

CULTIVATE

Light of the Hills Oktoberfest and Fall Festival

We have been invited by the Light of the Hills congregation, to celebrate their Oktoberfest and Fall Festival Saturday, October 24th at Light of the Hills Church located at 3100 Rodeo Road in Cameron Park. This is a free even. Oktober Fest is from 12-2pm and the Fall Festival (Trunk-or-Treat) from 2-4pm.

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) reach hesskeg@gmail.com for more information or to snag the Wednesday of your choice.

LWML

The 2026-2028 LWML CNH Mission Grants

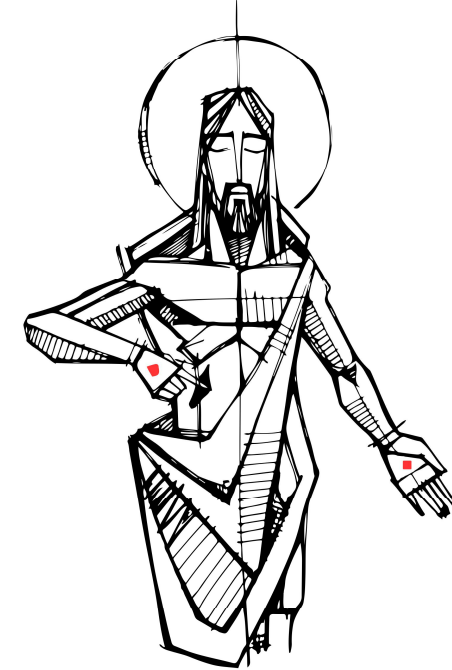
LWML is currently working on funding grant #6. Bringing Light to Little Ones with Technology Trinity Lutheran, Redding, CA for \$5,190. For 35 years, Trinity Lutheran Early Learning Center has taught children about Jesus. They are now pursuing accreditation through the LCMS school accreditation program but need to upgrade the technology infrastructure at the school in order to strengthen their application. They specifically ask for funds to purchase SMART boards, which are large wall mounted interactive touch screens teachers and students use as they study the Bible, nature, and STEM. Please keep your coins, bills, and checks going into your mite boxes and return to the mighty mite box in the narthex to fund LWML CNH grants for 2026-2028, our sincere thanks to the congregation for supporting LWML grants. Please contact Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict for questions or if you want to know more about LWML at Mt. Olive.

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.

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost October 18, 2026



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



320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

Thankful Tribute

As We Gather

There are certain “givens” in our earthly lives. In a letter written in 1789, American statesman Benjamin Franklin wrote: “In this world nothing can be said to be certain except death and taxes.” Paying taxes is one of those unavoidable duties we have as citizens of our nation. Paul directed the Christians at Rome to pay “taxes to whom taxes are owed” (Romans 13:7) as part of their ongoing responsibilities. Jesus and His disciples also paid taxes (Matthew 17:24–27). While paying taxes may not be a joy-filled experience, giving from what God has given us to support the work done in our Lord’s name can be a source of joy as we bring an offering and come into His courts to “worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness” (Psalm 96:8–9).

PREPARATION

912 Christ Is Our Cornerstone

1 Christ is our cor - ner - stone, On Him a - lone we build;
2 Here may we gain from heav'n The grace which we im - plore,
△ 3 Oh, then, with hymns of praise These hal - lowed courts shall ring;

With His true saints a - lone The courts of heav'n are filled. On His
And may that grace, once giv'n, Be with us ev - er - more Un - til
Our voic - es we will raise The Three in One to sing And thus

great love Our hopes we place Of pres - ent grace And joys a - bove.
that day When all the blest To end - less rest Are called a - way.
pro - claim In joy - ful song, Both loud and long, That glo - rious name.

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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

1 Chronicles 16:28; Psalm 28:8; 29:2, 11; 68:34; 1 Peter 4:11

- P** Ascribe to the LORD, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!
- C** The LORD is the strength of His people; He is the saving refuge of His anointed.
- P** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

Serving Him this Week

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

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 - Children of elementary school age are invited to head to the room at the back of the Narthex directly following the Children’s Message during worship. Students will enjoy their lesson during the sermon and will be dismissed back to their families in the sanctuary prior to Communion. Children will be learning from Concordia's curriculum, "Jesus Teaches His Church”.

The Lunch Bunch

Please reach out to Norma Ceccardi at [530-401-8055](tel:530-401-8055) if you have any questions about the Lunch Bunch.

