

Gospel and bless the children. The leaders learn how to host child-friendly outreach events and how to implement The Greatest Journey follow-up discipleship program. Pastors around the world host outreach events in places where people may not know Christ and invite them to follow Him. Other churches use the boxes as resources for outreach in orphanages and other at-risk areas. In many places, they also offer The Greatest Gift, a Gospel story booklet Samaritan's Purse developed for shoebox recipients and invite children to participate in The Greatest Journey discipleship program. Thank you for your participation and generosity, Lana Sullivan and 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

Annual Voter's Meeting

We will be having an annual voter's meeting in lieu of our quarterly meeting. It will take place immediately following service on 11/23/25. All members please plan to attend. **We will review and approve new officers and the 2026 budget.**

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-sixth Sunday after Pentecost November 16, 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.

PREPARATION

Opening Song: How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us
How vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son
To make a wretch His treasure
How great the pain of searing loss
The Father turns His face away
As wounds which mar the Chosen One
Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross
My sin upon His shoulders
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice
Call out among the scoffers
It was my sin that held Him there
Until it was accomplished
His dying breath has brought me life
I know that it is finished

turns. The team will also offer to take prayer requests and pray on-the-spot with guests if they wish. Pastor reports that the response to our offer of prayer continues to be accepted quite warmly. 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). Please look for the sign-up sheet in the sanctuary entrance before/after services.

Thanks to those who have already taken and assembled some of the Advent Calendar kits. God Bless You! 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 / hesskeg@gmail.com if you'd like to be a part of this ministry. Please add YOUR name to our TLFB ministry team for December 10. If you're not able to join us, please lift this new opportunity up in prayer. Blessings, y'all!

Bible Study Group

Bible Study

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.

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. Operation Christmas Child sends shoeboxes to children in need around the world together with the message of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. The amazing journey of a simple shoebox gift begins with you and results in Evangelism, Discipleship, and Multiplication. Thousands of volunteers prepare Christmas shoeboxes for shipping, and every hour work stops to pray for the children who will receive the boxes. Long before the shoeboxes arrive in more than 100 countries, volunteer National Leadership Teams train Pastors and community leaders who want to share the message of the

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 November 20th. 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, December 10th, 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

I will not boast in anything
No gifts no pow'r no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection
Why should I gain from His reward
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom

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Stand

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences *Job 19:25a; Psalm 107:2a; Exodus 15:13; Psalm 118:24*

P For I know that my Redeemer lives.
C **Let the redeemed of the LORD say so.**

P You have led in Your steadfast love the people whom You have redeemed;
C **You have guided them by Your strength to Your holy abode.**

P This is the day that the LORD has made;
C **let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Confession and Absolution

Colossians 1:13–14

P The Lord has delivered us from the domain of darkness

C **and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.**

P Almighty God and Father,

C **we confess, as Your people, our sinful human nature and the thoughts, words, and actions that are evil in Your sight. We need Your rescue. We need Your righteousness. We need a Redeemer. Mercifully draw near to us, O Lord. For the sake of Jesus Christ and His cross, rescue us from our troubles and cover our sin with true righteousness. Redeem our lives, that our days and deeds would be directed in Your peace. Amen.**

P In the mercy of Almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for His sake God forgives us all our sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit. May the Lord, who begun this good work in us, bring it to completion in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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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, Andrew Donnelly , Heather Hoffman, Karla Lardner
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
Altar Guild	Leslie Nagel

Lord I Thank You

(Offertory)

Dennis Wazac

1. Lord, I thank You for Your love, and the man-y bless-ings that to me You have giv'n.

For my home and fam - i - ly; for the journ-ey thru this world to a home in heav'n.

You are ho - ly, You are all wise. I thrive in Your right-cous way You

care for me and You sup-ply my needs for ev - 'ry day.

With Your Spir - it as my guide; in Your Word, grace and mer cy I now live.

