

**St. Olaf Lutheran Church**  
**Sunday, September 28, 2025**  
**16<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

*Consideration of and care for those in need (especially those “at our gate,” visible to us, of whom we are aware) is an essential component of good stewardship. It is in the sharing of wealth that we avoid the snare of wealth. It is the one whom death could not hold—who comes to us risen from the dead—who can free us from the death grip of greed.*

**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,  
our maker, our helper, and our keeper.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s mercy, let us confess our sin  
in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Merciful and loving God,  
**we are your stiff-necked people.**  
**We trample on the needy.**  
**We grumble about your grace to others.**  
**We turn away from the poor.**  
**Have mercy on us and forgive our sins.**  
**Rejoice over us as ones who were lost**  
**and have been found.**  
**Amen.**

Even when we are faithless, God remains faithful.  
Jesus Christ came into the world to save sinners.  
You who were lost have been found.  
In the name of ☩ Jesus, your sins are forgiven!  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*All Are Welcome*

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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**

**O God, rich in mercy, you look with compassion on this troubled world. Feed us with your grace, and grant us the treasure that comes only from you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

*Please be seated.*

**First Reading: Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

- <sup>1a</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion  
and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria.  
<sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory  
and lounge on their couches  
and eat lambs from the flock  
and calves from the stall,  
<sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp  
and like David improvise on instruments of music,  
<sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls  
and anoint themselves with the finest oils  
but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph!  
<sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile,  
and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away.

L: Word of God. Word of Life

**C: Thanks be to God**

**Psalm: Psalm 146**

- <sup>1</sup> Hal- | lelujah!  
Praise the Lord, | O my soul!  
<sup>2</sup> **I will praise the Lord as long | as I live;**  
**I will sing praises to my God while I | have my being.**  
<sup>3</sup> Put not your | trust in rulers,  
in mortals in whom there | is no help.  
<sup>4</sup> **When they breathe their last, they re- | turn to earth,**  
**and in that day | their thoughts perish.**

<sup>5</sup> Happy are they who have the God of Jacob | for their help,  
whose hope is in the | Lord their God;

<sup>6</sup> **who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that | is in them;  
who keeps promis- | es forever;**

<sup>7</sup> who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to | those who hunger.  
The Lord sets the | captive free.

<sup>8</sup> **The Lord opens the eyes of the blind; the Lord lifts up those who | are  
bowed down;  
the Lord | loves the righteous.**

<sup>9</sup> The Lord cares | for the stranger;  
the Lord sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way | of the wicked.

<sup>10</sup> **The Lord shall | reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. | Hallelujah!**

### **Second Reading: 1 Timothy 6:6-12**

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains.

<sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses.

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**C: Thanks be to God**

**\*Gospel Acclamation (Alleluia)**

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### **\*Gospel: Luke 16:19-31**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter

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

[Jesus said:] <sup>19</sup> “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day. <sup>20</sup> And at his gate lay a poor man named Lazarus, covered with sores, <sup>21</sup> who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich man’s table; even the dogs would come and lick his sores. <sup>22</sup> The poor man died and was carried away by the angels to be with Abraham. The rich man also died and was buried. <sup>23</sup> In Hades, where he was being tormented, he lifted up his eyes and

saw Abraham far away with Lazarus by his side. <sup>24</sup> He called out, ‘Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, for I am in agony in these flames.’ <sup>25</sup> But Abraham said, ‘Child, remember that during your lifetime you received your good things and Lazarus in like manner evil things, but now he is comforted here, and you are in agony. <sup>26</sup> Besides all this, between you and us a great chasm has been fixed, so that those who might want to pass from here to you cannot do so, and no one can cross from there to us.’ <sup>27</sup> He said, ‘Then I beg you, father, to send him to my father’s house <sup>28</sup> for I have five brothers—that he may warn them, so that they will not also come into this place of torment.’ <sup>29</sup> Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; they should listen to them.’ <sup>30</sup> He said, ‘No, father Abraham, but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ <sup>31</sup> He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’ ”

P: The gospel of our Lord

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

**Children’s Sermon**

**Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez**

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**\*Hymn**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

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**\*Apostles Creed**

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**\* Prayers of Intercession**

God of grace,

**Receive 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**

Lord, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.  
Multiply what we have gathered  
to bless all who are suffering and in need,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

**\*Lord's Prayer**

**\*Blessing**

The God of righteousness,  
who gives justice to the oppressed,  
who gives food to the hungry,  
who sets the prisoners free,  
✠ bless you now and forever.  
**Amen.**

**\*Hymn**

*Lift High the Cross*

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**\*Dismissal**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Assisting in Worship**

Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez

Organist: Jason Swedlund

Reader: Nancy Hamilton

Ushers: Craig Hamilton, Viv Nore, Karla Berg, Terry Hansen

Tech: Marc Matthes