clothed with joy.
- 14 May the meadows cover themselves with flocks, and the
valleys cloak themselves with grain; *
let them shout for joy and sing.

The Second Reading

Romans 8:1-11

There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law-- indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!"

"Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Announcements

Birthdays this month

4th: David Buckner
9th: Angelina Bynum
10th: Claire Cammack
11th: Harrison Brown
19th: Sandra McLaughlin
22nd: Christopher Clodfelter
22nd: Natasha Bynum
31st: Lauren Hale

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, July 15, 2026

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, July 19, 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.

Announcement for One Love Cooling Station

St. Michael and All Angels along with St. Andrews Presbyterian and Winterfield United Methodist have the opportunity to provide a cooling shelter for our One Love friends when the temperature is at a "feels like" 100 degrees. *One love is still working on transportation.* SMAA will provide this service in our Fellowship Hall Wednesday-Friday from 11:00 AM until 6:00 PM. One Love provides snacks and staffing. Anyone interested in helping should contact Roxanne Brink @ 480-208-2966 or Patti Maxwell @ 817-937-5637.

Altar Flowers

If you would like to donate the flowers for the service, the Flower Dedication forms for 2026 are in the narthex.

Lifted – Youth Program

Lifted will meet immediately after the Sunday service: Sunday, July 29, Session 5: Covered not Cancelled
Sunday, August 2, Session 6: Growing in Grace with Al

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:

- Katy Bryant
- Charlyne White
- Carolyn Deakins
- Catherine White
- Francie Bailey
- The family of Kathleen Bullock
- 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
06/14/26	\$3,025	\$3,611	-\$586
06/21/26	\$1,731	\$3,611	-\$1,880
06/28/26	\$2,577	\$3,611	-\$1,034
07/05/26	\$3,997	\$3,611	\$386
YTD TOTALS	\$77,561	\$97,497	-\$19,936

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Dana Parker

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Buckner

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Parker

Greeter: Bryan White

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Becky Supercinski

Ushers: Jerry Ritchie, Louis Zak

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Janice Bynum

Worship Tech: Amy Brown

Next Sunday's Servers (07/19)

Acolytes: Dana Parker

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Greathouse

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Susan Kuhlman

Lector: Dana Parker

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: Joe Frank Brown, Louis Zak

Vestry People: Stan Williams, Michael Greathouse

Worship Tech: Bryan White