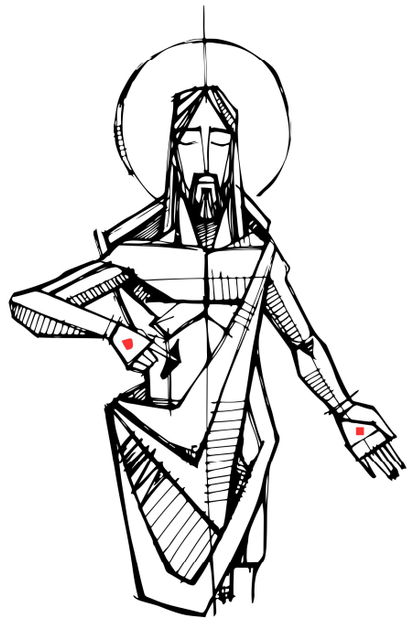
Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost
November 15, 2026



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

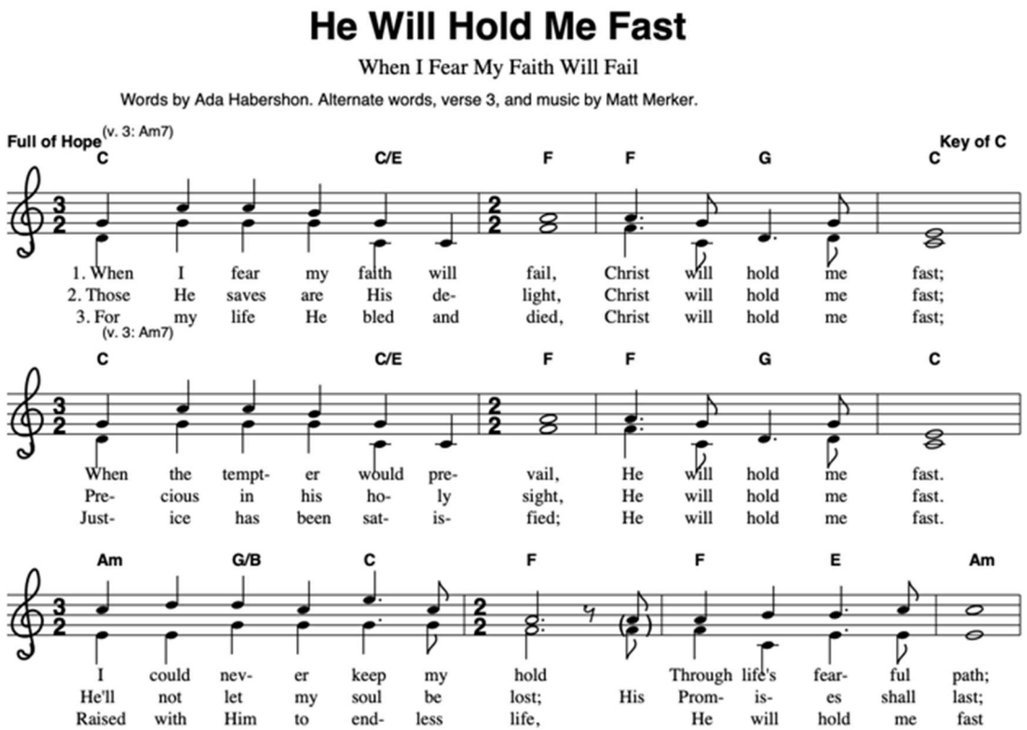
Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

Entering into the Joy of Our Master

As We Gather

The prophet Zephaniah calls for silence as the day of the Lord draws near. The Lord has prepared the sacrifice and invited His guests to witness what happens next (Zephaniah 1:7). The people believe that the Lord is apathetic and indifferent (v. 12), which has given them license to do as they please. The day is coming when the people will realize how wrong they are. Paul has a similar warning for the Thessalonians and anyone who believes that everything is fine just the way it is, especially those who act in the darkness (1 Thessalonians 5:2–4). Finally, Jesus describes the day of the Lord with the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14–30). In the end, the Lord will reveal the ways we have misjudged His character. Until then, He points us to the place where His most crucial character trait is revealed. It is the sacrifice of the only One worthy of hearing those words, "Well done, good and faithful servant," so that you might be invited to enter into the joy of your Master.



