

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 31, 2021
Reformation Day
9 am Traditional Service
Lectionary 31, Year B**

Prelude

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” - Arr: Gilbert Martin
St. Olaf Sanctuary Choir

***Introduction**

Jesus states the core of God’s law: love God with all you are and have, and love your neighbor as yourself. The scribe agrees that Jesus has rightly identified the most important commandments, much more important than sacrifices. It’s easy for us to say with the writer of the letter to the Hebrews that sacrifices aren’t needed anymore, but harder to acknowledge that all our worship, all our community service, all our social action, all our family caregiving is worthless if it is done without love.

***Confession and Forgiveness**

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

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
whose teaching is life,
whose presence is sure,
and whose love is endless.
Amen.

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God our comforter:
like lost sheep, we have gone astray.
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.
Free us from our sin, gracious God.
Listen when we call out to you for help.
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.
Amen.

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.
By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.
Amen.

***HYMN** *“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”*

ELW 504
Vs. 1&4

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Braxtyn Dencklau
Jade Flatgard
Landen Grandors

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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***Canticle of Praise** (Glory be to God...)

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***Prayer of the Day**

P: Let us pray.

C: **Almighty God, you have taught us in your Son that love fulfills the law. Inspire us to love you with all our heart, our soul, our mind, and our strength, and teach us how to love our neighbor as ourselves, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**
Amen.

(Please be seated.)

STATEMENT OF FAITH

Mason Liska
Brayden Reimers
Ellie Schiek

***Gospel Acclamation**

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Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

***Gospel: Mark 12:28-34**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 12th chapter.

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

²⁸One of the scribes came near and heard [Jesus and the Sadducees] disputing with one another, and seeing that [Jesus] answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” ²⁹Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one; ³⁰you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ ³¹The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” ³²Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; ³³and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” ³⁴When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

P: The gospel of our Lord.

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

(Please be seated.)

SERMON

Pastor Emily Sauer

HYMN of the Day

“Be Thou My Vision”

**ELW 793
Vs. 1&2**

STATEMENT OF FAITH

*Ava Sortedahl
Drake Wertz*

***AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM**

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Prayers of Intercession

P: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

P; Confident that you hear us, O God, we boldly place our prayers into your hands; through Jesus Christ, our truth and life.

C: **Amen.**

***Peace**

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: **And also with you. (feel free to do an 'air' high five or a peace sign).**

Offering

Thank you for joining us in worship. At this time we will receive the offering for the mission and ministry at St. Olaf Lutheran Church. Our congregation relies on the generosity of God's people to sustain the work of our Lord. You can give by mailing a check to the church or on our Paypal link paypal.me/stolaffd

*** Offering Prayer**

God of abundance,
you cause streams to break forth in the desert
and manna to rain from the heavens.
Accept the gifts you have first given us.
Unite them with the offering of our lives
to nourish the world you love so dearly;
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father
Who art in Heaven
Hallowed be thy name
Thy kingdom come
Thy will be done
On earth as it is in Heaven
Give us this day our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us
And lead us not into temptation
But deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom
and the power and the glory
Forever and ever. Amen.**

***Blessing**

People of God,
you are Christ's body,
bringing new life to a suffering world.
The holy Trinity, † one God,
bless you now and forever.
Amen.

HYMN

“Amazing Grace”

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Vs. 1&2

***Dismissal**

P: Go in peace. The living Word dwells within you.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Assisting in Worship

Presider:	Pastor Emily Sauer
Fellowship Hosts:	Austin & Rebecca Read
Organist:	Jason Swedlund
Greeters & Ushers:	The Stickrod Family
Van Driver:	Dennis Gross
Sound Tech(s):	Marc Matthes
	Mark Oester
	Robert Younie



CONGRATULATIONS
CONFIRMATION CLASS of 2021

Braxtyn Parker Dencklau

Daughter of Luke & Angela Dencklau

Life Verse – Psalm 28:7

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts;
so I am helped, and my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

Jade Lynnee Flatgard

Daughter of Jeremy & Shana Flatgard

Life Verse – 1 John 4:19

We love because he first loved us.

Landen Joe Grandors

Son of Joe & Jodie Grandors

Life Verse – Psalm 143:8

Let me hear of your steadfast love in the morning, for in you I put my trust.

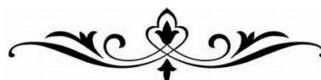
Teach me the way I should go, for to you I lift up my soul.

Mason Thomas Liska

Son of Shane & Heather Liska

Life Verse – Psalm 37:3

Trust in the LORD, and do good; so you will live in the land, and enjoy security.





Brayden Michael Reimers

Son of Jacob Reimers & Ashley Kuker

Life Verse – Proverbs 3:5-6

Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not rely on your own insight.

In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.

Ellie Jean Schiek

Daughter of Michael & Laura Schiek

Life Verse – Psalm 37:5

Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.

Ava Marie Sortedahl

Daughter of Clint & Lisa Sortedahl

Life Verse – Romans 10:9

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.

Drake Allen Wertz

Son of Mark & Andrea Wertz

Life Verse – Joshua 1:9

I hereby command you: Be strong and courageous; do not be frightened or dismayed, for the LORD your God is with you wherever you go."

