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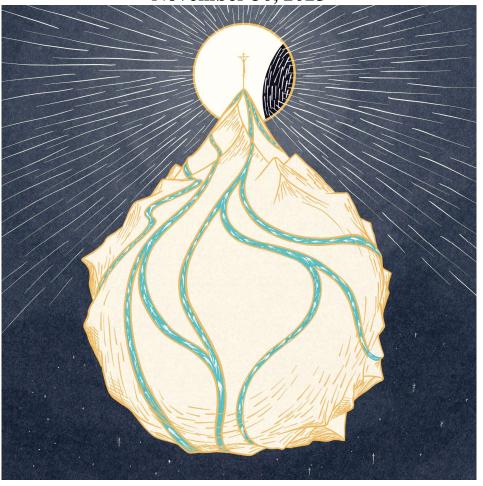
## **Prayer Requests**

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.

# **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.

# Twenty-eighth Sunday after Pentecost November 30, 2025



Connecting People to Jesus, Cultivating Meaningful Lives, and Contributing to God's Kingdom Work, Together



320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

# FIRST SUNDAY in ADVENT, November 30th 2025

## **Welcome and Announcements**

Hello! We're glad that you're with us today! You'll notice BLUE colors around our altar—we are in the season of ADVENT. Here, we are learning to hope and wait in faithfulness to receive our Lord Jesus who is soon returning. If this is your first time being in a Lutheran Church and following the Divine service, we follow a traditional liturgy that may be a little different but that's alright. If you feel lost, talk to one of the ushers, they'd be glad to walk alongside you. We're honored that God has brought you here to our midst. We hope that you find peace here.

# 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.





D 8 Glory to the Father sing, Glory to the Son, our king, Glory to the Spirit be Now and through eternity.

## **Ladies Bible Study**

Ladies, we would like to invite you to our Tuesday Bible Study at 10am at 110 Dyrell Way in Folsom. We are beginning to study the 2nd part of the Gospel of Matthew. For more information, please call Inge at 916-983-0351.

## **Bible Study Group**

We'll be working through the Epistle to the Colossians for a couple weeks. Feel free also to reach out to Pastor Dan or Elisse Tweet at <a href="mailto:council.educ.molc@gmail.com">council.educ.molc@gmail.com</a> or 916-216-8722 for more info.

## **LWML**

The Mt. Olive Lutheran Women's Missionary League wishes to thank the congregation for returning their Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes full of wonderful and thoughtful Christmas gifts for children, we were able to deliver 34 boxes and make a monetary donation to Operation Christmas Child. Operation Christmas Child sends shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

### LWML activities in December

ADVENT TEA Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup> from 2pm – 4pm ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH 3644 Bolivar Ave. North Highlands, CA 95660. What to bring - a finger food – sweet or savory. Freewill Offering to go toward District Mission Grants RSVP by Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> to Lana Sullivan. Meet at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church to carpool day of event at 1pm.

Regional Event at Town and Country Lutheran 4049 Marconi Avenue, Sacramento, CA on Saturday, January 17, 2026, at noon. High Tea, please bring family and friends. A special thank you to LWML CNH ladies for their support for our Mighty Mites and District Events. Meet at Mt. Olive Lutheran Church on the day of the event at 11:15 and carpool to Town and Country Lutheran Church.

LWML is meeting as needed before the Lunch Bunch on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 11:30 pm. Check with Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict for our next meeting. We wish you a blessed Christmas and thank you for your support of the LWML missions and grants. In January I will pick up with the LWML history from the 1970s. Thank you, Lana Sullivan

## **Sunday Bible Study**

Come and gather with us at 9am to learn more about the Word of God.

## The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting next at noon on December 18<sup>th</sup> at noon. Please plan to bring your own lunch and join us in some wonderful fellowship and lively conversation! We meet in the classroom behind the sanctuary. All ages are welcome! Call Norma Ceccardi at 530-401-8055 if you have any questions.

# **CULTIVATE**

## Twin Lakes Food Bank Update

Please join us after worship service on December 7<sup>th</sup> for a quick update from the Twin Lakes Food Bank leadership about their plans for the future as well as their next steps as they begin construction on the back property. They will be there to give information and answer questions from the congregation.

# Share the Love of Jesus with Our Neighbors! Food for the Hungry & Food for the Soul

It's Time for Advent Joy!

