

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!

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!

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)

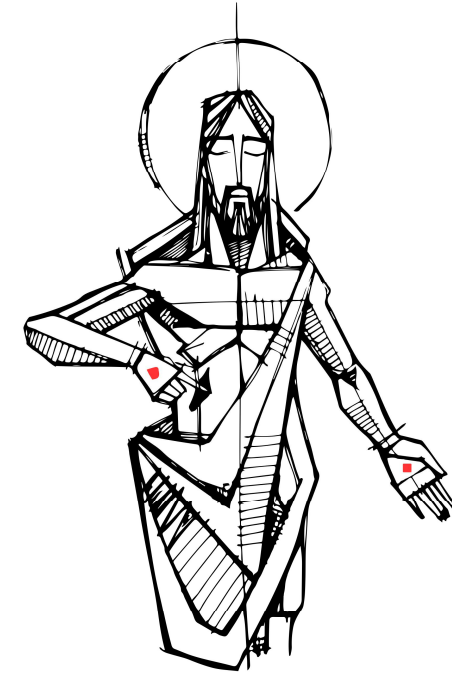
Praise the Lord the first three grants have been funded, and we are now collecting mites to fund Grant #4. Bringing Christ's Hope to the Homeless - Mercy Holistic Ministries \$2,500. Mercy Holistic Ministries seek to expand their services to the Sacramento-area homeless. They currently offer showers 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.

Seventh Sunday After Pentecost July 12, 2026



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As We Gather

Any gardener will admit they have seen certain plants flourish while others fail. The plants don’t get a choice in the matter. A plant cannot affect the amount of sunlight, moisture, or attention it receives. It simply grows the way it was designed to. You have been planted by the Lord in His garden. You have seen the light of His Gospel, been watered in Baptism, and been nourished by heaven’s food. You have been designed to flourish! A pear tree doesn’t grow pumpkins, and neither do the redeemed fall back into fear or slavery. You are the harvest of the Lord. We grow to His glory.

PREPARATION

789 Praise and Thanksgiving



1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing, Fa - ther, we of - fer For all things
2 Bless, Lord, the la - bor We bring to serve You That with our
3 Fa - ther, pro - vid - ing Food for Your chil - dren, By Your wise



liv - ing, Cre - at - ed good: Har - vest of sown fields, Fruits of the
neigh - bor We may be fed. Sow - ing or till - ing, We would work
guid - ing Teach us to share One with an - oth - er, So that, re -



or - chard, Hay from the mown fields, Bloss - om and wood.
with You, Har - vest - ing, mill - ing For dai - ly bread.
joic - ing With us, all oth - ers May know Your care.

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Please stand as you are able

Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Isaiah 60:21; Psalm 92:13; Jeremiah 32:41

- P** Your people shall all be righteous; they shall possess the land forever,
- C** the branch of My planting, the work of My hands, that I might be glorified.
- P** They are planted in the house of the LORD;

Serving Him this Week

Worship Leader	Pastor Matthew Peters
Elders	Eric Baer
Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Andrew Donnelly, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Norma Ceccardi

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 July 16th 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.

Jim Rowe - New Address

Our dear member Jim Rowe has moved to a new residence! Please update his contact information.

Jim Rowe
2005 Iron Point Road
Room 106
Folsom, CA 95630

CULTIVATE

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!

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.

Please stand as you are able

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.

808 O Sing to the Lord *sts. 1–5*



1 O sing to the Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the
2 For God is the Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the
3 So dance for our God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our
4 O shout to our God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our
5 For Je - sus is Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is



Lord, O sing God a new song. O sing to the Lord, O
Lord! And God has done won-ders. For God is the Lord! And
God And blow all the trum-pets. So dance for our God And
God, Who gave us the Spir - it. O shout to our God, Who
Lord! A - men! Al - le - lu - ia! For Je - sus is Lord! A -



sing God a new song. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
God has done won-ders. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
blow all the trum-pets. And sing to our God, And sing to our God.
gave us the Spir - it. O sing to our God, O sing to our God.
men! Al - le - lu - ia! O sing to our God, O sing to our God.