Young Adult Bible Study

Sunday, October 18th at 6pm. Targeting 20-35 year olds. Connecting and growing through God’s Word, together. Food will be provided. We will be meeting in the Annex.

Ladies Bible Study

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 are just starting to study the exciting book of Genesis! The earliest history of the Hebrew nation!! For more information, please contact Inge at [916-983-0351](tel:916-983-0351). We look forward to seeing you! Shalom!



Ev - 'ry - where His crea-tures call To His heav'n-ly ban - quet hall.
How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
And to pay re - bel-lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
Ripe the promise of its yield.
But the reapers, oh, how few
For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
Rouse to action heart and mind;
Let the gath'ring nations all
See Your light and heed Your call.

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C May the LORD give strength to His people! May the LORD bless His people with peace!

P Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.

C To Him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

P Let us now make confession of our sins to God, our heavenly Father.

C O God our Father, we confess that we are by nature sinful, and we acknowledge that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed. We have transgressed Your law and have brought injury to the lives of others, and we have not always kept the commitments we have made or fulfilled the responsibilities entrusted to us. We do sincerely repent of our sins. Have mercy on us, O Lord. Grant us Your grace and full forgiveness in Jesus Christ, our Savior. By the renewing work of the Holy Spirit within us, lead us to amend our lives that each day we may grow in righteousness and in godly living to the glory of Your holy name.

P Our gracious God hears our pleas and accepts our prayers for the sake of Jesus Christ. To those who repentantly call upon Him, our Lord promises forgiveness, life, and salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit. As you believe, so may it be.

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. Psalm 121:1–4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 5

Introit

The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.
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.
He will not let your | foot be moved;*

he who keeps you will not | slumber.
Behold, he who keeps | Israel*
will neither slum- | ber nor sleep.
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.

The LORD is your | keeper;*
the LORD is your shade on your | right hand.

Salutation

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

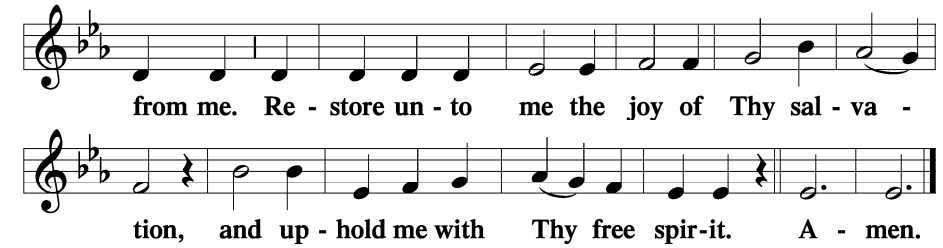
Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
O God, the protector of all who trust in You, have mercy on us that with You as our ruler
and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not the things eternal;
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

Isaiah 45:1–7

- ¹Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus,
whose right hand I have grasped,
to subdue nations before him
and to loose the belts of kings,
to open doors before him
that gates may not be closed:
²“I will go before you
and level the exalted places,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³I will give you the treasures of darkness
and the hoards in secret places,
that you may know that it is I, the LORD,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,



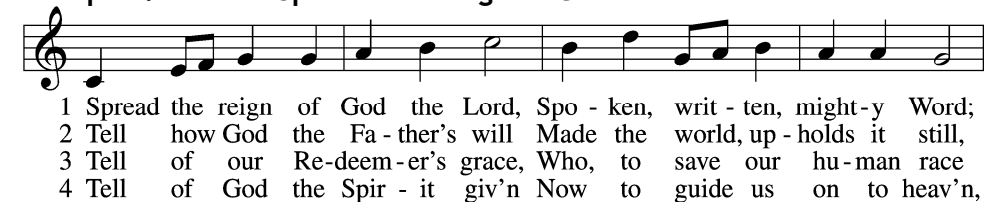
Lord's Prayer

- 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 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.

