**St Olaf Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, June 19, 2022**

**2nd Sunday after Pentecost**

**Today after service the ushers will be handing out keychains for Father’s Day.**

*This Sunday’s texts paint startling pictures of the horrific nature of sin. The church’s repeated celebration of holy communion counters that tragic reality in a continued showing forth of the death of Jesus until he comes again. It is a dramatic declaration of “how much God has done for you.”*

**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,

whose steadfast love endures forever.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful God,

**we confess that we have not followed your path**

**but have chosen our own way.**

**Instead of putting others before ourselves,**

**we long to take the best seats at the table.**

**When met by those in need,**

**we have too often passed by on the other side.**

**Set us again on the path of life.**

**Save us from ourselves**

**and free us to love our neighbors.**

**Amen.**

Hear the good news!

God does not deal with us according to our sins

but delights in granting pardon and mercy.

In the name of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven.

You are free to love as God loves.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Oh, Praise the gracious power* **ELW 665**

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 165**

**\*Glory to God pg 167**

**\*Prayer of the Day**

**O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

**Amen.**

**Father’s Day Blessing**

Bless every father and every grandfather with the best of your spiritual blessings today. Let him know he is not alone in the tasks you have given him to provide for and support those under his care. Show him how much you delight in his work, and affirm the value of whatever You have given him to do—both as a father or grandfather and as a child of Yours. Confirm his worth daily so he has no reason to doubt whether he is loved in the eyes of his Heavenly Father.

*Please be seated*

**First Reading: Isaiah 65:1-9**

*The prophet announces God’s impatience. The people’s self-absorption is idolatry, and images of practices that displease God fill this reading. Like a vintner who crushes the grape to release the wine, God will use Israel’s exile to establish a new community of the faithful.*

1I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask,  
  to be found by those who did not seek me.  
 I said, “Here I am, here I am,”  
  to a nation that did not call on my name.  
 2I held out my hands all day long  
  to a rebellious people,  
 who walk in a way that is not good,  
  following their own devices;  
 3a people who provoke me  
  to my face continually,  
 sacrificing in gardens  
  and offering incense on bricks;  
 4who sit inside tombs,  
  and spend the night in secret places;  
 who eat swine’s flesh,  
  with broth of abominable things in their vessels;  
 5who say, “Keep to yourself,  
  do not come near me, for I am too holy for you.”  
 These are a smoke in my nostrils,  
  a fire that burns all day long.  
 6See, it is written before me:  
  I will not keep silent, but I will repay;  
 I will indeed repay into their laps  
  7their iniquities and their ancestors’ iniquities together,  
 says the Lord;  
 because they offered incense on the mountains  
  and reviled me on the hills,  
 I will measure into their laps  
  full payment for their actions.  
 8Thus says the Lord:  
 As the wine is found in the cluster,  
  and they say, “Do not destroy it,  
  for there is a blessing in it,”  
 so I will do for my servants’ sake,  
  and not destroy them all.  
 9I will bring forth descendants from Jacob,  
  and from Judah inheritors of my mountains;  
 my chosen shall inherit it,  
  and my servants shall settle there.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 22:19-28**

*In the midst of the assembly I will praise you. (Ps. 22:22)*

19But you, O Lord, be not **|** far away;  
  O my help, hasten **|** to my aid.  
 20**Deliver me | from the sword,**  
  **my life from the power | of the dog.**  
 21Save me from the **|** lion’s mouth!  
  From the horns of wild bulls you have **|** rescued me.  
 22**I will declare your name | to my people;**  
  **in the midst of the assembly | I will praise you.**  
 23You who fear the Lord, give praise! All you of Jacob’s **|** line, give glory.  
  Stand in awe of the Lord, all you off- **|** spring of Israel.  
 24**For the Lord does not despise nor abhor the poor in their poverty; neither is the Lord’s face hid- | den from them;**  
  **but when they cry out, | the Lord hears them.**  
 25From you comes my praise in the **|** great assembly;  
  I will perform my vows in the sight of those who **|** fear the Lord.  
 26**The poor shall eat | and be satisfied,**  
  **Let those who seek the Lord give praise! May your hearts | live forever!**  
 27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn **|** to the Lord;  
  all the families of nations shall bow **|** before God.  
 28**For dominion belongs | to the Lord,**  
  **who rules o- | ver the nations.**