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.

CONTRIBUTE

Member Directory

Just a reminder, our member directory is always available online or on paper! Reach out to the office if you would like the link and instructions to logon online or a physical copy that you can pick up or have mailed!

Online Giving

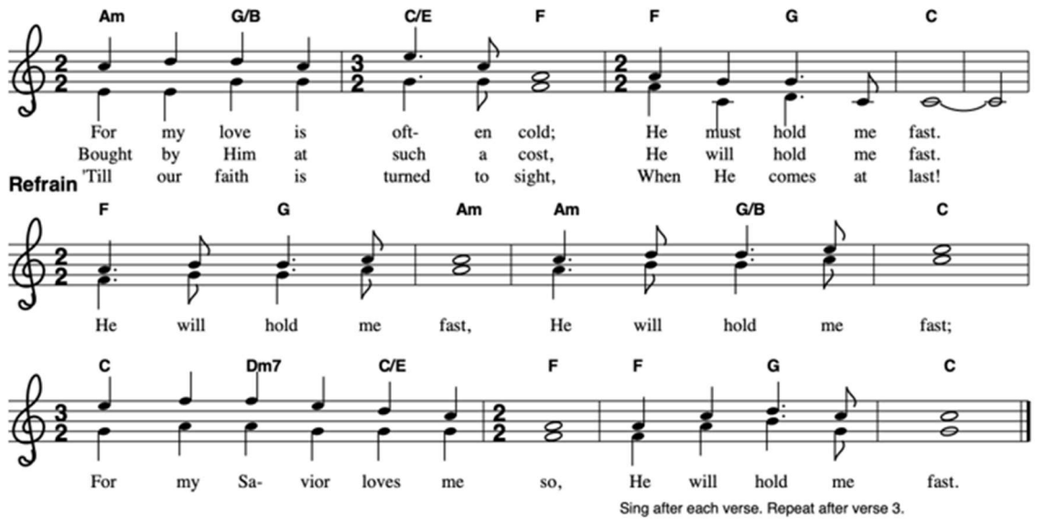
There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website or via Paypal. Simply log on to your Paypal Account, select "SEND" and type in Mount Olive Lutheran Church of Folsom California. We always accept checks, but we do have a limit as to how many we can deposit monthly, so if online giving is an option for you, rest assured, it is easy, safe and secure.

Young Adult Bible Study
Saturday, November 28th at 5pm.
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. We look forward to seeing you! Shalom!

CULTIVATE

LWML
Mt. Olive Women in Mission
Building Up the Sacramento Lutheran Youth Group – Mt. Olive, Folsom. That's right we are collecting $7,000 in mites for our Lutheran youth right in our own backyard. At this time, they need to fund food for gatherings, host an annual retreat, and provide retreat materials and resources. Funds will enable Lutheran youth in the Sacramento area to gather, grow together, and encourage and strengthen each other in faith. Our sincere thanks to the congregation for supporting LWML grants by putting change, bills, and checks in the Mighty Mite box in the Narthex. Please contact Lana Sullivan or Karen Fontaine-Benedict for questions or if you want to know more about Women in Mission at Mt. Olive and LWML CNH Grants.
Mt. Olive Women in Mission collecting supplies for Mercy Holistic Ministry
Along with hot showers and haircuts the Ministry listens, builds trust, and continues walking with people from relief to sustainability, from sustainability to growth, and from growth to purpose. In November Mt. Olive Women in Mission will be collecting donations for the Mercy Holistic Ministry. Below is a list of items that Mercy Holistic Ministry is in need of and can be purchased and dropped off in the Narthex at Mt. Olive for delivery to Mercy Holistic Mercy at end of November.
For Women-Socks, Underwear (S,M), Feminine Hygiene products, and Lip Balm
For Men-Socks, Underwear (S,M)
Hygiene items-Comb, Nail Clipper, Razors, Lotion, Brushes, Mouthwash (small bottles), and Deodorant.
The Mt. Olive Women in Mission thank you for your participation and support.