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- C** they flourish in the courts of our God.
- P** I will rejoice in doing them good,
- C** and I will plant them in this land in faithfulness.

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 need for Your merciful kindness. We are prisoners of our own wants, our own fears, and our own inborn sinfulness. Our actions and interactions often fail as reflections of Your kingdom. Our thoughts, desires, and actions are often borne out of love for ourselves, rather than our love for others or for You. Forgive us and free us, Lord, to love what You love and go where You lead, all by the grace of our Redeemer, Jesus Christ. Amen.
- P** Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son, Jesus, to die for you, and for His sake 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.
- 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.

(Please be seated)

Introit *Psalms 103:15–19; antiphon: v. 8*

The LORD is merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.
As for man, his days | are like grass,*

he flourishes like a flower | of the field;
for the wind passes over it, and | it is gone,*
and its place knows | it no more.
But the steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who | fear him,*
and his righteousness to children's | children,
to those who keep his | covenant*
and remember to do his com- | mandments.
The LORD has established his throne in the | heavens,*
and his kingdom rules | over all.
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 merciful and | gracious,*
slow to anger and abounding in | steadfast love.

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray.
Blessed Lord, since You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning, grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; 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 55:10–13

- ¹⁰“For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven
and do not return there but water the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
¹¹so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
¹²“For you shall go out in joy
and be led forth in peace;

Name above all names
Worthy of our praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God (sung twice)

How great is our God
Sing with me
How great is our God
And all will see how great
How great is our God

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Nunc Dimittis

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Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac -
cord - ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,
a light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry of Thy
peo - ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and
to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now, and ev - er shall be, world with - out end. A - men.

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

- P** Let us pray.



sod, And to be - come the Lamb of God.
 fraud, And sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.
 rod, And to be called a lamb of God.

Refrain



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood, My Je-sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

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Distribution Hymn: How Great Is Our God

The splendor of the King
 Clothed in majesty
 Let all the earth rejoice
 All the earth rejoice
 He wraps himself in light
 And darkness tries to hide
 And trembles at His voice

How great is our God
 Sing with me
 How great is our God
 And all will see how great
 How great is our God

And age to age He stands
 And time is in His hands
 Beginning and the End
 Beginning and the End

The Godhead three in one
 Father Spirit Son
 The Lion and the Lamb
 The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God
 Sing with me
 How great is our God
 And all will see how great
 How great is our God

the mountains and the hills before you
 shall break forth into singing,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
¹³Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
 instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall make a name for the LORD,
 an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle

Romans 8:12–17

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, “Abba! Father!” ¹⁶The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as you are able

Verse

Isaiah 40:8

P Alleluia. The grass withers, the flower fades,
C **but the word of our God will stand forever. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23

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

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: “A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, ⁶but when the sun rose they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among

thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹He who has ears, let him hear. . . .

¹⁸“Hear then the parable of the sower: ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, ²¹yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. ²³As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Please be seated

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: 577 Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast



1 Al - might - y God, Your Word is cast Like

2 Let not the sly sa - tan - ic foe This

3 Let not the world's de - ceit - ful cares The

4 So when the pre - cious seed is sown, Life -



seed in - to the ground; Now let the dew of

ho - ly seed re - move, But give it root in

ris - ing plant de - stroy, But let it yield a

giv - ing grace be - stow That all whose souls the



heav'n de - scend And righ - teous fruits a - bound.

ev - 'ry heart To bring forth fruits of love.

hun - dred - fold The fruits of peace and joy.

truth re - ceive Its sav - ing pow'r may know.

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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.

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.
C Amen.

