

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.

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!

LWML

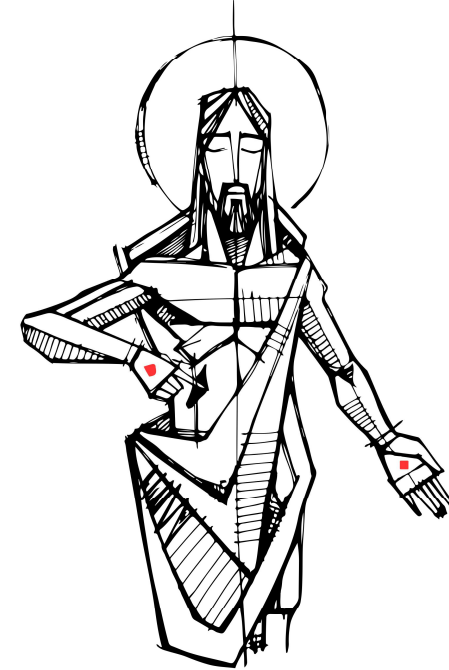
LWML is currently working on funding grant 5. Room to Grow Childcare Center - St. John's, Fallon NV for \$6,975 St. John's "Room to Grow Childcare Center" is a ministry of St. John's Lutheran Church in Fallon, NV. Since 1993 it has been providing high-quality Christian childcare. The current facility, built in 1996, needs some repair and renovation, including new security doors and hardware, sleeping cots, repainting, and improved security cameras. These changes will make the center more inviting to new families as they continue the mission of Christ-centered childcare. 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.

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost August 30, 2026



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to God's Kingdom Work, Together



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Walking Faithfully

As We Gather

The time of changing seasons is a good time to begin an outdoor regimen of walking for personal wellness. Experts in the field of fitness have documented that going for a walk outdoors can bring a sense of physical betterment and mental calmness to those who engage in it on a regular basis. In the Scriptures there are numerous passages that underscore the value of spiritual walking for the Christian as well. Paul writes to the Galatians, “But I say, walk by the Spirit” (5:16), and he reminds the believers in Christ at Corinth that “We walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Corinthians 5:7). Hymn writers give poetic expression to that special walking in texts like “Let us ever walk with Jesus” (*LSB* 685:1) and “I want to walk as a child of the light” (*LSB* 411:1). May we be blessed by our walking through the Divine Service together this day!

PREPARATION

The Power of the Cross

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus
This the pow'r of the cross
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Ev'ry bitter thought ev'ry evil deed
Crowning Your bloodstained brow (Chorus)

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life
Finished the vict'ry cry (Chorus)

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 Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	Andrew and Jill Burnette
Altar Guild	Kerry Oh

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 if you have any questions about the Lunch Bunch.

CULTIVATE

Congregational Meeting

The Church Council would like to call on having a special congregational meeting on Sunday August 30th after service for voting on Building Siding Replacement on the main church sanctuary and annex structures. The reason for the replacement is because of bad dry rot of the structural elements of the current wood siding. The cost that would be voted on is for the amount of \$45,540 to be approved by the congregation for the restoration of the buildings.

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

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.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.
C Thanks be to God.

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 T give you peace.
C Amen.

Closing: “Lord I Lift Your Name On High”

Lord I lift Your name on high
Lord I love to sing Your praises
I'm so glad You're in my life
I'm so glad You came to save us

You came from heaven to earth
To show the way
From the earth to the cross
My debt to pay
From the cross to the grave
From the grave to the sky
Lord I lift Your name on high

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Oh to see my name written in the wounds
For through Your suffring I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live
Won through Your selfless love
This the pow'r of the cross
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost
We stand forgiven at the cross

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Invocation

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

Opening Sentences

Psalm 72:18–19; 119:1; 116:5, 9

P Blessed are those whose way is blameless,
C who walk in the law of the LORD!

P Gracious is the LORD, and righteous; our God is merciful.
C I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living.

P Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, who alone does wondrous things.
C Blessed be His glorious name forever;
may the whole earth be filled with His glory! Amen and Amen!

Confession and Absolution

P It is good and right that we should make confession of our sins. The section on Confession in the Small Catechism informs and directs us with these words, which summarize it well.

C “Confession has two parts. First, that we confess our sins, and second, that we receive absolution, that is, forgiveness, from the pastor as from God Himself, not doubting, but firmly believing that by it our sins are forgiven before God in heaven.”

P Humble yourselves then before God, confess your sins to Him, and implore His forgiveness.