Please make sure to pick up an Advent Calendar Garland & Devotion Kit Today! Thanks to some wonderful volunteers, over 300 of these kits were assembled. Some were distributed to the Twin Lakes Food Bank, some will go to the kids and families at Folsom's Hope, and the rest are for us to enjoy AND to share with neighbors or loved ones or anyone else who could use the message of PEACE, HOPE, and JOY this season offers. Since December 1st is tomorrow, please take extra kits if they are available. Our Sunday Services times and Advent, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day service information is included in the kit bag. We ask that you (members) take a kit bag without scissors for your own home use. Bags with scissors/service information are for gifts/guests!

# **Advent Performance**

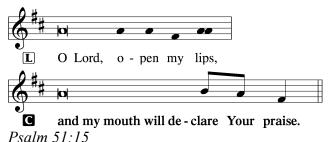
Experience a jazzy musical theatre celebration of the birth of Jesus Christ. You are invited to join Sam Williams and Fred Weber as they weave song, tap dance, piano, and storytelling to embody three Advent passages from the book of Isaiah. Playing at 12 Noon December 14th right here at Mount Olive!

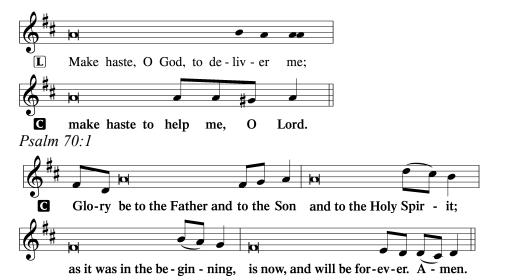
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# The Order of Matins

Matins is one of the Church's ancient morning prayer offices, rooted in the early Christian practice of gathering at daybreak to hear Scripture and sing psalms as the light of Christ met the rising sun. Through its rich blend of psalms, readings, and canticles especially the Venite—Matins draws us into that centuries-old rhythm of beginning the day with God's promises. For congregations new to it, Matins offers a beautiful, unhurried way to let God's Word shape the first steps of our day.

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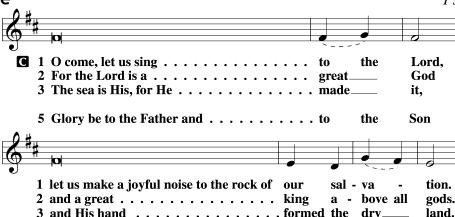
Praise to You, O Christ, King who comes to save us

# **Psalmody**



Venite

Psalm 95:1-7



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	Let us come into His presence with thanks - The deep places of the earth are		- His	ing, hand;
3	O come, let us worship and	bow_		down,
	For He		our	God,
5	as it was in the be	gin	-	ning,



Dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, Joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart. By Thine all-suf-fi-cient mer-it Raise us to Thy glo-rious throne.

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Serving Him this Week

Serving 11th this Week					
Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang				
Elders	Andrew Tweet				
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group				
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Andrew Donnelly, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, <b>Andrew Burnette</b>				
Ushers	Andrew Burnette				
Altar Guild	Leslie Nagel				

# **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 School

We offer Sunday School classes for children ages K through 5th grade. Lessons are during the 10am Sunday worship service, located in the back of the Sanctuary directly following the Children's Message. Children will be returned in time to participate in Communion with their families. Families of Preschoolers and younger, feel free to grab a Blessing Activity Bag in the Narthex on your way into service or utilize the Nursery, located behind the musicians. Sunday School teachers & subs still needed, please reach out to Elisse (916)216-8722 or council.educ.molc@gmail.com

# Collect of the Day

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Stand

Benedicamus Psalm 103:1

L Let us bless the Lord.



**Benediction** 2 Corinthians 13:14

P The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.



# 338 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus



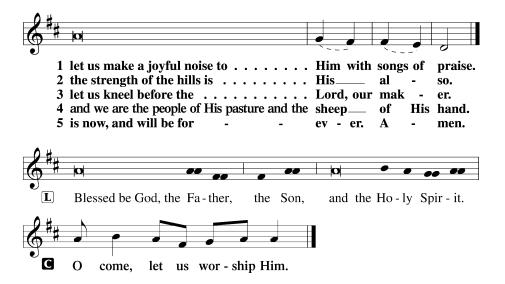
1 Come, Thou long - ex - pect-ed Je-sus, Born to set Thy peo-ple free; 2 Born Thy peo-ple to de-liv-er; Born a child and yet a king!