Hymn to Depart: 830 Spread the Reign of God the Lord



- P** For the world in which we live and most directly for our nation, that we meet our various responsibilities and duties as citizens of our land, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the well-being of creation, for all coastlands and waters, for all fields and forests, and for our proper stewardship of the gifts given to us by our Creator as stewards of the earth, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For the whole church, that it may grow and flourish even in those places where hardship or persecution is experienced by those who bear the name of Christ, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** For all those who are injured or ill at this time, for those dealing with special challenges, for the shut-in, the unemployed, and those who are grieving this day, [*including...*], that they would know the comfort of Christ and the support and love of His people, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Lord, have mercy.**
- P** Remembering with gratitude those whose earthly lives are now completed and who dwell in light eternal, we ask that we be blessed by the memory of all who have fallen asleep in Jesus, looking forward to a grand reunion in the courts of heaven. Let us pray to the Lord:
- C** **Lord, have mercy and hear our prayer. Amen.**

Offering

Offertory

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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

I name you, though you do not know me.
⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other,
besides me there is no God;
I equip you, though you do not know me,
⁶that people may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is none besides me;
I am the LORD, and there is no other.
⁷I form light and create darkness,
I make well-being and create calamity,
I am the LORD, who does all these things.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

¹Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,
To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ:
Grace to you and peace.
²We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in our prayers,
³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labor of love and
steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers loved by God, that he
has chosen you, ⁵because our gospel came to you not only in word, but also in power and in
the Holy Spirit and with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among
you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the
word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all
the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For not only has the word of the Lord sounded
forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so
that we need not say anything. ⁹For they themselves report concerning us the kind of
reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and
true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who
delivers us from the wrath to come.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Colossians 2:10; Philippians 2:9–11

P You have been filled in Him, who is the head of all rule and authority.

C **Alleluia. Alleluia.**

P Therefore God has highly exalted Him and bestowed on Him the name that is above
every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth
and under the earth,

C **and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 22:15–22

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

¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted how to entangle [Jesus] in his talk. ¹⁶And they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, “Teacher, we know that you are true and teach the way of God truthfully, and you do not care about anyone’s opinion, for you are not swayed by appearances. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?” ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, “Why put me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin for the tax.” And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰And Jesus said to them, “Whose likeness and inscription is this?” ²¹They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them, “Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.” ²²When they heard it, they marveled. And they left him and went away.

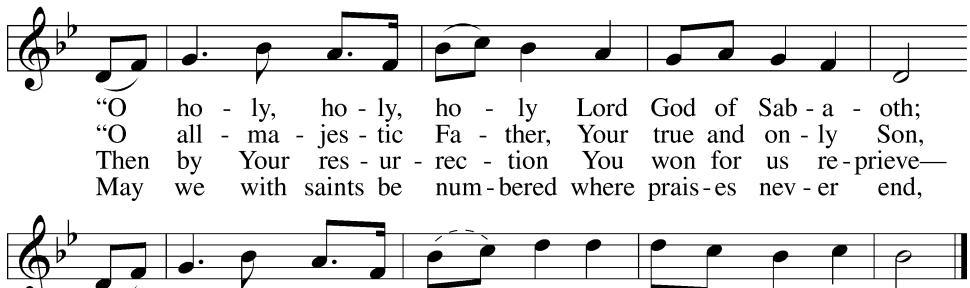
- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

Children’s Sermon

941 We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God



1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
2 The band of the a-pos-tles in glo-ry sing Your praise;
3 You, Christ, are King of glo-ry, the ev-er-last-ing Son,
4 You sit in splen-did glo-ry, en-throned at God’s right hand,
The Fa-ther ev-er-last-ing, by all the earth a-dored.
The fel-low-ship of proph-ets their death-less voic-es raise.
Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res-cue ev-’ry-one:
Up-hold-ing earth and heav-en by forc-es You com-mand.
To You all an-gel pow-ers cry a-loud, the heav-ens sing,
The mar-tyrs of Your king-dom, a great and no-ble throng,
You laid a-side Your glo-ry, were born of vir-gin’s womb,
We know that You will come as our Judge that fi-nal day,
The cher-u-bim and ser-a-phim their prais-es to You bring:
Sing with the ho-ly Church through-out all the world this song:
Were cru-ci-fied for us and were placed in-to a tomb;
So help Your ser-vants You have re-deemed by blood, we pray;



“O ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
“O all-ma-jes-tic Fa-ther, Your true and on-ly Son,
Then by Your res-ur-rec-tion You won for us re-prieve—
May we with saints be num-bered where prais-es nev-er end,
Your maj-es-ty and glo-ry fill the heav-ens and the earth!”
And Ho-ly Spir-it, Com-fort-er— for-ev-er Three in One!”
You o-pened heav-en’s king-dom to all who would be-lieve.
In glo-ry ev-er-last-ing. A-men, O Lord, a-men!

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Sermon

“Dual Citizenship”

Pastor Daniel Vang

Apostles ’Creed

- C** **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 ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

Prayer of the Church

- P** With full confidence that our prayers will be heard by our loving God, we offer our petitions for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church and for all gathered here together in worship, let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**