

### Youth

The Youth will be meeting on February 21 from 4-6 at Faith Lutheran Fair Oaks.

### LWML

LWML is in the final three months of collecting Mites for the 2024-2026 Mission Grants. Grants 1-14 have now been paid. Grants 15 through 18 need to be paid by March 31, 2026. Grant #15 is "1 in Every One" new CNH Missions & Ministries \$8,500 CNH District Mission Agency in Livermore, CA. In an ever-changing and very diverse region of our country, the CNH District has made it a point to reach new people with the lifesaving Good News of Jesus. The CNH District has set a goal to start a new mission or ministry start in each of its 18 circuits ahead of the 2025 district convention. The District Mission Agency provides coaching, resources, and financial help in seeing these missions get off the ground and change lives. This grant seeks funds to seed those new missions and ministry through 5 "Spark Grants" as part of the mission goal. The Mission goal deadline is March 31, 2026! For LWML to achieve the mission goals by March 31, 2026, it is important to contribute coins, bills, and checks to your Mite Boxes and return to the Mighty Mite box in the narthex. Your offerings and prayers bring the love and hope of Jesus to those in need. Our sincere thanks to the congregation for supporting LWML grants. Please ask Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict if you have any questions.

LWML will be meeting quarterly, and our next LWML meeting will be March 19<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 am in the sanctuary classroom.

## 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.

## Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany February 15, 2026



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



320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

## Welcome and Announcements

*Hello! We're glad that you're with us today! **You'll notice WHITE colors around our altar which symbolizes God's glory.** Here, we are figuring out together the mystery of God and His salvation as He reveals it through His Son Jesus Christ. 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.***

## PREPARATION

### 833 Listen, God Is Calling

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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 50:1-2; 67:1, 3; 2 Corinthians 4:6*

- P** The Mighty One, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.  
**C** **Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth.**
- P** May God be gracious to us and bless us and make His face to shine upon us.  
**C** **Let the peoples praise You, O God; let all the peoples praise You!**
- P** For God, who said, "Let light shine out of darkness,"  
**C** **has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.**

## Sunday Bible Study

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

## CULTIVATE

### Univeristy A Cappella Choir

2026 Spring Tour Itinerary  
Saturday March 7, 2026 – 7pm Concert  
Faith Lutheran Church  
4000 San Juan  
Fair Oaks, CA 95628

### Ladies Bible Study

After a short break, we have started again our LifeLight Bible Study. We are still in the Gospel of Matthew beginning with the 24th Chapter. You are always invited to join us every Tuesday at 10am at 110 Dyrell Way in Folsom.

WE would love to welcome you as we are contributing to a meaningful and informative study. For more information, please call Inge at 916-983-0351. Shalom!

### 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 [council.educ.molc@gmail.com](mailto:council.educ.molc@gmail.com) or 916-216-8722 for more info.

### 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 converse with guests as they wait for groceries, hand out that month's giveaway item, and take prayer requests. The distribution time is from 9am -12pm. You can help out the entire time or come for the first 1.5 hour or the last 1.5 hour. Please contact Krista Hess (916-370-2892) [hesskeg@gmail.com](mailto:hesskeg@gmail.com) for more information or to snag the Wednesday of your choice.

## 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](http://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](mailto:council.educ.molc@gmail.com)

### Lenten Schedule

Friends, the season of Lent is right around the corner. We will be gathering on Wednesday Feb 18, 2026 for Ash Wednesday service at 6:30pm. This year we are partnering with pastors from our sister congregations (First Lutheran in Placerville and Light of the Hills Cameron Park) to work through the Parables of Matthew. Here's who you can expect to be here preaching on Wednesdays throughout the season starting on the 18th.

**Feb 18 Ash Wednesday** - Rev Daniel Vang: Parable of the Weeds

**Feb 25** - Rev Mark Oatman: Parable of the Hidden Treasure and Pearl

**March 4** - Rev Alan Sommers: Parable of the Sower and Seed

**March 11** - Rev Daniel Vang: Parable of the Mustard Seed

**March 18** - Rev Mark Oatman: Parable of the Net

**March 25** - Rev Alan Sommers: Parable of the Lost Sheep

### The Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will be meeting next at noon on February 19th 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.

## Confession and Absolution

- P** O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean and that we have sinned against You in thought and in word and in deed.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not always listened to Your Word and have not brought glory to You through our words and our deeds.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, begrudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and the needy as advocates of those not yet born and defenders of those in the final stages of life.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours, that we and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**
- P** We repent of all that is sinful in our lives, both those things that we know of and those things unknown to us that are against Your righteous laws.
- C** **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

**P** Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**P** Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**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 99:1–5; antiphon: v. 9*

**C Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy!**

*The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!*

*The LORD is great in Zion; He is exalted over all the peoples.*

*Let them praise Your great and awesome name! Holy is He!*

## 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair

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### *Serving Him this Week*

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	Andrew Tweet
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, <b>Andrew Donnelly</b> , Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
Altar Guild	Janet Betts

“Alleluia, Song of Gladness” (LSB 417) dates back to the 11th century and links us to a millennium of God’s people at worship. We will repeat words from the book of Ecclesiastes, which remind us that there are appropriate times for all things, including a time to keep silence, which we will observe regarding use of the alleluia throughout Lent.

