**St Olaf Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, October 2, 2022**

**17th Sunday after Pentecost**

*A little faith goes a long way is Jesus’ point in the gospel. A mustard seed’s-worth of faith has miraculous potential. The patience, tenacity, and endurance required for the life of faith are the blessings received in holy baptism, holy communion, and the word read and proclaimed in this assembly. Anticipate them. Receive them with thanksgiving.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Confession & Forgiveness**

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

who is eager to forgive

and who loves us beyond our days.

Amen.

Dear friends, together let us acknowledge

our failure to love this world as Jesus does.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God of mercy and forgiveness,

**we confess that sin still has a hold on us.**

**We have harmed your good creation.**

**We have failed to do justice,**

**love kindness,**

**and walk humbly with you.**

**Turn us in a new direction.**

**Show us the path that leads to life.**

**Be our refuge and strength on the journey,**

**through Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.**

**Amen.**

Beloved of God:

your sins are forgiven ☩ and you are made whole.

God points the way to new life in Christ,

who meets us on the road.

Journey now in God’s abiding love

through the power of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

**\*Hymn** *O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright* **ELW 308**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C: And also with you.**

**\*Kyrie pg** **138**

**\*This is the Feast pg 140**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

Benevolent, merciful God: When we are empty, fill us. When we are weak in faith, strengthen us. When we are cold in love, warm us, that with fervor we may love our neighbors and serve them for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

*Injustice and violence in the time leading up to the Babylonian exile move this prophet to lament: How can a good and all-powerful God see evil in the world and seemingly remain indifferent? God answers by proclaiming that the righteous will live by faith.*

1The oracle that the prophet Habakkuk saw.

 2O Lord, how long shall I cry for help,
  and you will not listen?
 Or cry to you “Violence!”
  and you will not save?
 3Why do you make me see wrongdoing
  and look at trouble?
 Destruction and violence are before me;
  strife and contention arise.
 4So the law becomes slack
  and justice never prevails.
 The wicked surround the righteous—
  therefore judgment comes forth perverted.

 2:1I will stand at my watchpost,
  and station myself on the rampart;
 I will keep watch to see what he will say to me,
  and what he will answer concerning my complaint.
 2Then the Lord answered me and said:
 Write the vision;
  make it plain on tablets,
  so that a runner may read it.
 3For there is still a vision for the appointed time;
  it speaks of the end, and does not lie.
 If it seems to tarry, wait for it;
  it will surely come, it will not delay.
 4Look at the proud!
  Their spirit is not right in them,
  but the righteous live by their faith.

 L: Word of God. Word of Life

 **C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 37:1-9**

*Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust in the Lord. (Ps. 37:5)*

 1Do not be provoked by **|** evildoers;
  do not be jealous of those **|** who do wrong.
 2**For they shall soon wither | like the grass,**
  **and like the green grass | fade away.**
 3Put your trust in the Lord**|** and do good;
  dwell in the land and **|** find safe pasture.
 4**Take delight | in the Lord,**
  **who shall give you your | heart’s desire.**
 5Commit your way to the Lord; put your trust **|** in the Lord,
  and see what **|** God will do.
 6**The Lord will make your vindication as clear | as the light**
  **and the justice of your case like the | noonday sun.**
 7Be still before the Lord and wait **|** patiently.
  Do not be provoked by the one who prospers, the one who succeeds in **|** evil schemes.
 8**Refrain from anger, leave | rage alone;**
  **do not be provoked; it leads on- | ly to evil.**
 9For evildoers shall **|** be cut off,
  but those who hope in the Lord shall pos- **|** sess the land.