Please be seated

Agnus Dei: 550 Lamb of God



1 Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, But You have

2 Your Gift of love they cru - ci - fied, They laughed and

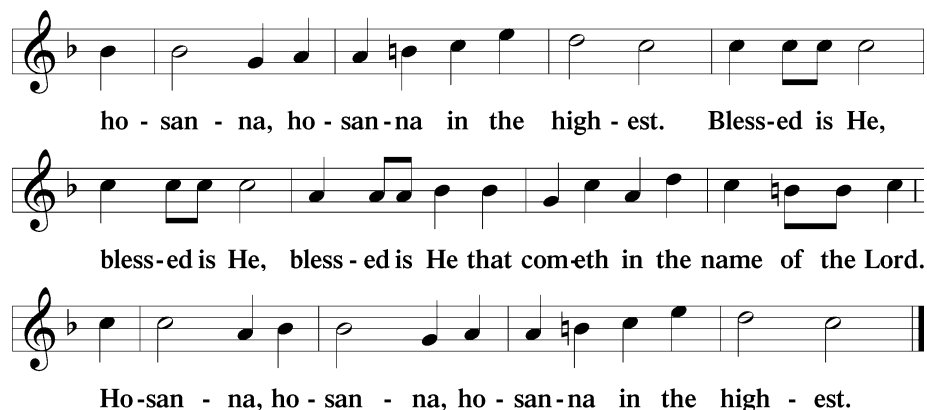
3 I was so lost, I should have died, But You have



sent Him from Your side To walk up - on this guilt - y

scorned Him as He died: The hum - ble King they named a

brought me to Your side To be led by Your staff and



Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Almighty God and Father, You offer the gifts of salvation to those who would trust in Your Son, Jesus Christ. We praise You for extending Your salvation to the souls who gather around this Table, that You would make us called to saving faith worthy to receive the body and blood of our Savior, Jesus. Feed us with true food, that we might always crave Your truth. Heal us by Your true Word, that we might always yearn for Your life. Send us by Your true Spirit, that we might always declare our gratitude and Your glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You 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.

Sermon: “Give Away the Gospel” -Pastor Matthew Peters

Please stand as you are able

Creed

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 With one voice, the church cries out,

C “Abba! Father!”

- P** Heavenly, holy Father, we praise You for Your unending mercies, shown in Your loving faithfulness. Give us grateful hearts that seek to praise You for Your fatherly goodness.
- C** **Abba, Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** Kind, compassionate Father, You made a place for us within Your family through the sending of Your Son. May our hearts, likewise, resemble Yours, mercifully caring for one another in our fellowship.
- C** **Abba, Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** Sending, seeking Father, who received us through the Spirit of adoption, we pray with urgency for those who have yet to hear the Gospel, and for those who have ignored or rejected Your Word, that souls would be saved and the harvest might increase.
- C** **Abba, Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** Lavish, loving Father, for those given to share Your Word, we give You thanks. Bless all pastors and all those who faithfully teach Your truth, and grant that the garden of Your church produce abundant workers who will join You in Your mission.
- C** **Abba, Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** Powerful, purposeful Father, Your Word accomplishes its goal and brings peace and joy to Your people, even as they suffer. [*Specific petitions may be added.*]. Bring them healing and defend them in faith.
- C** **Abba, Father, hear our prayer.**
- P** Forever faithful Father, secure us in hope and faithfulness, that we might flourish in the places You have planted us, until the harvest that comes with the return of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C** **Amen.**

Please be seated

Offering

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.

Please stand as you are able

Preface

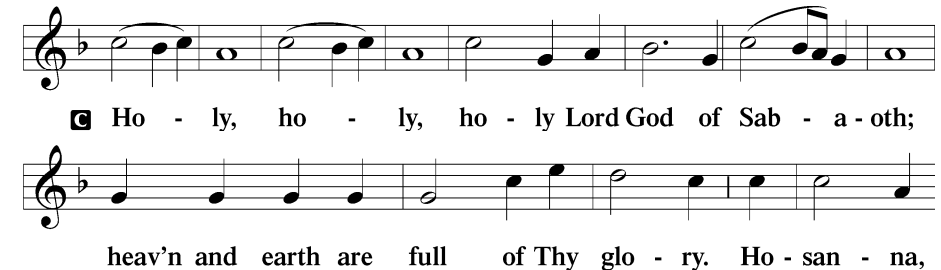
- P** The Lord be with you.
- C** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- C** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- C** **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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

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C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;

heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,