You are pow - er, wis - dom, peace and pro - tec-tion from all my

en - e - mies. You are ho - ly, You are all wise. You are my hope and

stay. You are al - ways the same, in truth and light;

Lead me in Your way. Lord Lead us in Your way.

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 121:1–2, 5, 7–8; antiphon: Luke 21:33

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.

I lift up my eyes | to the hills.*

From where does my | help come?

My help comes | from the LORD,*
who made | heaven and earth.

The LORD is your | keeper;*

the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

The LORD will keep you from all | evil;*
he will | keep your life.

**The LORD will keep your going out and your | coming in*
from this time forth and for- | evermore.**

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.

Heaven and earth will | pass away,*
but my words will not | pass away.

Be seated

Hymn of Praise: Forever

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Stand

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.

O Lord, almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that we may live and abide forever in Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Be seated

Old Testament Reading

Malachi 4:1–6

¹“For behold, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble. The day that is coming shall set them ablaze, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. ²But for you who fear my name, the sun of righteousness shall rise with healing in its wings. You shall go out leaping like calves from the stall. ³And you shall tread down the wicked, for they will be ashes under the soles of your feet, on the day when I act, says the LORD of hosts.

⁴“Remember the law of my servant Moses, the statutes and just decrees that I commanded him at Horeb for all Israel.

⁵“Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the great and awesome day of the LORD comes. ⁶And he will turn the hearts of fathers to their children and the hearts of children to their fathers, lest I come and strike the land with a decree of utter destruction.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Forever God is with us
Forever forever

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Closing Song: “Are You Washed In The Blood (Washed In The Blood)”

Verse 1

Have you been to Jesus for the cleansing power
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Are you fully trusting in His grace this hour
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Chorus

Are you washed in the blood
In the soul cleansing blood of the Lamb
Are your garments spotless are they white as snow
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb

Verse 2

Are you walking daily by the Savior's side
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb
Do you rest each moment in the Crucified
Are you washed in the blood of the Lamb (Chorus)

Verse 4

Lay aside the garments that are stained with sin
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb
There's a fountain flowing for the soul unclean
And be washed in the blood of the Lamb (Chorus)

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Hymn of Praise: “Forever”

Give thanks to the Lord
Our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good He is above all things
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise

With a mighty hand
And an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong
Forever God is with us
Forever forever

From the rising to the setting sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God
We will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing praise sing praise
Sing praise sing praise

Forever God is faithful
Forever God is strong

Epistle

2 Thessalonians 3:1–13

¹Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the word of the Lord may speed ahead and be honored, as happened among you, ²and that we may be delivered from wicked and evil men. For not all have faith. ³But the Lord is faithful. He will establish you and guard you against the evil one. ⁴And we have confidence in the Lord about you, that you are doing and will do the things that we command. ⁵May the Lord direct your hearts to the love of God and to the steadfastness of Christ.

⁶Now we command you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that you keep away from any brother who is walking in idleness and not in accord with the tradition that you received from us. ⁷For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us, because we were not idle when we were with you, ⁸nor did we eat anyone's bread without paying for it, but with toil and labor we worked night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you. ⁹It was not because we do not have that right, but to give you in ourselves an example to imitate. ¹⁰For even when we were with you, we would give you this command: If anyone is not willing to work, let him not eat. ¹¹For we hear that some among you walk in idleness, not busy at work, but busybodies. ¹²Now such persons we command and encourage in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

¹³As for you, brothers, do not grow weary in doing good.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

At this time, the children are excused for Sunday School in the back classroom

Stand

Verse

Luke 21:28b

P Alleluia, alleluia!

C **Straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.**

P Alleluia, alleluia!

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:5–36

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-first chapter.

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

⁵While some were speaking of the temple, how it was adorned with noble stones and offerings, [Jesus] said, ⁶“As for these things that you see, the days will come when there will not be left here one stone upon another that will not be thrown down.” ⁷And they asked him, “Teacher, when will these things be, and what will be the sign when these things are about to take place?” ⁸And he said, “See that you are not led astray. For many will come in my name, saying, ‘I am he!’ and, ‘The time is at hand!’ Do not go after them. ⁹And when you hear of wars and tumults, do not be terrified, for these things must first take place, but the end will not be at once.”

