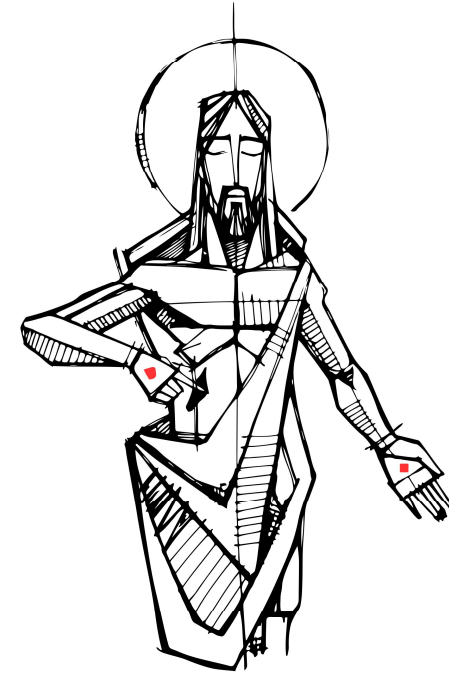


Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 26, 2026



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



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As We Gather

Jesus famously teaches, “where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:21), and Jesus knows a treasure when He sees one. Listen to the Readings in worship today. From the days of the Old Testament onward, the Lord has clearly declared how He vastly treasures His people. The Son of God gives up everything to reclaim you as His treasured possession. And it is purely His love for you that gives you true value and limitless worth. Since His treasure is His people, you can be sure His heart remains with His people too, as He visits us here with the priceless goodness of His Word and Sacrament.

654 Your Kingdom, O God, Is My Glorious Treasure

Invocation (Please stand as you are able)

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

Opening Sentences

Romans 11:33; Deuteronomy 7:7, 9; Romans 11:36

- P** Oh, the depth of the riches and wisdom and knowledge of God!
- C** How unsearchable are His judgments and how inscrutable His ways!

- P** The LORD set His love on you and chose you.
- C** Know therefore that the LORD is God.

- P** For from Him and through Him and to Him are all things.
- C** To Him be glory forever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Romans 8:31–32

- P** You are a people holy to the Lord your God.
- C** We confess our unholy thoughts, words, and actions.

Silence for personal reflection.

- P** Almighty God,
- C** we have not lived up to our calling as Your treasured possession. Our desires are selfish and our love is shallow. We have turned aside from doing good and chosen to treasure things of creation rather than our Creator. In our sinful state we are vulnerable to the devil, death, and darkness. And so we seek Your mercy. We surrender to Your loving kindness in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

- P** “What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

National Night Out

Mark your calendars for this annual community event!

Date- August 4th

Time: 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

Mt. Olive Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML)

Praise the Lord the first three grants have been funded, and we are now collecting mites to fund Grant #4. Bringing Christ’s Hope to the Homeless - Mercy Holistic Ministries \$2,500. Mercy Holistic Ministries seek to expand their services to the Sacramento-area homeless. They currently offer showers and hygiene products to their clients. They need added support to provide fresh meals, packed snacks, bottled water, Bibles, devotional and spiritual materials. So please keep your coins, bills, and checks going into your mite boxes to put in the mighty mite box in the narthex for our LWML CNH grants 2026-2028. We appreciate your support. Please contact Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict for questions about LWML and our meetings.

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.

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 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

Jim Rowe

It is with a heavy heart that I share the news of the passing of our faithful member Jim Rowe this week. As we rejoice that he is now with his Lord and Savior we also mourn his presence. He will be missed!

Mount Olive will be updating you of any plans made regarding a service in his honor so please check announcements and your inbox!

If you would like to send correspondence to the Rowe family, feel free to drop it by the office or put it in the mail slot by the office door and we will see that they get it.

Facilities Management Help

Mount Olive is in need of a facilities management individual to oversee maintenance work for the church. If anyone has construction, maintenance, or a business background, you are needed. Please contact Bill Schroeder for details. Thank you!

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!

☛ “He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?”

☞ Indeed, the mercy of almighty God is displayed in the giving of His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

☛ Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, “Peace be with you,” as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

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.

Introit (Stand as you are able: Congregation speaks bold type) *Psalm 105:2–6; antiphon: v. 1*

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

**Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!**

Glory in his holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice!

**Seek the LORD and his strength;
seek his presence continually!**

Remember the wondrous works that he has done,
his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

**O offspring of Abraham, his servant,
children of Jacob, his chosen ones!**

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;**

as it was in the beginning,

is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name;
make known his deeds among the peoples!

Kyrie

LSB 204



C Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Salutation

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Almighty and everlasting God, give us an increase of faith, hope, and love, that, receiving what You have promised, we may love what You have commanded; 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

Deuteronomy 7:6–9

⁶“You are a people holy to the LORD your God. The LORD your God has chosen you to be a people for his treasured possession, out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth. ⁷It was not because you were more in number than any other people that the LORD set his love on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples, ⁸but it is because the LORD loves you and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers, that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹Know therefore that the LORD your God is God, the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, to a thousand generations.”