For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die;

**C a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted;**

**P** a time to break down, and a time to build up;

**C a time to weep, and a time to laugh;**

**P** a time to mourn, and a time to dance;

**C a time to keep silence, and a time to speak.**

**P** As part of our observance of a holy Lent as it begins this week, we now say farewell to the alleluia until the time of our rejoicing anew at the resurrection of our Lord on Easter Day.

**C Alleluia! Amen.**

## Benedicamus

**P** Let us bless the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## Benediction

**P** The blessing of almighty God—the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit—be upon you and remain with you always.

**C Amen.**

*The King in His might loves justice. You have established equity; You have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.*

**C Exalt the LORD our God; worship at His footstool! Holy is He!**

**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.**

**Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at His holy mountain; for the LORD our God is holy!**

## Kyrie

**P** For peace, despite our past mistakes,

**C O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P** For peace to hear God speaking to us in this time of worship,

**C O Lord, have mercy on us.**

**P** For peace that we may be living stones in God’s house,

**C O Lord, have mercy on us, and grant us Your peace today and always. Amen.**

## Salutation

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

## Prayer of the Day

**P** Let us pray.

O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make

us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## Old Testament Reading

*Exodus 24:8–18*

<sup>8</sup>And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

<sup>9</sup>Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, <sup>10</sup>and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. <sup>11</sup>And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

<sup>12</sup>The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” <sup>13</sup>So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup>And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

<sup>15</sup>Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup>The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. <sup>17</sup>Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. <sup>18</sup>Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

to serve You constantly all our days. Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

## Offering

## Offertory

## 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.**

## Farewell to Alleluia

*Ecclesiastes 3:1–4, 7, alt.*

**P** This week, on Ash Wednesday, we begin our observance of Lent. To highlight the penitential nature of the season, it has been the custom in the church to suspend the use of the word *alleluia*, which means “Praise the Lord.” The tradition not to use the joyful word *alleluia* in worship from the conclusion of worship on the final Sunday before Lent until the first service on Easter Sunday has been in place since the fifth century. The text of the hymn

## Prayer of the Church

**P** Through faith in Christ, we may approach our God with confidence, praying for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs:

God of love and peace, we bless You for revealing the mystery of the ages to us. We thank You for including each of us in the marvelous plan of salvation and for the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit in us and among us. Work in us to reflect the brilliant light of Christ and show forth His love at all times and in all places. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

**P** God of power and might, we pray for our world and for all the people who share this planet with us. Grant us grace to listen to Your Word and to follow its directing, that we may share Your glory. Move us to reach out in every direction with the joyful news of the Gospel, that people everywhere may become part of the kingdom of God now and forever. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

**P** God of grace and glory, we pray for this gathering of the faithful. Bless this congregation, its leaders, and all the people here present that we may be light in a darkened world. Bless also those with special needs, whose earthly journeys are burdensome or challenging. Especially we remember the sick, the homebound, and those in need of our petitions, [*including . . .*]. Bless them with Your presence and enable us to be their comfort and support. Hear us, Father, when we pray.

**P** God of time and eternity, we thank You for the faithful witness of those no longer with us here on earth who shine in the beauty of Your light eternal. Inspire us by their faithful witness that we seek

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Epistle

*2 Peter 1:16–21*

<sup>16</sup>For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. <sup>17</sup>For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” <sup>18</sup>we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup>And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, <sup>20</sup>knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. <sup>21</sup>For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

**L** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** Thanks be to God.

## Children’s Sermon

### Gradual and Verse

*Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8; 45:2a*

**C** Praise the LORD, all nations! Extol Him, all peoples! For great is His steadfast love toward us, and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever. Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Alleluia. You are the most handsome of the sons of men; grace is poured upon Your lips. Alleluia.

## Holy Gospel

*Matthew 17:1–9*

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

**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. <sup>2</sup>And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. <sup>3</sup>And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. <sup>4</sup>And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” <sup>5</sup>He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” <sup>6</sup>When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. <sup>7</sup>But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” <sup>8</sup>And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only.

<sup>9</sup>And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

**P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

## Sermon Hymn 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory

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## Sermon: “Figuring God Out—Anticipation” Pastor Daniel Vang

## Catechism

*The First Article*

**P** In the First Article of the Apostles’ Creed, our confession is focused on God our Creator, from whom our divine Savior, Jesus Christ, was begotten before all worlds. It is the voice of God the Father that we hear on the Mount of Transfiguration, acclaiming His Son, Jesus, and directing His disciples to listen to Him. As we declare our faith in God the Father, we affirm our trust in His plan for us as His children to grant us life and to place us into vocations through which we can serve Him and our neighbors.

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

**What does this mean?**

**I believe that God has made me and all creatures; that He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them.**

**He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.**

**He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.**

**This is most certainly true.**