

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, October 20, 2024
22nd Sunday after Pentecost

Today's gospel starts with disciples obsessing over who will be closest to Jesus, leading to Jesus teaching his followers about God's take on importance and power. Here Jesus makes it explicit that the reversal of values in God's community is a direct challenge to the values of the dominant culture, where wielding power over others is what makes you great. When we pray "your kingdom come" we are praying for an end to tyranny and oppression. We pray this gathered around the cross, a sign of great shame transformed to be the sign of great honor and service.

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.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have honored you with our lips,
but have harmed our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.**

Amen.

God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.
By grace you have been saved.
In the name of † Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.
Amen.

***Hymn**

Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service

ELW 712

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**

**Sovereign God, you turn your greatness into goodness for all the peoples on earth.
Shape us into willing servants of your kingdom, and make us desire always and only
your will, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

Please be seated.

First Reading: Isaiah 53:4-12

⁴Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

⁷He was oppressed, and he was afflicted,

yet he did not open his mouth;

like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

⁸By a perversion of justice he was taken away.

Who could have imagined his future?

For he was cut off from the land of the living,
stricken for the transgression of my people.

⁹They made his grave with the wicked

and his tomb with the rich,

although he had done no violence,

and there was no deceit in his mouth.

¹⁰Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,

and he shall bear their iniquities.

¹²Therefore I will allot him a portion with the great,

and he shall divide the spoil with the strong;

because he poured out himself to death,

and was numbered with the transgressors;

yet he bore the sin of many,

and made intercession for the transgressors.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm 91:9-16

⁹Because you have made the [|] Lord your refuge,

and the Most High your [|] habitation,

¹⁰**no evil [|] will befall you,**

nor shall affliction come [|] near your dwelling.

¹¹For God will give the angels charge [|] over you,

to guard you in [|] all your ways.

¹²**Upon their hands they will [|] bear you up,**

lest you strike your foot a- [|] gainst a stone.

¹³You will tread upon the lion [|] cub and viper;

you will trample down the lion [|] and the serpent.

¹⁴**I will deliver those who [|] cling to me;**

I will uphold them, because they [|] know my name.

¹⁵They will call me, and I will [|] answer them;

I will be with them in trouble; I will rescue and [|] honor them.

**¹⁶With long life will I | satisfy them,
and show them | my salvation**

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:1-10

¹Every high priest chosen from among mortals is put in charge of things pertaining to God on their behalf, to offer gifts and sacrifices for sins. ²He is able to deal gently with the ignorant and wayward, since he himself is subject to weakness; ³and because of this he must offer sacrifice for his own sins as well as for those of the people. ⁴And one does not presume to take this honor, but takes it only when called by God, just as Aaron was.

⁵So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him,

“You are my Son,
today I have begotten you”;

⁶as he says also in another place,

“You are a priest forever,
according to the order of Melchizedek.”

⁷In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. ⁸Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, ¹⁰having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

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***Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)**

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***Gospel: Mark 10:35-45**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 10th chapter

C: Glory to you, O Lord

³⁵James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷And they said to him, “Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; ⁴⁰but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.”

⁴¹When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴²So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as

their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.”

P: The gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Jim McColley

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***Hymn**

Savior, Like a Sheperd Lead Us

ELW 789

***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**

Blessed are you, O God,

source of every gift of your creation.

By these gifts and with our lives,

help us to serve one another and all in need,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

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

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***Words of Institution**

***Lord’s Prayer**

Holy Communion Jesus welcomes you to this table. Come, here is your God.

Communion Hymns

*Lord, Speak to Us, That We May Speak
Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us With Your Love*

ELW 676

ELW 769

***Prayer After Communion**

Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***Blessing**

God all mighty,
God most merciful
✠ bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

Amen.

***Hymn**

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Follow Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Preaching: Pastor Jim McColley

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Reader: Viv Nore

Ushers: Rick Kuhlman, David Osterberg, Fran Long

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