**Second Reading: Galatians 3:23-29**

*For Paul, baptism is a powerful bond that unites people not only with God but with other believers. Those who call themselves children of God experience a transformation that removes prejudices of race, social class, or gender in favor of true unity in Christ.*

23Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. 24Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be justified by faith. 25But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, 26for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. 27As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. 28There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. 29And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*Gospel Acclamation** (Alleluia) **pg 171**

**\*Gospel**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 8th chapter

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

**Gospel: Luke 8:26-39**

*Jesus’ mission includes foreigners and his authority extends to the casting out of demons. Some who witness Jesus’ work are seized with confusion and fear, but the man who was healed is commissioned to give testimony to God’s mercy and power.*

26Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the country of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. 27As he stepped out on land, a man of the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had worn no clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. 28When he saw Jesus, he fell down before him and shouted at the top of his voice, “What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me”—29for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) 30Jesus then asked him, “What is your name?” He said, “Legion”; for many demons had entered him. 31They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss.  
 32Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding; and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. 33Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd rushed down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned.  
 34When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. 35Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they were afraid. 36Those who had seen it told them how the one who had been possessed by demons had been healed. 37Then all the people of the surrounding country of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them; for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. 38The man from whom the demons had gone begged that he might be with him; but Jesus sent him away, saying, 39“Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him.

P: The gospel of our Lord

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

**Children’s Sermon Grace Braun**

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**\*Hymn** *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **ELW 843**

**\*Apostles Creed pg 105**

**\* Prayers of Intercession**

God, in your mercy,

**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**

God of generosity:

you have set before us abundant life

strengthen us to labor in your world,

and equip us to bear fruit for the good of all,

in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**\*Blessing**

The God of peace,

Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,

bless you, comfort you,

and show you the path of life

this day and always.

**Amen.**

**\*Hymn** *Oh, For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* **ELW 886**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Assisting in Worship**

Presider: Grace Braun

Organist/Pianist: Jason Swedlund

Greeters: Needed

Reader: Viv Nore

Ushers: Dave Dutcher, Chris Dutcher

Van Drivers: Loren Miller  
Tech: Marc Matthes, Mark Oester, Bob Younie

**Prayers of Intercession**

United in Christ and guided by the Spirit, we pray for the church, the creation, and all in need.

*A brief silence.*

Holy God, you hear the cries of those who seek you. Equip your church with evangelists who reveal the continuous call of your outstretched hands and your promises of a home in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of the earth. Restore places where land, air, and waterways have been harmed. Guide us to develop and implement sources of energy and food production that do not destroy the earth. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who are marginalized or cast out. On this Juneteenth observance, guide us continually toward the end of oppression in all its forms, especially white supremacy. Bring true freedom and human flourishing to all your beloved children. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who suffer. Come to the aid of all who are homeless, naked, hungry, and sick (*especially*). Bring peace to any experiencing mental illness, that they can clearly recognize your loving presence. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

You hear the cries of those who celebrate and those who grieve on this Father’s Day. Nurture mutual love and tender care in all relationships. Comfort those for whom this day brings sadness or longing. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

We give thanks for the faithful departed whose lives proclaimed all you had done for them (*especially*). At the last, unite us with them as we make our home in you. God of grace,

**hear our prayer.**

God of every time and place, in Jesus’ name and filled with your Holy Spirit, we entrust these spoken prayers and those in our hearts into your holy keeping.

**Amen.**