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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 143:1

P Hear my prayer, O LORD;
C **give ear to my pleas for mercy!**

Silent reflection on God's Word and for self-examination

P Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.
C **Most merciful God, we confess that we have not lived as children of the light. We have fallen into complacency, forgetting who You are and who we are. We have grown comfortable in habits that do not honor You. We have buried what You have given us rather than loving our neighbor with those gifts. We have become complacent in our thoughts, our words, and our actions. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. God has not destined you for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I 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

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you," as a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3).

Service of the Word

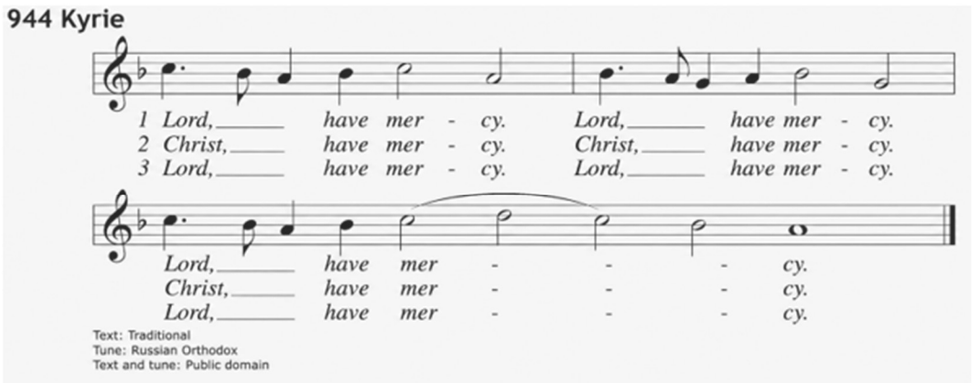
In the service of the Word, God grants us His grace through the reading and preaching of His Word. Wherever His Word is, there He promises to be. The Word of God is the Word of Life.

Introit

Psalm 143:2, 5–6, 10–11; antiphon: v. 1

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!

C **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**



P Enter not into judgment with Your servant,

C **for no one living is righteous before You.**

P I remember the days of old; I meditate on all that You have done;

C **I ponder the work of Your hands.**

P I stretch out my hands to You;

C **my soul thirsts for You like a parched land.**

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	John and Norma Ceccardi
Altar Guild	Leslie Nagel

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.

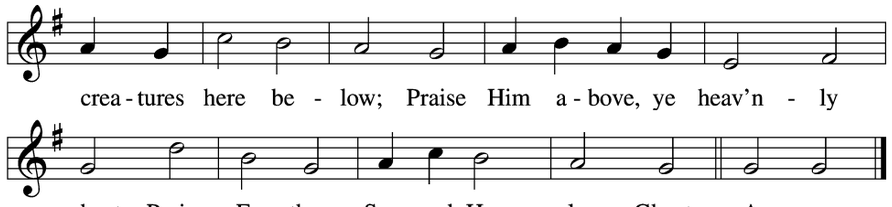
Sunday School for school aged children - Children of elementary school age are invited to head to the room at the back of the Narthex directly following the Children's Message during worship. Students will enjoy their lesson during the sermon and will be dismissed back to their families in the sanctuary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

Church Member Meeting

On Sunday, November 29, 2026, following the service, we will be holding a congregational meeting to review the proposed 2027 budget and to vote on new council members for the upcoming year. Please plan to stay for the meeting.

The Lunch Bunch

Please reach out to Norma Ceccardi at 530-401-8055 if you have any questions about the Lunch Bunch.



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P Teach me to do Your will, for You are my God!
C **Let Your good Spirit lead me on level ground!**

P For Your name's sake, O LORD, preserve my life!
C **In Your righteousness bring my soul out of trouble!**
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.