C O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a troubled and penitent sinner, confess to You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your present and eternal punishment. By nature, I am a sinful creature. By thought, word, and deed I have continually transgressed Your Law. For the sake of the suffering and death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, be gracious and merciful to me,

a penitent and contrite being. Forgive me all my sins and grant me the power of Your Holy Spirit that I may amend my sinful life.

P God be gracious to you and strengthen your faith.
C **Amen.**

P As you believe, so let it be. 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 T 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.

Introit *Psalm 37:5–7; antiphon: v. 4*

L Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

C **Commit your way- | to the LORD;***
trust in Him, and | He will act.

P He will bring forth your righteousness | as the light,*
and your justice as the | noonday.

C **Be still before the LORD and wait patiently | for Him;***
fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil de- | vices!

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.

C **hear our prayer.**
P We trust, O Lord, in Your great mercy to hear and answer us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory
As The Deer

**As the deer panteth for the water
So my soul longeth after Thee
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

**Chorus: You alone are my strength my shield
To You alone may my spirit yield
You alone are my heart's desire
And I long to worship Thee**

**You're my friend and You are my brother
Even though You are a King
I love You more than any other
So much more than anything (Chorus)**

**I want You more than gold or silver
Only You can satisfy
You alone are the real joy-giver
And the apple of my eye (Chorus)**

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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 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

LSB, p. 215

- P Friends in Christ, I urge you all to lift up your hearts to God and pray with me as Christ our Lord has taught us and freely promised to hear us.
- God, our Father in heaven, look with mercy on us, Your needy children on earth, and grant us grace that Your holy name be hallowed by us and all the world through the pure and true teaching of Your Word and the fervent love shown forth in our lives. Graciously turn from us all false doctrine and evil living whereby Your precious name is blasphemed and profaned. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P May Your kingdom come to us and expand. Bring all transgressors and those who are blinded and bound in the devil’s kingdom to know Jesus Christ, Your Son, by faith that the number of Christians may be increased. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Strengthen us by Your Spirit according to Your will, both in life and in death, in the midst of both good and evil things, that our own wills may be crucified daily and sacrificed to Your good and gracious will. Into Your merciful hands we commend [name(s)] and all who are in need, praying for them at all times: Thy will be done. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Grant us our daily bread, preserve us from greed and selfish cares, and help us trust in You to provide for all our needs. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Forgive us our sins as we also forgive those who sin against us so that our hearts may be at peace and may rejoice in a good conscience before You, and that no sin may ever frighten or alarm us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P Lead us not into temptation, O Lord, but help us by Your Spirit to subdue our flesh, to turn from the world and its ways, and to overcome the devil with all his wiles. Lord, in Your mercy,
- C **hear our prayer.**
- P And lastly, O heavenly Father, deliver us from all evil of both body and soul, now and forever. Lord, in Your mercy,

- L Delight yourself | in the LORD,*
and He will give you the desires | of your heart.

Kyrie

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- A In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.
C **Lord, have mercy.**
A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C **Amen.**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

- P Let us pray.
Almighty God, Your Son willingly endured the agony and shame of the cross for our redemption. Grant us courage to take up our cross daily and follow Him wherever He leads; 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

Jeremiah 15:15–21

- ¹⁵O LORD, you know;
remember me and visit me,
and take vengeance for me on my persecutors.
In your forbearance take me not away;
know that for your sake I bear reproach.
¹⁶Your words were found, and I ate them,
and your words became to me a joy
and the delight of my heart,
for I am called by your name,
O LORD, God of hosts.
¹⁷I did not sit in the company of revelers,
nor did I rejoice;

I sat alone, because your hand was upon me,
 for you had filled me with indignation.
¹⁸Why is my pain unceasing,
 my wound incurable,
 refusing to be healed?
 Will you be to me like a deceitful brook,
 like waters that fail?
¹⁹Therefore thus says the LORD:
 “If you return, I will restore you,
 and you shall stand before me.
 If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless,
 you shall be as my mouth.
 They shall turn to you,
 but you shall not turn to them.
²⁰And I will make you to this people
 a fortified wall of bronze;
 they will fight against you,
 but they shall not prevail over you,
 for I am with you
 to save you and deliver you,
 declares the LORD.
²¹I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked,
 and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

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

Epistle

Romans 12:9–21

⁹Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. ¹⁰Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. ¹¹Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹²Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. ¹³Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality. ¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be conceited. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” ²⁰To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” ²¹Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

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

Verse

Matthew 16:25

P Alleluia. Whoever would save his life will lose it,
 C **but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 16:21–28

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

²¹From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. ²²And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” ²³But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”

²⁴Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. ²⁵For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. ²⁶For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his life? Or what shall a man give in return for his life? ²⁷For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. ²⁸Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: LSB #560 “Drawn to the Cross”

Sermon: “Drawn to the Cross” - 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**