# Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost: October 12, 2025



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



320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

# Welcome to Worship!

Hello! We're glad that you're with us today! 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.

# LSB 846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old

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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 111:1-8

- Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.
- Full of splendor and majesty is His work, and His righteousness endures forever.
- He has caused His wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.
- P He provides food for those who fear Him; He remembers His covenant forever.
- He has shown His people the power of His works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.
- **P** The works of His hands are faithful and just; all His precepts are trustworthy;
- they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.

# Confession and Absolution

2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13; Psalm 111:9–10

- As we come before the Lord with humble and contrite hearts, we hear the words of encouragement from Paul to young Timothy: "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus."
- God of grace, we ask Your forgiveness for the times we seek strength away from where You promise to be present with Your Word and in Your means of grace, and for the times we have not desired the grace found in Christ Jesus, our Lord.

- P "Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus."
- We confess we have chosen the easy way out when our following and serving of Jesus becomes difficult for our lives, forsaking Your name and the name You have given us in Baptism.
- P "Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead."
- We confess we have not remembered the victory Jesus Christ has won for us over sin, death, and the devil, through His sacrificial death and rising from the dead. Because of this, we have not loved You with all our heart, soul, and strength, and have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.
- **P** The saying is trustworthy, for: If we have died with Him,
- **C** we will also live with Him;
- **P** if we endure, we will also reign with Him;
- c if we deny Him, He also will deny us;
- **P** if we are faithless.
- **C** He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.
- Our faithful God, the one almighty God, in His mercy, has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ 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.
- C Amen.
- P He sent redemption to His people; He has commanded His covenant forever.
- **C** Holy and awesome is His name!
- The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding.
- C His praise endures forever!

### **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 34:2-4, 17; antiphon: Psalm 48:1a

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*
in the city | of our God!

My soul makes its boast | in the LORD;\*
let the humble hear | and be glad.

Oh, magnify the | LORD with me,\*
and let us exalt his name to- | gether!

I sought the LORD, and he | answered me\*
and delivered me from | all my fears.

When the righteous cry for help, the | LORD hears\*
and delivers them out of all their | troubles.

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.

Great is the LORD and greatly | to be praised\*

**Kyrie** 

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#### Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

in the city of our God!

**C** And also with you.

# Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty God, You show mercy to Your people in all their troubles. Grant us always to recognize Your goodness, give thanks for Your compassion, and praise Your holy name; 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**

Ruth 1:1–19a

<sup>1</sup>In the days when the judges ruled there was a famine in the land, and a man of Bethlehem in Judah went to sojourn in the country of Moab, he and his wife and his two sons. <sup>2</sup>The name of the man was Elimelech and the name of his wife Naomi, and the names of his two sons were Mahlon and Chilion. They were Ephrathites from Bethlehem in Judah. They went into the country of Moab and remained there. <sup>3</sup>But Elimelech, the husband of Naomi, died, and she was left with her two sons. <sup>4</sup>These took Moabite wives; the name of the one was Orpah and the name of the other Ruth. They lived there about ten years, <sup>5</sup>and both Mahlon and Chilion died, so that the woman was left without her two sons and her husband.

<sup>6</sup>Then she arose with her daughters-in-law to return from the country of Moab, for she had heard in the fields of Moab that the LORD had visited his people and given them food. <sup>7</sup>So she set out from the place where she was with her two daughters-in-law, and they went on the way to return to the land of Judah. <sup>8</sup>But Naomi said to her two daughters-in-law, "Go, return each of you to her mother's house. May the LORD deal kindly with you, as you have dealt with the dead and with me. <sup>9</sup>The LORD grant that you may find rest, each of you in the house of her husband!" Then she kissed them, and they lifted up their voices and wept. <sup>10</sup>And they said to her, "No, we will return with you to your people." 11But Naomi said, "Turn back, my daughters; why will you go with me? Have I yet sons in my womb that they may become your husbands? <sup>12</sup>Turn back, my daughters; go your way, for I am too old to have a husband. If I should say I have hope, even if I should have a husband this night and should bear sons, <sup>13</sup>would you therefore wait till they were grown? Would you therefore refrain from marrying? No, my daughters, for it is exceedingly bitter to me for your sake that the hand of the LORD has gone out against me." <sup>14</sup>Then they lifted up their voices and wept again. And Orpah kissed her mother-in-law, but Ruth clung to her.

