

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, August 3, 2025**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed. We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.*

**Welcome & Announcements**

**\*Confession and Forgiveness**

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

In the name of the Father,  
and of the ✠ Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,  
**you free us to love others,  
but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.  
You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,  
but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.  
You surround us with patience, kindness,  
and generosity,  
but we grow weary in doing what is right.  
In your mercy, forgive us.  
Do not give up on us.  
Heal us, break our bonds,  
and show us the path of life.  
Amen.**

You belong to Christ Jesus  
and you are God's children through faith.  
In the cross of ✠ Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,  
your sins are forgiven.  
Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*In Christ There is no East or West*

**ELW 650**

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**

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**\*This is the Feast**

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**\*Prayer of the Day**

**Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23**

<sup>2</sup> Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher,  
vanity of vanities! All is vanity.

<sup>12</sup> I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. <sup>13</sup> I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. <sup>14</sup> I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind.

<sup>2:18</sup> I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, <sup>19</sup> and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. <sup>20</sup> So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, <sup>21</sup> because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. <sup>22</sup> What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? <sup>23</sup> For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

## **Psalm: Psalm 49: 1-12**

- <sup>1</sup> Hear this, | all you peoples;  
give ear, all you who dwell | in the world,  
<sup>2</sup> **you of high de- | gree and low,  
rich and | poor together.**  
<sup>3</sup> My mouth shall | speak of wisdom,  
and my heart shall meditate on | understanding.  
<sup>4</sup> **I will incline my ear | to a proverb  
and set forth my riddle up- | on the harp.**  
<sup>5</sup> Why should I be afraid in | evil days,  
when the wickedness of those at my | heels surrounds me,  
<sup>6</sup> **the wickedness of those who put their trust in | their own prowess,  
and boast of | their great riches?**  
<sup>7</sup> One can never re- | deem another,  
or give to God the ransom for an- | other's life;  
<sup>8</sup> **for the ransom of a life | is so great  
that there would never be e- | nough to pay it,**  
<sup>9</sup> in order to live forev- | er and ever  
and never | see the grave.  
<sup>10</sup> **For we see that the wise die also; like the dull and stu- | pid they perish  
and leave their wealth to those who come | after them.**  
<sup>11</sup> Their graves shall be their homes forever, their dwelling places from generation  
to | generation,  
though they had named lands af- | ter themselves.  
<sup>12</sup> **Even though honored, they cannot | live forever;  
they are like the | beasts that perish.**

## **Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11**

<sup>1</sup> So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. <sup>2</sup> Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, <sup>3</sup> for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. <sup>4</sup> When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

<sup>5</sup> Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). <sup>6</sup> On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. <sup>7</sup> These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. <sup>8</sup> But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your mouth. <sup>9</sup> Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices <sup>10</sup> and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in

knowledge according to the image of its creator. <sup>11</sup> In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all!

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C: Thanks be to God

**\*Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)**

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**\*Gospel: Luke 12:13-21**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 12<sup>th</sup> chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

<sup>13</sup> Someone in the crowd said to [Jesus,] “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” <sup>14</sup> But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” <sup>15</sup> And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” <sup>16</sup> Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. <sup>17</sup> And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ <sup>18</sup> Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. <sup>19</sup> And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ <sup>20</sup> But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ <sup>21</sup> So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

P: The gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Jim McColley**

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**\*Hymn**

*My Hope is Built on Nothing Less*

**ELW 597**

**\*Apostles Creed**

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**\* Prayers of Intercession**

God of Grace,

hear our prayer.

**\*Peace** (*Feel free to share a handshake or hug*)

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Please share with one another a sign of Christ's 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. Also, please pass the attendance sheets down your row and fill out your info.*

**\*Offering prayer**

Creator God,  
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good  
and the harvest is plentiful.  
Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth  
and our labor,  
that we may work for the good of all;  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.  
**Amen.**

**\* Great Thanksgiving & Holy, Holy, Holy**

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**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**Holy Communion** The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

**Communion Hymns**

*Break Now the Bread of Life  
For the Fruit of All Creation*

**ELW 515**

**ELW 679**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

Mothering God,  
you gathered us to your table  
and we drank deeply of your grace.  
Send us out by your Spirit  
to love our neighbors as ourselves  
and proclaim your love in Jesus' name.  
**Amen.**

**\*Blessing**

The love of God abound in you;  
the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;

and the life of the Spirit  
✠ bless you and give you peace.  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**                      *God of Grace and God of Glory*

**ELW 705**

**\*Dismissal**  
Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Assisting in Worship**

Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Assisting: Pastor Jim McColley

Organist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Lynda Mumm

Ushers: Randy Puls, Vera Hartman, Doug Kinseth

Communion: Vera Hartman, Lynda Mumm

Communion setup: Pam Bygness and Barb Long

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