**Second Reading: 2 Timothy 1:1-14**

*This letter written to Timothy is a personal message of encouragement. In the face of hardship and persecution, Timothy is reminded that his faith is a gift of God. He is encouraged to exercise that faith with the help of the Holy Spirit.*

1Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, for the sake of the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus,
 2To Timothy, my beloved child:
  Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

 3I am grateful to God—whom I worship with a clear conscience, as my ancestors did—when I remember you constantly in my prayers night and day. 4Recalling your tears, I long to see you so that I may be filled with joy. 5I am reminded of your sincere faith, a faith that lived first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice and now, I am sure, lives in you. 6For this reason I remind you to rekindle the gift of God that is within you through the laying on of my hands; 7for God did not give us a spirit of cowardice, but rather a spirit of power and of love and of self-discipline.
 8Do not be ashamed, then, of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner, but join with me in suffering for the gospel, relying on the power of God, 9who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not according to our works but according to his own purpose and grace. This grace was given to us in Christ Jesus before the ages began, 10but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who abolished death and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. 11For this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher, 12and for this reason I suffer as I do. But I am not ashamed, for I know the one in whom I have put my trust, and I am sure that he is able to guard until that day what I have entrusted to him. 13Hold to the standard of sound teaching that you have heard from me, in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. 14Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

 **C: Thanks be to God**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (Alleluia) **pg 142**

**\*Gospel: Luke 17:5-10**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 17th chapter

**C: Glory to you, O Lord**

*On the way to Jerusalem, Jesus instructs his followers about the power of faith and the duties of discipleship. He calls his disciples to adopt the attitude of servants whose actions are responses to their identity rather than works seeking reward.*

5The apostles said to the Lord, “Increase our faith!” 6The Lord replied, “If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, ‘Be uprooted and planted in the sea,’ and it would obey you.
 7“Who among you would say to your slave who has just come in from plowing or tending sheep in the field, ‘Come here at once and take your place at the table’? 8Would you not rather say to him, ‘Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink’? 9Do you thank the slave for doing what was commanded? 10So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, ‘We are worthless slaves; we have done only what we ought to have done!’ ”

 P: The gospel of our Lord

 **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon Scott Otto**

**\*Hymn** *My Hope is Built on Nothing Less* **ELW 597**

**\*Apostles Creed pg 105**

**\* Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace

**hear our prayer**

**\*Peace**

**Offering***: Please consider giving an offering for the mission and ministry of St. Olaf. We can continue to spread the gospel of Jesus Christ with your support and generosity. God bless you.*

**\*Offering prayer**

Gracious God,

in your great love you richly provide for our needs.

Make of these gifts a banquet of blessing,

and make us ready to share with all in need;

through Jesus Christ, who sets a table for all.

**Amen.**

**Holy Communion** Christ invites you to this table. Come, taste, and see.

*Scott Otto has been given permission by Bishop Lorna Halaas to bless the elements & oversee at the Lord’s Table. He has been serving as a synodically authorized minister since 2021*

**\*Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy pg 144**

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord’s Prayer & Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymns** *Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal* **ELW 464**

*We Come to the Hungry Feast* **ELW 479**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

God of the abundant table,

you have refreshed our hearts in this meal

with bread for the journey.

Give us your grace on the road

that we might serve our neighbors with joy;

for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

God, who gives life to all things

and frees us from despair,

bless you with truth and peace.

And may the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

guide you always in faith, hope, and love.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Have No Fear, Little Flock*  **ELW 764**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Assisting in Worship**

Presider: Scott Otto

Organist/Pianist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Emmaly Durschmidt

Ushers: Randy Puls, Terry Pavel,

Communion: Rick and Mary Kuhlman, Lynda Mumm

**Prayers of Intercession**

As scattered grains of wheat are gathered together into one bread, so let us gather our prayers for the church, those in need, and all of God’s good creation.

*A brief silence.*

We pray for your holy church in every place and for those who serve following the example of Christ. Help them to live by faith and walk by the light of your gospel. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For parts of the world ravaged by natural disaster: relieve those affected by floods, wildfires, droughts, earthquakes, tornadoes, and hurricanes. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For every nation and for those entrusted with authority: grant our leaders self-discipline in all things, and inspire them with love for your people. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For victims of violence, abuse, and neglect: heal those who have been harmed and protect those who are vulnerable. For all who are sick. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

For this and every congregation: rekindle your gifts within your people, and inspire councils, committees, and individuals to plan and work together that all may know your love. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

In thanksgiving that you have abolished death, and for the saints who have died. Bring us all to eternal life with you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

Gathered together in the sweet communion of the Holy Spirit, gracious God, we offer these and all our prayers to you; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**Amen.**