<sup>15</sup>And she said, "See, your sister-in-law has gone back to her people and to her gods; return after your sister-in-law." <sup>16</sup>But Ruth said, "Do not urge me to leave you

or to return from following you. For where you go I will go, and where you lodge I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God my God. <sup>17</sup>Where you die I will die, and there will I be buried. May the LORD do so to me and more also if anything but death parts me from you." <sup>18</sup>And when Naomi saw that she was determined to go with her, she said no more.

<sup>19</sup>So the two of them went on until they came to Bethlehem.

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

**Gradual** *Psalm* 91:11; 103:1

- P He will command His angels concerning you
- **C** to guard you in all your ways.
- P Bless the LORD, O my soul,
- and all that is within me, bless His holy name!

Epistle 2 Timothy 2:1–13

<sup>1</sup>You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>2</sup>and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also. <sup>3</sup>Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. <sup>4</sup>No soldier gets entangled in civilian pursuits, since his aim is to please the one who enlisted him. <sup>5</sup>An athlete is not crowned unless he competes according to the rules. <sup>6</sup>It is the hard-working farmer who ought to have the first share of the crops. <sup>7</sup>Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in everything.

<sup>8</sup>Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, the offspring of David, as preached in my gospel, <sup>9</sup>for which I am suffering, bound with chains as a criminal. But the word of God is not bound! <sup>10</sup>Therefore I endure everything for the sake of the elect, that they also may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory. <sup>11</sup>The saying is trustworthy, for:

If we have died with him, we will also live with him;

<sup>12</sup>if we endure, we will also reign with him;

if we deny him, he also will deny us;

<sup>13</sup>if we are faithless, he remains faithful—

for he cannot deny himself.

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

# Children's Message

Verse Luke 5:15

- P Alleluia, alleluia!
- Now even more the report about Him went abroad, and great crowds gathered to hear Him and to be healed of their infirmities.
- P Alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel Luke 17:11–19

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

<sup>11</sup>On the way to Jerusalem [Jesus] was passing along between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup>And as he entered a village, he was met by ten lepers, who stood at a distance <sup>13</sup>and lifted up their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us." <sup>14</sup>When he saw them he said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they went they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup>Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice; <sup>16</sup>and he fell on his face at Jesus 'feet, giving him thanks. Now he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup>Then Jesus answered, "Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? <sup>18</sup>Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?" <sup>19</sup>And he said to him, "Rise and go your way; your faith has made you well."

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

Sermon Hymn: LSB 912 "Christ is Our Cornerstone"

Sermon: God DID This! - Rev. Daniel Vang

Creed Nicene Creed

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

2 Timothy 2:8, 13

Let us pray for the people of God in Christ Jesus, for His church, and for all people according to their needs.

God of everlasting mercy, You offer Your salvation and redemption to all

people with forgiveness assured through faith in Your Son. As You did for Your people of old, including Ruth and Naomi, grant us trust in Your provision and direction, even amid trials we may face. Help us to endure and to also point others to the help and hope You offer and sustain by Your grace. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,

