St. Olaf Lutheran Church
Sunday, November 8, 2026
24th Sunday after Pentecost

Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

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 dwelling place for all generations,
whose compassion never slumbers.
Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy God,
we confess that we have trusted in our preparation
instead of your invitation.
We prioritize our piety over care for your beloved.
We trust the voice of our shame and fear,
which keeps us from entering fully
into relationship with you and others.
We are not awake to the coming of your reign.
Rouse us and rescue us,
that we may enter into your joy.
Amen.
Inherit the riches of God's grace.
☩ Jesus, the good shepherd, feeds you with his mercy.
You are forgiven.
Blessed are you. **Amen.**

***Hymn** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives* **ELW 619 v1-4**

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 147**

***Glory to God** **pg 148**

***Prayer of the Day**
O God of justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Please be seated.

First Reading: Amos 5:18-24

18 Woe to you who desire the day of the Lord!
Why do you want the day of the Lord?
It is darkness, not light,
19 as if someone fled from a lion
and was met by a bear
or went into the house and rested a hand against the wall
and was bitten by a snake.
20 Is not the day of the Lord darkness, not light,
and gloom with no brightness in it?
21 I hate, I despise your festivals,
and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies.
22 Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and grain offerings,
I will not accept them,
and the offerings of well-being of your fatted animals
I will not look upon.
23 Take away from me the noise of your songs;
I will not listen to the melody of your harps.
24 But let justice roll down like water
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

L: Word of God. Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God

Psalm: Psalm 70

[1] Be pleased, O God, to de- | liver me;
O Lord, make | haste to help me.
[2] Let those who seek my life be put to shame | and confounded;
let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and | be disgraced.
[3] Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat | over me
turn back because | of their shame.
[4] Let all who seek you rejoice and be | glad in you;
let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"
[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quick- | ly, O God.
You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, | do not tarry.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

[13] We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. [14] For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. [15] For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. [16] For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. [17] Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air, and so we will be with the Lord forever. [18] Therefore encourage one another with these words.

L: Word of God. Word of Life
C: Thanks be to God

***Gospel Acclamation** (Alleluia) **pg 151**

***Gospel: Matthew 25:1-13**

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 25th chapter
C: Glory to you, O Lord

[Jesus said to the disciples:] [1] "Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten young women took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. [2] Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. [3] When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, [4] but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. [5] As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. [6] But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' [7] Then all those young women got up and trimmed their lamps. [8] The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' [9] But the wise replied, 'No! there

will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' [10] And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet, and the door was shut. [11] Later the other young women came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' [12] But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' [13] Keep awake, therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour."

P: The gospel of our Lord
C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Kids Sermon **Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez**

Sermon **Kathy Dencklau and Sheri Morud**

***Hymn** *Jesus Loves Me!* **ELW 595**

***Apostles Creed** **pg 105**

*** Prayers of Intercession**
God, in your mercy,
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**
Eternal God,
our time, talents, and treasures are gifts from you.
Receive what we offer,
and all that you entrust to us,
until hungry no more, all the world is fed,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

***Lord's Prayer**

***Blessing**
The holy Trinity,
Father, ☩ Son, and Holy Spirit,
bless you with wisdom to welcome the reign of God,
today and always.
Amen.

***Hymn** *Go, My Children, With My Blessing* **ELW 543**

***Dismissal**
Go in peace. Encourage one another.
Thanks be to God.

Assisting in Worship
Presider: Pastor Emily Sauer-Alvarez
Organist: Jason Swedlund
Reader: Stacy Hendrickson
Ushers: Mitch Craigmile and Doug Seltz
Tech: Marc Matthes

Required weekly offerings to cover expenses: *$*11,975
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Offering: $10,667.34
A*ttendance: 105*
Ignite Attendance:125

October Offering: $48,944
Required monthly offerings to cover expenses: $51,890