**St Olaf Lutheran Church**

**Sunday, August 21, 2022**

**11th Sunday after Pentecost**

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord’s day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.

**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** *Praise to the Lord, The Almighty* **ELW 858**

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**

O God, mighty and immortal, you know that as fragile creatures surrounded by great dangers, we cannot by ourselves stand upright. Give us strength of mind and body, so that even when we suffer because of human sin, we may rise victorious through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

*Please be seated*

### First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

God promises those who have returned from exile that where justice and mercy prevail, the ruins will be rebuilt and light will rise in the darkness. It is a day for new beginnings.

 9bIf you remove the yoke from among you,
  the pointing of the finger, the speaking of evil,
 10if you offer your food to the hungry
  and satisfy the needs of the afflicted,
 then your light shall rise in the darkness
  and your gloom be like the noonday.
 11The Lord will guide you continually,
  and satisfy your needs in parched places,
  and make your bones strong;
 and you shall be like a watered garden,
  like a spring of water,
  whose waters never fail.
 12Your ancient ruins shall be rebuilt;
  you shall raise up the foundations of many generations;
 you shall be called the repairer of the breach,
  the restorer of streets to live in.

 13If you refrain from trampling the sabbath,
  from pursuing your own interests on my holy day;
 if you call the sabbath a delight
  and the holy day of the Lord honorable;
 if you honor it, not going your own ways,
  serving your own interests, or pursuing your own affairs;
 14then you shall take delight in the Lord,
  and I will make you ride upon the heights of the earth;
 I will feed you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob,
  for the mouth of the Lord has spoken.

 L: Word of God. Word of Life

 **C: Thanks be to God**

### Psalm: Psalm 103:1-8

*The Lord crowns you with mercy and steadfast love.*(Ps. 103:4)

 1Bless the Lord, **|** O my soul,
  and all that is within me, bless God’s **|** holy name.
 2**Bless the Lord, | O my soul,**
  **and forget not | all God’s benefits—**
 3who forgives **|** all your sins
  and heals all **|** your diseases;
 4**who redeems your life | from the grave**
  **and crowns you with steadfast | love and mercy;**
 5who satisfies your desires **|** with good things
  so that your youth is renewed **|** like an eagle’s.
 6**O Lord, you provide | vindication**
  **and justice for all who | are oppressed.**
 7You made known your **|** ways to Moses
  and your works to the chil- **|** dren of Israel.
 8**Lord, you are full of compas- | sion and mercy,**
  **slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.**

### Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Using images of Moses, the writer presents a striking vision of the new covenant of God made possible in Christ. There is no longer fear; only awe in the new promise in Christ into which we are invited.

18You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, 19and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. 20(For they could not endure the order that was given, “If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.” 21Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, “I tremble with fear.”) 22But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, 23and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, 24and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.
 25See that you do not refuse the one who is speaking; for if they did not escape when they refused the one who warned them on earth, how much less will we escape if we reject the one who warns from heaven! 26At that time his voice shook the earth; but now he has promised, “Yet once more I will shake not only the earth but also the heaven.” 27This phrase, “Yet once more,” indicates the removal of what is shaken—that is, created things—so that what cannot be shaken may remain. 28Therefore, since we are receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, let us give thanks, by which we offer to God an acceptable worship with reverence and awe; 29for indeed our God is a consuming fire.

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

**\*Gospel: Luke 13:10-17**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 13th chapter

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

*Jesus heals a woman on the sabbath, offering her a new beginning for her life. When challenged by a narrow reading of the sabbath command, Jesus responds by expanding “sabbath work” to include setting people free from bondage.*

10Now [Jesus] was teaching in one of the synagogues on the sabbath. 11And just then there appeared a woman with a spirit that had crippled her for eighteen years. She was bent over and was quite unable to stand up straight. 12When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said, “Woman, you are set free from your ailment.” 13When he laid his hands on her, immediately she stood up straight and began praising God. 14But the leader of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had cured on the sabbath, kept saying to the crowd, “There are six days on which work ought to be done; come on those days and be cured, and not on the sabbath day.” 15But the Lord answered him and said, “You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger, and lead it away to give it water? 16And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen long years, be set free from this bondage on the sabbath day?” 17When he said this, all his opponents were put to shame; and the entire crowd was rejoicing at all the wonderful things that he was doing.

 P: The gospel of our Lord

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

**Children’s Sermon Pastor Emily**

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**\*Hymn** *God is Here!*  **ELW 526 V 1-2**

**\*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 abundance:

you have set before us a plentiful harvest.

As we feast on your goodness,

strengthen us to labor in your field,

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

in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**Holy Communion** In Christ’s presence there is fullness of joy. Come to the banquet.

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

**\*Words of Institution**

**\*Lord’s Prayer & Lamb of God**

**Communion Hymns** *Here is Bread*  **ELW 483**

*I am the Bread of Life* **ELW 485**

**\*Prayer After Communion**

Life-giving God,

through this meal you have bandaged our wounds

and fed us with your mercy.

Now send us forth to live for others,

both friend and stranger,

that all may come to know your love.

This we pray in the name of Jesus.

**Amen.**

**\*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** *How Firm a Foundation*  **ELW 796**

**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Love your neighbor.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Assisting in Worship**

Presider: Pastor Emily

Organist/Pianist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Viv Nore

Communion: Viv Nore, Lynda Mumm

Ushers: Dave and Chris Dutcher

Tech: Marc Matthes, Mark Oester, Bob Younie

### Prayers of Intercession

Trusting in God’s extraordinary love, let us come near to the Holy One in prayer.

*A brief silence.*

You crown your church with steadfast love and mercy. Guide us continually in our baptismal covenant to strive for justice and peace in all the earth. Use our diverse gifts in service to the whole people of God. Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer**

You satisfy the needs of all creatures. Protect the habitats of fish and birds (local bodies of water or wildlife refuges may be named). Repair ecosystems damaged by misuse, neglect, or natural disaster, that all creation may thrive. Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer**

You make your ways known to all people. Inspire the rulers and leaders of nations with your compassion and mercy. Raise up activists and community organizers to restore places affected by violence, poverty, and inequality. Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer**

You provide justice for all who are oppressed and relief to all who are afflicted. Heal those who are bent over by addiction, depression, and anxiety. Set free all who cry out under the weight of mental, emotional, or physical distress (especially). Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer**

You call us to delight in the sabbath. Renew our bodies, minds, and spirits in this worshiping assembly. Give rest to all who lead our congregation in worship, study, and service (congregational leaders may be named). Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer**

Generations bless your holy name. We give you thanks for the communion of saints who have gathered in prayer and praise in this place. Support us in your love until we rest forever in you. Merciful God,

**Hear our prayer**

Receive the prayers of your children, merciful God, and hold us forever in your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ, our holy Wisdom.

**Amen.**