- **C** hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.
- Ever-sustaining Lord, who strengthens by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, encourage us by Your servant Paul. As he endured persecution and prison for the sake of Your Gospel for the salvation of the world, sustain us in our faith and in our witness. Grant strength to endure the trials and sufferings in this world, and to remain firm in faith when we bear Your name as Your baptized and redeemed people. Soften hearts of those who reject Your Word and grace and pour out Your Spirit that many more may come to know Your mercy, which is known and shown through Your Son. As we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
- **C** hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.
- Healing Lord, out of compassion, Jesus healed the ten lepers afflicted by disease. Be with those who suffer in body and mind with disease, diagnosis, and despair. We especially lift up to You those who have asked for our prayers, [including...]. For those afflictions and ailments known only to You, grant the comfort of Your presence and healing according to Your will. We thank You for the healing of our greatest afflictions faced against the world, the devil, and our sinful flesh. Through hardships, as we remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead,
- **C** hear our prayer, for You remain faithful.
- Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

# Offering

Offertory LSB 192



#### 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**

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 on this day overcame death and the grave and by His glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

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;

True ly bloot is He who somes in the name of 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 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

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**

- 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

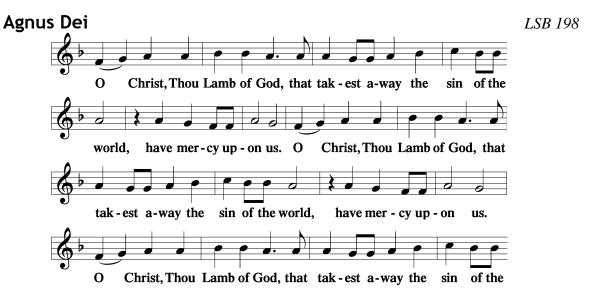
resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

# Lord's Prayer

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.

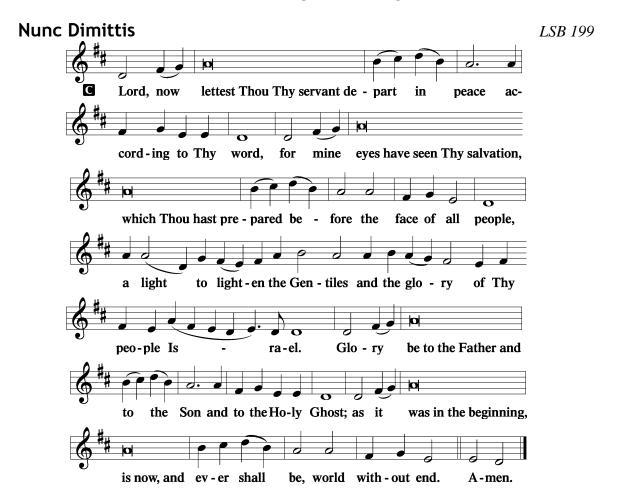




# **Distribution Hymns:**

# LSB 664 Fight the Good Fight

# LSB 528 Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing



# Post-Communion Thanksgiving

**P** Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

# **Closing Sentences**

2 Timothy 2:1, 3, 8a, 11–13

- **P** Be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus.
- Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.
- **P** Share in suffering as a good soldier of Christ Jesus.
- **C** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.
- If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him; if we endure, we will also reign with Him; if we deny Him, He also will deny us; if we are faithless, He remains faithful—for He cannot deny Himself.
- **C** Remember Jesus Christ, risen from the dead.

#### **Benediction**

- C Amen.

# LSB 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Creative Worship for the Lutheran Parish, Series C, Quarter 4.

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# Serving Him this Week

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	Bruce Betts
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Andrew Donnelly, Heather Hoffman, Karla Lardner
Ushers	Rick and Lana Sullivan
Altar Guild	Janet Betts

# **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 currently offer Sunday School classes for children ages Kindergarten through 5th grade. Lessons will take place during the 10am Sunday worship service, located in the back of the Sanctuary directly following the Children's Message. Children will be returned to their pews 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

#### **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 October 16th. 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**

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

On Wednesday, October 8th, Mt. Olive Lutheran will continue its once-a-month outreach activity at the Twin Lakes Food Bank (TLFB). Join our small team as we welcome TLFB guests and chat with them while they wait for their turns. We'll distribute some paper products, and, of course, offer to take prayer requests and pray onthe-spot with them if they wish. The response to our offer of prayer was accepted

quite warmly at our first visit. MOLC volunteers can also lend a hand with other distribution-related tasks as needed. Please pray for this endeavor in general, and also consider volunteering for this "right-on-our-doorstep" outreach opportunity. Distribution hours are from 9am - 12:00pm. We're seeking folks who could help out from 9:00am - 10:30am (shift 1), or from 10:30am - 12:00pm (shift 2). The sign-up sheet is just across the sanctuary entrance doors on the glass case before/after services.

