

St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, August 10, 2025
9th Sunday after Pentecost

Jesus says, “It is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom.” It is God’s promise from the beginning—to Abraham, to the early church, and to the “little flock” of which we are a part in today’s assembly. Faith, God’s baptismal gift, trusts the promises of God. Have no fear.

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**

Gather Us In

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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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***Glory to God**

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***Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your church. Open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may be ready to receive you wherever you appear, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Genesis 15:1-6

¹ After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” ² But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” ³ And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” ⁴ But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” ⁵ He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” ⁶ And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 33:12-22

¹² Happy is the nation whose God [|] is the Lord!

Happy the people chosen to [|] be God’s heritage!

¹³ **The Lord looks [|] down from heaven,
and sees all [|] humankind.**

¹⁴ God sits firmly en- [|] throned and watches

- all who dwell | on the earth.
- ¹⁵ **God fashions | all their hearts
and observes | all their deeds.**
- ¹⁶ A king is not saved by the size | of the army,
nor are warriors rescued by | their great strength.
- ¹⁷ **The horse gives vain | hope for victory;
despite its great strength it | cannot save.**
- ¹⁸ Truly, your eye is upon those who fear | you, O Lord,
upon those who wait for your | steadfast love,
- ¹⁹ **to deliver their | lives from death,
and to keep them alive in | time of famine.**
- ²⁰ Our innermost being waits for | you, O Lord,
our helper | and our shield.
- ²¹ **Surely, our heart rejoic- | es in you,
for in your holy name we | put our trust.**
- ²² Let your lovingkindness, O Lord, | be upon us,
even as we place our | hope in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. ³ By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

⁸ By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance, and he set out, not knowing where he was going. ⁹ By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. ¹⁰ For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. ¹¹ By faith, with Sarah's involvement, he received power of procreation, even though he was too old, because he considered him faithful who had promised. ¹² Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

¹³ All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, ¹⁴ for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. ¹⁵ If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. ¹⁶ But as it is, they desire a better homeland, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

C: Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)**

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***Gospel: Luke 12:32-40**

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said:] ³² “Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. ³³ Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. ³⁴ For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

³⁵ “Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; ³⁶ be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. ³⁷ Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. ³⁸ If he comes during the middle of the night or near dawn and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

³⁹ “But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. ⁴⁰ You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.”

P: The gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Sermon

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***Hymn**

Let Us Ever Walk With Jesus

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Holy Baptism

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Baptism: Paisley Jean Martin

Parents: Ethan and Jordan Martin

Godparents: Andrew and Amy Martin

Baptism: Jordan Michelle Martin

Parents: Brian and Ella Newman

New Member Welcome

Ethan, Jordan, and Paisley Martin

Mentors: Austin, Becca, and Linden Read

*** 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.

Strengthen us

that we may work for the good of all;

through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***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**

Guide Me Ever Great Redeemer

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***Dismissal**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship

Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Organist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Austin Read

Ushers: Mitch C, Doug S,

Tech: Mark Oester