

National Night Out

August 4th from 4:30-5:30- We are the first responders' first stop, and they asked for real food again! Food: Hamburgers and hotdogs, watermelon, chips and drinks. Cookies for dessert. WE NEED VOLUNTEERS! Please plan to come help with set-up, serving and cleanup! We have the opportunity to meet and greet with Folsom's Finest before they head out to their main event!

Second Wednesday at Twin Lakes Food Bank!

Second Wednesday Twin Lakes Food Bank ministry continues!

Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and talk with guests, hand out that month's giveaway, and take prayer requests. The distribution time is from 9am - 12pm. You can help out the entire time or come for the first or last 1.5 hour. Please contact Krista Hess (916-370-2892) hesskeg@gmail.com for more information or to snag the Wednesday of your choice.

LWML

LWML is currently working on funding grant 5. Room to Grow Childcare Center - St. John's, Fallon NV for \$6,975 St. John's "Room to Grow Childcare Center" is a ministry of St. John's

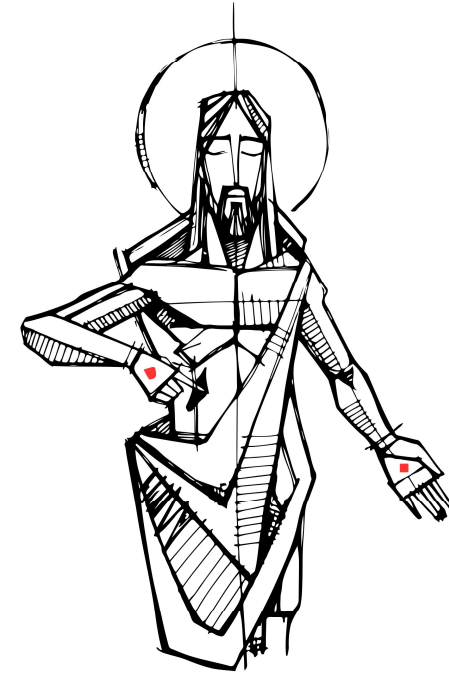
Lutheran Church in Fallon, NV. Since 1993 it has been providing high-quality Christian childcare. The current facility, built in 1996, needs some repair and renovation, including new security doors and hardware, sleeping cots, repainting, and improved security cameras. These changes will make the center more inviting to new families as they continue the mission of Christ-centered childcare. Please keep your coins, bills, and checks going into your mite boxes and return to the mighty mite box in the narthex to fund LWML CNH grants for 2026-2028, our sincere thanks to the congregation for supporting LWML grants. Please contact Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict for questions or if you want to know more about LWML at Mt. Olive.

CONTRIBUTE

Online Giving

There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website or via Paypal. Simply log on to your Paypal Account, select "SEND" and type in Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Folsom California. We always accept checks, but we do have a limit as to how many we can deposit monthly, so if online giving is an option for you, rest assured, it is easy, safe and secure.

Tenth Sunday after Pentecost August 2, 2026



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Nuthin 'like It!

As We Gather

After a meal, does your family pray Psalm 136:1, “Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good, for His steadfast love endures forever”? That short prayer is not just a reminder to say “thank You” to God, who provides daily bread for our bodies. It also repeats why God provides, specifically, because of “His steadfast love.” In fact, if you pray that entire psalm, it lists the many ways God provides for all our needs of body and soul. The rich Hebrew word translated “steadfast love” reflects not only God’s general attitude but also His mighty acts and deeds to provide for His people’s entire lives and well-being. Jesus’ provision of food for the people in the wilderness (Matthew 14) as well as “our daily bread” call to the mind of faith His ultimate gift of love, the forgiveness of our sins. As the prophet Isaiah speaks of the “rich food” God provides “that your soul may live” (Isaiah 55:2–3), so the humble Meal of bread and wine in the Sacrament of the Altar causes us to remember the greatest work of our Lord’s steadfast love on the cross. At the altar, we receive the very substance of God’s steadfast love that enlivens and strengthens a steadfast faith that will endure until we are welcomed to the great and promised heavenly feast of eternal life.

PREPARATION

524 How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds



1 How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds In
2 It makes the wound - ed spir - it whole And
3 Dear name! The rock on which I build, My
4 O Je - sus, shep - herd, guard - ian, friend, My



a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
calms the heart's un - rest; 'Tis man - na to the
shield and hid - ing place; My nev - er - fail - ing
Proph - et, Priest, and King, My Lord, my life, my



heals our wounds, And drives a - way our fear.
hun - gry soul And to the wea - ry, rest.
trea - sury filled With bound - less stores of grace.
way, my end, Ac - cept the praise I bring.

