

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost September 13, 2026

The Collect of the Day

O God, because without you we are not able to please you, mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Genesis 50:15-21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, "What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?" So they approached Joseph, saying, "Your father gave this instruction before he died, 'Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.' Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father." Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, "We are here as your slaves." But Joseph said to them, "Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones." In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

Psalm

Psalm 103: (1-7), 8-13

- 1 [Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and all that is within me, bless his holy Name.
- 2 Bless the Lord, O my soul, *
and forget not all his benefits.
- 3 He forgives all your sins *
and heals all your infirmities;
- 4 He redeems your life from the grave *
and crowns you with mercy and loving-kindness;
- 5 He satisfies you with good things, *
and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.
- 6 The Lord executes righteousness *
and judgment for all who are oppressed.
- 7 He made his ways known to Moses *
and his works to the children of Israel.]
- 8 The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, *
slow to anger and of great kindness.
- 9 He will not always accuse us, *
nor will he keep his anger for ever.
- 10 He has not dealt with us according to our sins, *
nor rewarded us according to our wickedness.
- 11 For as the heavens are high above the earth, *
so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
- 12 As far as the east is from the west, *
so far has he removed our sins from us.
- 13 As a father cares for his children, *
so does the Lord care for those who fear him.

The Second Reading

Romans 14:1-12

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God." So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

Announcements

Birthdays this month

1st: Margot Lindsey
 2nd: Michael Buckner
 3rd: Tasha Root
 4th: Gloria Richards
 5th: Jane Hale
 11th: David Brown
 11th: Terisa Kirschke
 19th: Ethan Bohnsack
 19th: Robyn Murphy
 19th: Roxanne Brink
 23rd: Kyle Glave
 24th: Caroline Tucker
 26th: Lillian Tucker
 27th: Helen Daniel Glave
 27th: Ava Rook

This Week at SMAA

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

6:00 pm Dinner & fellowship

Sunday, September 20, 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 located in the entryway. Your donations provide **ongoing support for One Love and its ministry**. Additionally, all loose-cash offerings received on the **second Sunday of each month** will be designated for **One Love**.

One Love Cooling Station SMAA will provide Colling Station 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.

Newcomers' Baked Potato Bar

Join us for an evening of food, fellowship, and new friends on **Saturday, September 19th at 6 PM**. This dinner is especially for those who have recently begun attending St. Michael's.

The New Member Class will begin on **October 4th** after church.

Pumpkins Needed Help us fill our church with the beauty of fall. Beginning Sunday, September 27, we'll be decorating the church entryway and lining the sidewalk with large pumpkins to create a warm and welcoming autumn atmosphere for our church family and guests. Please consider bringing a large pumpkin to help us brighten our space for the season.

Lifted – Youth Program Lifted will meet immediately after the Sunday service on the following dates: **September 20 and 27 October 4 and 25**.

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:

- Bill and Inge Dunning
- 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
08/16/26	\$2,136	\$3,611	-\$1,475
08/23/26	\$2,989	\$3,611	-\$622
08/30/26	\$1,187	\$3,611	-\$2,424
09/06/26	\$1,538	\$3,611	-\$2,073
YTD TOTALS	\$97,330	\$129,996	-\$32,666

This Sunday's Servers

Acolytes: Dana Parker

Cameras & Streaming: Bryan White

Eucharistic Ministers: Wayne Workman

Greeter: Patti Maxwell

Lector: Becky Supercinski

Nursery Helper: Stephen Smith

Ushers: Stan Williams, David Brown

Vestry People: Becky Supercinski, Roxanne Brink

Worship Tech: Valerie Buckner

NEXT Sunday's Servers (09/20)

Acolytes: Wayne Workman

Cameras & Streaming: Devin McLaughlin

Eucharistic Ministers: Dana Parker

Greeter: Becky Supercinski

Lector: Roxanne Brink

Nursery Helper: Carolyn Deakins

Ushers: Bryan White, Jerry Ritchie

Vestry People: Stan Williams, Dana Parker

Worship Tech: Valerie Buckner