From our fears and sins re-lease us; Let us find our rest in Thee. Born to reign in us for -ev - er, Now Thy gra - cious king - dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con-so - la-tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art, By Thine own e - ter-nal Spir-it Rule in all our hearts a - lone;



Sit

## Service of the 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.

Reading Isaiah 2:1–5

L A reading from Isaiah, chapter 2.

<sup>1</sup>The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup>It shall come to pass in the latter days
that the mountain of the house of the LORD
shall be established as the highest of the mountains,
and shall be lifted up above the hills;
and all the nations shall flow to it,

<sup>3</sup>and many peoples shall come, and say:
"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,
to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways

and that we may walk in his paths."

For out of Zion shall go the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup>He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into plowshares,
and their spears into pruning hooks;
nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war anymore.

<sup>5</sup>O house of Jacob,
come, let us walk
in the light of the LORD.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

Reading Romans 13:8–14

L A reading from Romans, chapter 13.

<sup>8</sup>Owe no one anything, except to love each other, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup>The commandments, "You shall not commit adultery, You shall not murder, You shall not steal, You shall not covet," and any other commandment, are summed up in this word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." <sup>10</sup>Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfilling of the law.

<sup>11</sup>Besides this you know the time, that the hour has come for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we first believed. <sup>12</sup>The night is far gone; the day is at hand. So then let us cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light. <sup>13</sup>Let us walk properly as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and sensuality, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup>But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.

# Offering

# Prayer

Kneel/Stand



# 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.

## **Collects**

L O Lord, hear my prayer. Psalm 102:1

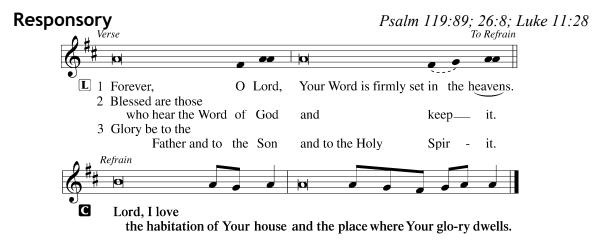




L A reading from Matthew, chapter 24.

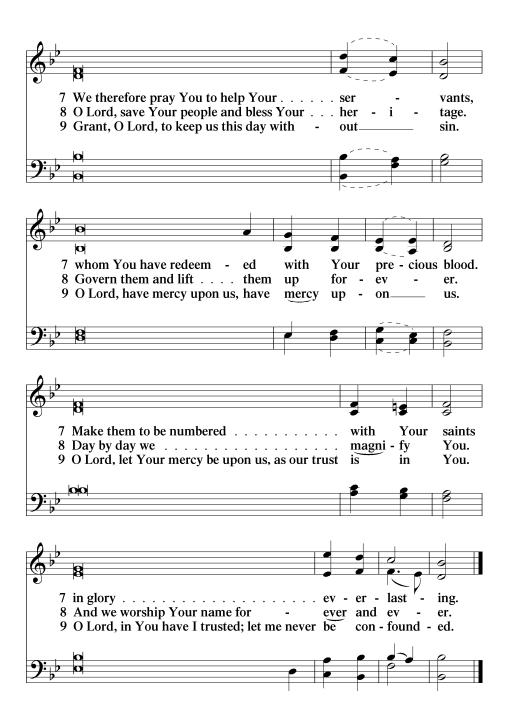
<sup>36</sup>[Jesus said:] "But concerning that day and hour no one knows, not even the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but the Father only. <sup>37</sup>As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup>For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day when Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup>and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them all away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup>Then two men will be in the field; one will be taken and one left. <sup>41</sup>Two women will be grinding at the mill; one will be taken and one left. <sup>42</sup>Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup>But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. <sup>44</sup>Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect.

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C Thanks be to God.



# Sermon: Where Heaven and Earth Come Together - Rev. Daniel Vang

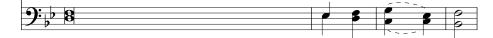
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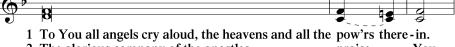


Te Deum LSB 223 C 1 We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to Lord. 2 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of . . . . . . . . . Sab - a oth; 3 The noble army of martyrs . . . . . . . . . . praise\_



- 1 All the earth now worships You, the Fa-ther ev er last
- 2 heaven and earth are full of the majes ty of Your glo
- 3 The holy Church throughout all the world does ac knowl-edge You:





- 2 The glorious company of the apostles . . . . . . praise\_\_\_\_
- 3 The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and on ly Son; 4 You are the king of glory, . . . . . . . . . . . O\_