Serving Him this Week

Worship Leader	Pastor Stephen Becker
Elders	Andrew Tweet
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi , Andrew Donnelly, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	Norm Benedict and Karen Fontaine-Benedict
Altar Guild	Norma Ceccardi

CONNECT

Sunday Service with Communion

Please join us for Sunday service at 10am. If you are not able to join us in person, our Sunday Services will be available on YouTube or Facebook. You can access the links on our website at www.mountolivefolsom.com.

Sunday Bible Study

Come and gather with us at 9am to learn more about the Word of God. Sunday School for school aged children will resume next week on August 9!

The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting next at noon on August 20th at noon. Please plan to bring your own lunch and join us in some wonderful fellowship and lively conversation! All ages are welcome! Call Norma Ceccardi at 530-401-8055 if you have any questions.

CULTIVATE

Ladies Bible Study

Ladies at Mount Olive, you are cordially invited to come to our weekly Bible Study every Tuesday at 100 Dyrell Way in Folsom at 10:30am. WE will be studying “The Acts of the Apostles.” For more information, please contact Inge at 916-983-0351. We look forward to seeing you there! Shalom!

652 Father, We Thank Thee

1 Fa - ther, we thank Thee who hast plant - ed Thy ho - ly
2 Watch o'er Thy Church, O Lord, in mer - cy, Save it from

name with - in our hearts. Knowl - edge and faith and life im -
e - vil, guard it still, Per - fect it in Thy love, u -

mor - tal Je - sus, Thy Son, to us im - parts.
nite it, Cleansed and con - formed un - to Thy will.

Thou, Lord, didst make all for Thy plea - sure, Didst
As grain, once scat - tered on the hill - sides, Was

give us food for all our days, Giv - ing in Christ the
in this bro - ken bread made one, So from all lands Thy

Bread e - ter - nal; Thine is the pow'r, be Thine the praise.
Church be gath - ered In - to Thy king - dom by Thy Son.

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- 5 How weak the effort of my heart,
How cold my warmest thought!
But when I see Thee as Thou art,
I'll praise Thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would Thy love proclaim
With ev'ry fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death!

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Invocation

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Opening Sentences

Psalm 43:4; 136:1

- P** I will go to the altar of God,
C to God my exceeding joy.

- P** Give thanks to the LORD, for He is good,
C for His steadfast love endures forever.

Confession and Absolution

Isaiah 55:3, 6; Psalm 145:18

- P** Seek the LORD while He may be found; call upon Him while He is near. The LORD is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Incline your ear, and come to Me; hear, that your soul may live.
- C** Hear my prayer, O Lord. I confess to almighty God all my sins of thought, of speech, of actions, and of inaction to help others in need. By Your steadfast love and mercy, forgive me and renew a right spirit in me that gives praise to You for Your faithfulness and that relies all the more on You for my salvation and for help in every need.
- P** Give thanks to the Lord, for He has heard your cry for mercy. Upon this, your confession, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God to all of you. In the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C** Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

At this time, the congregation will rise and extend the “peace of the Lord” with one another forgiving one another just as our Lord has forgiven us.

WORD

In the service of the Word, God grants us His grace through the reading and preaching of His Word. Wherever His Word is, there He promises to be (Matt 18:20). The words of Holy Scripture are to “make [us] wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15).” They do this but not by simply talking about Jesus but giving Jesus to us who crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. The Word of God is the Word of Life.

Introit

Psalm 105:39–43; antiphon: v. 1

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!
He spread a cloud for a | covering, *
and fire to give | light by night.
They asked, and he | brought quail, *
and gave them bread from heaven in a- | bundance.
He opened the rock, and water | gushed out; *
it flowed through the desert like a | river.
For he remembered his holy | promise, *
and Abraham, his | servant.
So he brought his people | out with joy, *
his chosen ones with | singing.
Glory be to the Father and | to the Son *
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning, *
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.
Oh give thanks to the LORD; call up- | on his name; *
make known his deeds among the | peoples!

Kyrie

LSB 152

- A** In peace let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
- C** Lord, have mercy.
- A** Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
- C** Amen.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.

- P** Bless all who are sick, those who are injured or hospitalized, and all who are in any need with the healing of Your graceful visitation. Guide doctors, nurses, and all medical personnel to deliver Your gift of wellness and recovery, especially those we remember before You this day, [names]. Grant Your grace to all who look to You for their salvation and for help in every need. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Remembering with love and thanksgiving all those who have gone before us, we ask to be included in their fellowship both here by Your grace and in eternity by Your mercy, not counting our merits but solely by Your own compassion and promise. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C** hear our prayer.
- P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** Your steadfast love endures forever. Amen.

Offering/Offertory “All Good Gifts” *instrumental*

Lord’s Prayer

- C** Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you always.
- C** Amen.