You might not be able to help out on weekday mornings, but you're in luck! We will need several volunteers to help assemble "giveaways" for November and December in the comfort of their own homes (I'm doing mine during baseball games). Look for the TLFB table before or after church and consider taking a kit or two home to prepare. Please give Krista Hess a call/email: 916-370-2892 / <a href="https://hesskeg@gmail.com">hesskeg@gmail.com</a> if you'd like to be a part of this ministry. Please add YOUR name to our TLFB ministry team for November 12 and/or December 10. If you're not able to join us, please lift this new opportunity up in prayer. Blessings, y'all!

#### **Circuit Reformation Celebration Service**

Join LCMS Lutherans from around the Sacramento area for a Reformation Celebration Service with refreshments to follow on Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 PM. The Guest Preacher will be our CNH District President, Rev. Mike Lange. A mass choir for anyone who would like to join will rehearse one hour before the service at 3:00 PM (this is the only rehearsal). For more information contact Town & Country

Church: tclc@tclutheranchurch.org.

When: Sunday, October 26 at 4:00 PM Where: Town and Country Lutheran Church, 4049 Marconi Ave, Sacramento 95821

#### **Congregational Meeting**

We will be having a congregational meeting and vote today after service. The purpose behind this meeting revolves around our Circuit convocation. On October 18<sup>th</sup>, pastoral and lay delegates of Circuit 19, that's us, will be gathering here at Mount Olive at 9am in order to vote on who we as a circuit will be sending to be our representative voices to the National Lutheran Church Missouri Synod convention taking place in Phoenix, AZ in July of 2026.

Our meeting requires us to vote for a lay delegate amongst us who will be joining me for this convocation. Please note, the one whom we elect amongst us must be willing to have his/her name stand for the 2026 Convention in Phoenix.

If you have any other questions, feel free to reach out to me.

God's peace, Pastor Daniel Vang

#### **New Small Group**

Bible Study

October 19th at 6pm. The Tweets will be hosting us that evening. Come for dinner. Bring a dish. And 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 council.educ.molc@gmail.com or 916-216-8722 for more info.

# <u>LWML</u> OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

LWML is happy to announce that we will be participating in Operation Christmas Child for Christmas this year. In the narthex you will find Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes; by filling ordinary shoeboxes full of toys and other fun items, you can be part of giving boys and girls what may be their first gift ever! Local churches in more than 100 nations hand out these Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts at festive outreach events where the Gospel is presented in a child-friendly way. Each box bursting with items such as a soccer ball, doll, or stuffed animal becomes a tangible expression of God's love to the child, their family, and their community. Many shoebox recipients also participate in our 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, The Greatest Journey. Please help us this year by filling a box or two and returning them to the narthex by Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>. Inside the box you can find more information and guidelines for gift giving. Also, there is an envelope to place 10.00 in postage to mail the Christmas shoebox. Thank you so much in advance for helping to make Christmas time a joyous one for a boy or girl. Please remember that Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> is the deadline. If you have questions, please see Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine Benedict.

# **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.

# **CONTRIBUTE**

#### **An Opportunity to Serve**

The Council needs you. As we prepare for 2026 our council will be in need of folks to fill vacant positions. If you feel you want to gift your skills to our council and congregation, please contact Heather Hoffman at 406-868-8176 to discuss open positions.

#### **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.