¹⁰Then he said to them, “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. ¹¹There will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and pestilences. And there will be terrors and great signs from heaven. ¹²But before all this they will lay their hands on you and

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.

Benediction

P The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make His face shine on us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and T give us all His peace.

C **Amen.**

Be seated

Closing song: Are You Washed In The Blood (Washed In The Blood)
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- P Your Word, O Lord, is firmly fixed in the heavens. Teach us to turn to Your Word, trusting that by it You deliver us from danger and surround us with salvation.
- C **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**
- P You are faithful, O Lord, yet we are prone to wander. Pursue the weak, the worried, and the worldly, and bring them home to Your heart of love.
- C **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**
- P In times of trial, O Lord, You promise Your unfailing presence. Strengthen the sick and suffering, [*especially . . .*]. Supply them with support of both body and soul.
- C **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**
- P Your blessings abound, O Lord, yet we often fear scarcity and covet what others have. Give us contentment with the daily bread that comes from Your fatherly hand.
- C **Hear us and be near us, O Lord.**
- P Insufficient are our prayers, O Lord, and so we rest in the intercession of the Spirit, the supplication of Your risen Son, and Your fatherly goodness, trusting that near to us, You see our truest needs and You will grant to us those petitions that are beneficial to our faith in Christ and our vocations in which You call us. We place these prayers into Your hands in the name of our Redeemer, Jesus.
- C **Amen.**

persecute you, delivering you up to the synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors for my name's sake. ¹³This will be your opportunity to bear witness. ¹⁴Settle it therefore in your minds not to meditate beforehand how to answer, ¹⁵for I will give you a mouth and wisdom, which none of your adversaries will be able to withstand or contradict. ¹⁶You will be delivered up even by parents and brothers and relatives and friends, and some of you they will put to death. ¹⁷You will be hated by all for my name's sake. ¹⁸But not a hair of your head will perish. ¹⁹By your endurance you will gain your lives. ²⁰“But when you see Jerusalem surrounded by armies, then know that its desolation has come near. ²¹Then let those who are in Judea flee to the mountains, and let those who are inside the city depart, and let not those who are out in the country enter it, ²²for these are days of vengeance, to fulfill all that is written. ²³Alas for women who are pregnant and for those who are nursing infants in those days! For there will be great distress upon the earth and wrath against this people. ²⁴They will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive among all nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled underfoot by the Gentiles, until the times of the Gentiles are fulfilled. ²⁵“And there will be signs in sun and moon and stars, and on the earth distress of nations in perplexity because of the roaring of the sea and the waves, ²⁶people fainting with fear and with foreboding of what is coming on the world. For the powers of the heavens will be shaken. ²⁷And then they will see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory. ²⁸Now when these things begin to take place, straighten up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.” ²⁹And he told them a parable: “Look at the fig tree, and all the trees. ³⁰As soon as they come out in leaf, you see for yourselves and know that the summer is already near. ³¹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. ³²Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all has taken place. ³³Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³⁴“But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap. ³⁵For it will come upon all who dwell on the face of the whole earth. ³⁶But stay awake at all times, praying that you may have strength to escape all these things that are going to take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Be seated

Sermon Hymn: LSB 511 Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment

Sermon: “From Panic to Promise”

Stand

Apostles’ Creed

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

**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 T everlasting. Amen.**

Be seated

Offering

Offertory

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Stand

Prayer of the Church

P Redeemed in the Lord, we go to our God with our thanks, praise,
and petitions, in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the
Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

P Before Your throne, O Lord, we have an advocate: Jesus Christ,
the Righteous. Grant to us the perfect peace of knowing He pleads
for us and for our world.

C Hear us and be near us, O Lord.