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

Epistle

Romans 8:28–39

²⁸We know that for those who love God all things work together for good, for those who are called according to his purpose. ²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called, and those whom he called he also justified, and those whom he justified he also glorified. ³¹What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³²He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? ³³Who shall bring any charge against God’s elect? It is God

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Serving Him this Week

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Ushers	Bill and Karla Schroeder
Altar Guild	Norma Ceccardi



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the
glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;
A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is
to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -
peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.
O God the Father, the fountain and source of all goodness, who in loving-kindness sent Your only-begotten Son into the flesh, we thank You that for His sake You have given us pardon and peace in this Sacrament, and we ask You not to forsake Your children but always to rule our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may be enabled constantly to serve You; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- 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.

754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens

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who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. ³⁵Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

“For your sake we are being killed all the day long;
we are regarded as sheep to be slaughtered.”

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Verse

Matthew 13:35b

- P** Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;
C I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:44–52

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.
C Glory to You, O Lord.

⁴⁴[Jesus said:] “The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls, ⁴⁶who, on finding one pearl of great value, went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷“Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and gathered fish of every kind. ⁴⁸When it was full, men drew it ashore and sat down and sorted the good into containers but threw away the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the close of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹“Have you understood all these things?” They said to him, “Yes.” ⁵²And he said to them, “Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like a master of a house, who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

713 From God Can Nothing Move Me sts. 1, 3-4, 6

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Creed (Stand)

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

LSB 210

C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;
O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,
Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Hymns

Instrumental: O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus

611 Chief of Sinners Though I Be

636 Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211

C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant, De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All

together, we pray, from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers; deliver and preserve us. To You alone, O Father, be all glory, honor, and worship, with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

The Words of Our Lord

- P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”
In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Proclamation of Christ

- P** As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.

C Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

- P** O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion, Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.

Mighty Lord, we need Your constant defense in a world of death, danger, and distraction. Guard us in both body and soul, that Your people might live to the praise of our victorious Savior, Jesus. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** Generous Lord, all good things are gifts from Your holy hand. Undo our attitudes of selfishness and renew within us a spirit of generosity, freely giving of our treasures to the needy in our midst. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** Seeking and saving Lord, You tirelessly pursue the children of earth with Your goodness and mercy. Soften hearts hardened to Your Gospel and activate Your people to witness to Your goodness. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** Faithful Lord, despite our sin, You keep covenant and steadfast love. Rescue families where loyalties have been betrayed and trust broken. Mend hurting hearts with forgiveness and restore them by Your grace. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** All-seeing Lord, You set Your heart on the least and fewest. Set Your heart once again on the lonely, the dying, the poor, and the sick, [*especially...*]. Bring good amid their challenges and remind us that no problem is too big for Your power and no one is too small to escape Your notice. Through the love of Christ, we pray:

C Lord, have mercy.

- P** These prayers, and all those lifted up by believers around the world, we entrust to Your care, O almighty God, trusting You to hear and answer according to the Father’s will, in the Son’s grace, and by the Spirit’s power.

C Amen.

Offering

Offertory

LSB 192

C Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -
way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

Service of the Sacrament

Grace upon grace. Having received God’s grace through the Word and promises of Jesus, God now serves us grace by feeding us His Son’s body and blood which is “true food and true drink (John 6:55)” for the forgiveness of sins. In this portion of the service, we gather with angelic hosts and the saints triumphant where Jesus promises to be: in this meal of bread and wine. “It is bread and wine set within God’s Word and bound to it (Luther’s Large Catechism).”

We confess that our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted the Lord’s Supper to be a Sacrament, a means of grace. In, with, and under the elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus as he has spoken. His body and blood are set aside for his baptized disciples to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. If this is your confession and you desire the gifts, come and receive what’s meant for you.

If you hold to a different confession, are unsure of what this meal is, or are unbaptized, but desire the gifts, please talk with pastor after service about our formation process. In the meantime, we invite you to come up and cross your arms over your chest at the table in order to receive a blessing.

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** And also with you.
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** We lift them to the Lord.

- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

- P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, out of love for His fallen creation, humbled Himself by taking on the form of a servant, becoming obedient unto death, even death upon a cross. Risen from the dead, He has freed us from eternal death and given us life everlasting. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;
Heav’n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.
Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho- san - na to the Lord;
Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

- P** Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have had mercy on those whom You created and sent Your only-begotten Son into our flesh to bear our sin and be our Savior. With repentant joy we receive the salvation accomplished for us by the all-availing sacrifice of His body and His blood on the cross.

Gathered in the name and the remembrance of Jesus, we beg You, O Lord, to forgive, renew, and strengthen us with Your Word and Spirit. Grant us faithfully to eat His body and drink His blood as He bids us do in His own testament. Gather us