Benediction

- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and +✠ give you peace.
- C** Amen.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

- P** Give thanks to the God of heaven,
C for His steadfast love endures forever.

P Let us pray.
Almighty and most merciful God, we give You thanks because Your steadfast love endures forever—that purposeful, active love by which You sent Your only-begotten Son into this desolate world to bring a new creation. In Christ, You have saved us by the forgiveness of all our sin. In Christ, You give all who receive Him a new heart and holy purpose to love one another. In Christ, You provide for all our needs of body and soul, leading us to the joyful feast of eternal life. Grant to all who look to You for life and help a firm faith and thankful hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Lord Jesus, as You miraculously fed the crowds who followed You in the wilderness, so provide wisdom and integrity to all public servants in the government of our land. Cause righteousness and peace to prevail in all the nations of the world that justice and freedom may abide among us. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

P Savior of all, as You had compassion and healed the sick of the multitudes who sought Your help, give to all pastors and ministers of Your Word that same love and care for all in their charge. Cause the Word they preach and the Sacraments they administer to deliver and strengthen faith and wholeness to all. Lord, in Your mercy,
C hear our prayer.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Heavenly Father, though we do not deserve Your goodness, still You provide for all our needs of body and soul. Grant us Your Holy Spirit that we may acknowledge Your gifts, give thanks for all Your benefits, and serve You in willing obedience; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 55:1–5

- ¹“Come, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and he who has no money,
come, buy and eat!
Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.
²Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?
Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.
³Incline your ear, and come to me;
hear, that your soul may live;
and I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.
⁴Behold, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.
⁵Behold, you shall call a nation that you do not know,
and a nation that did not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, and of the Holy One of Israel,
for he has glorified you.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Romans 9:1–13

- ¹I am speaking the truth in Christ—I am not lying; my conscience bears me witness in the Holy Spirit— ²that I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart. ³For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my brothers, my kinsmen according to the flesh. ⁴They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises. ⁵To them belong

the patriarchs, and from their race, according to the flesh, is the Christ who is God over all, blessed forever. Amen.

⁶But it is not as though the word of God has failed. For not all who are descended from Israel belong to Israel, ⁷and not all are children of Abraham because they are his offspring, but “Through Isaac shall your offspring be named.” ⁸This means that it is not the children of the flesh who are the children of God, but the children of the promise are counted as offspring. ⁹For this is what the promise said: “About this time next year I will return and Sarah shall have a son.” ¹⁰And not only so, but also when Rebecca had conceived children by one man, our forefather Isaac, ¹¹though they were not yet born and had done nothing either good or bad—in order that God’s purpose of election might continue, not because of works but because of his call— ¹²she was told, “The older will serve the younger.” ¹³As it is written, “Jacob I loved, but Esau I hated.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Verse

Psalm 78:25

P Alleluia. Man ate of the bread of the angels;

C He sent them food in abundance. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 14:13–21

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fourteenth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹³Now when Jesus heard [about the death of John], he withdrew from there in a boat to a desolate place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴When he went ashore he saw a great crowd, and he had compassion on them and healed their sick. ¹⁵Now when it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, “This is a desolate place, and the day is now over; send the crowds away to go into the villages and buy food for themselves.” ¹⁶But Jesus said, “They need not go away; you give them something to eat.” ¹⁷They said to him, “We have only five loaves here and two fish.” ¹⁸And he said, “Bring them here to me.” ¹⁹Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass, and taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven and said a blessing. Then he broke the loaves and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. ²⁰And they all ate and were satisfied. And they took up twelve baskets full of the broken pieces left over. ²¹And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 642 O Living Bread from Heaven

1 O liv - ing Bread from heav - en, How well You
2 My Lord, You here have led - me To this most
3 You gave me all I want - ed; This food can
4 Lord, grant me then, thus strength - ened With heav'n - ly
feed Your guest! The gifts that You have giv - en
ho - ly place And with Your - self have fed me
death de - stroy. And You have free - ly grant - ed
food, while here My course on earth is length - ened,
Have filled my heart with rest. Oh, won - drous food of
The trea - sures of Your grace; For You have free - ly
The cup of end - less joy. My Lord, I do not
To serve with ho - ly fear. And when You call my
bless - ing, Oh, cup that heals our woes! My heart, this
giv - en What earth could nev - er buy, The bread of
mer - it The fa - vor You have shown, And all my
spir - it To leave this world be - low, I en - ter,
gift pos - sess - ing, With prais - es o - ver - flows.
life from heav - en, That now I shall not die.
soul and spir - it Bow down be - fore Your throne.
through Your mer - it, Where joys un - min - gled flow.

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Sermon: “Real Food for Real People” -Dr. Stephen Becker

Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.