

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost: August 9, 2026

The Collect of the Day

Grant to us, Lord, we pray, the spirit to think and do always those things that are right, that we, who cannot exist without you, may by you be enabled to live according to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

1 Kings 19:9-18

At Horeb, the mount of God, Elijah came to a cave, and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Psalm

Psalm 85:8-13

8 I will listen to what the Lord God is saying, *
for he is speaking peace to his faithful people and to those who
turn their hearts to him.

9 Truly, his salvation is very near to those who fear him, *
that his glory may dwell in our land.

10 Mercy and truth have met together; *
righteousness and peace have kissed each other.

11 Truth shall spring up from the earth, *
and righteousness shall look down from heaven.

12 The Lord will indeed grant prosperity, *
and our land will yield its increase.

13 Righteousness shall go before him, *
and peace shall be a pathway for his feet.

The Second Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Moses writes concerning the righteousness that comes from the law, that "the person who does these things will live by them." But the righteousness that comes from faith says, "Do not say in your heart, 'Who will ascend into heaven?'" (that is, to bring Christ down) "or 'Who will descend into the abyss?'" (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

"The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart"

(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 14:22-33

Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God by Barbara McClellan in honor of Javier Glave, with gratitude for the many blessings he has brought to all.

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Jerry Ritchie
9th: Joshua Newsom
11th: Nancy McCrary
13th: Donna Richardson
14th: Margie Litterski
20th: Ella Cammack
22nd: Connor Tucker
23rd: Kristel Morris
27th: Stefanie Kirschke
29th: Paige Lindsey

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, August 16, 2026

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 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.

Blessing of the Backpacks

TODAY Sunday, August 9th, we invite all students, teachers, and educators to bring their backpacks and workbags as we ask God's blessing on the new school year ahead.

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:

- Ryan & Kristie Pierce
- 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
07/12/26	\$2,070	\$3,611	-\$1,541
07/19/26	\$2,030	\$3,611	-\$1,581
07/26/26	\$1,475	\$3,611	-\$2,136
08/02/26	\$3,200	\$3,611	-\$411
YTD TOTALS	\$86,336	\$111,941	-\$25,605

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Javier Glave

Cameras & Streaming: Michael Buckner

Eucharistic Ministers: David Brown

Greeter: Teresa Read

Lector: Susan Brown

Nursery Helper: Helen Daniel Glave

Ushers: Stan Williams, Stephen Smith

Vestry People: Becky Supercinski, Dana Parker

Worship Tech: Bryan White

NEXT Sunday's Servers (08/16)

Acolytes: Michael Greathouse

Cameras & Streaming: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Workman

Greeter: Catherine White

Lector: David Brown

Nursery Helper: Stephen Smith

Ushers: Joe Frank Brown, Tommy Read

Vestry People: Roxanne Brink, Stan Williams

Worship Tech: Valerie Buckner