P Hear my prayer, O LORD; give ear to my pleas for mercy!
C **In Your faithfulness answer me, in Your righteousness!**

Salutation

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

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
Almighty and ever-living God, You have given exceedingly great and precious promises to those who trust in You. Dispel from us the works of darkness and grant us to live in the light of Your Son, Jesus Christ, that our faith may never be found wanting; 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

Zephaniah 1:7–16

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD!
For the day of the LORD is near;
the LORD has prepared a sacrifice
and consecrated his guests.
8 And on the day of the LORD's sacrifice—
"I will punish the officials and the king's sons
and all who array themselves in foreign attire.
9 On that day I will punish
everyone who leaps over the threshold,
and those who fill their master's house
with violence and fraud.

10 "On that day," declares the LORD,
"a cry will be heard from the Fish Gate,
a wail from the Second Quarter,
a loud crash from the hills.
11 Wail, O inhabitants of the Mortar!
For all the traders are no more;
all who weigh out silver are cut off.
12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps,
and I will punish the men
who are complacent,
those who say in their hearts,
'The LORD will not do good,
nor will he do ill.'
13 Their goods shall be plundered,
and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses,
they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards,
they shall not drink wine from them."
14 The great day of the LORD is near,
near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter;
the mighty man cries aloud there.
15 A day of wrath is that day,
a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation,
a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,
16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry
against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

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

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

1 Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers, you have no need to have anything written to you. 2 For you yourselves are fully aware that the day of the

according to Your good and gracious will. We pray this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Offering

Offertory "The Heart of Worship"-Praise Band

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.

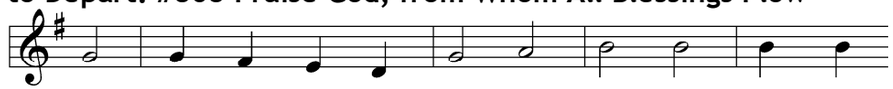
Pax Domini

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

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: #805 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Prayer of the Church

P As children of light, we cry out to the Lord who sees and hears us and deals bountifully with us in our time of need.

O Lord, our God, our dwelling place from generation to generation, You gather us around Your gifts of Word and Sacrament as we await the return of Christ. Thank You for entrusting us with these gifts, and help us to remain faithful in our waiting as we proclaim the Gospel to the world. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

C **give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

P Loving Father, You claimed us as children in Holy Baptism, bringing us out of darkness and into Your marvelous light. Help us to walk as children of light, encouraging and building one another up, that Your works may be displayed in us while it is still day. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

C **give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

P Sovereign Lord, as You have called us to keep watch and to not grow weary, You have also given us leaders to watch over us. Strengthen all who are in authority over us, that they may see and care for the needs of Your people and Your creation. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

C **give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

P Merciful Lord, a thousand years in Your sight are but as yesterday when it is past. Be with those who are in long or difficult seasons of life, those who are sick, those who are grieving, and those who are in distress and anguish, [*especially . . .*]. Give them peace in their waiting that they be comforted in knowing that their strength is in You. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

C **give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

P Ever-present Lord, You have prepared the Table and consecrated Your guests. Bring us to receive the gift of Christ's body and blood with repentant and thankful hearts that we be strengthened in our waiting for Your return. Hear our prayer, O Lord,

C **give ear to our pleas for mercy.**

P Believing that You have not destined us for wrath but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, we trust that You hear and answer us

Lord will come like a thief in the night. [3]While people are saying, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and they will not escape. [4]But you are not in darkness, brothers, for that day to surprise you like a thief. [5]For you are all children of light, children of the day. We are not of the night or of the darkness. [6]So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. [7]For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, are drunk at night. [8]But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, having put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. [9]For God has not destined us for wrath, but to obtain salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10]who died for us so that whether we are awake or asleep we might live with him. [11]Therefore encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Verse

Matthew 25:29a

P For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance.

C **Alleluia, alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 25:14–30

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the twenty-fifth chapter.

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

[14][Jesus said:] "For it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted to them his property. [15]To one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. [16]He who had received the five talents went at once and traded with them, and he made five talents more. [17]So also he who had the two talents made two talents more. [18]But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money. [19]Now after a long time the master of those servants came and settled accounts with them. [20]And he who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five talents more, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me five talents; here I have made five talents more. '[21]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master. '[22]And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here I have made two talents more. '[23]His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your

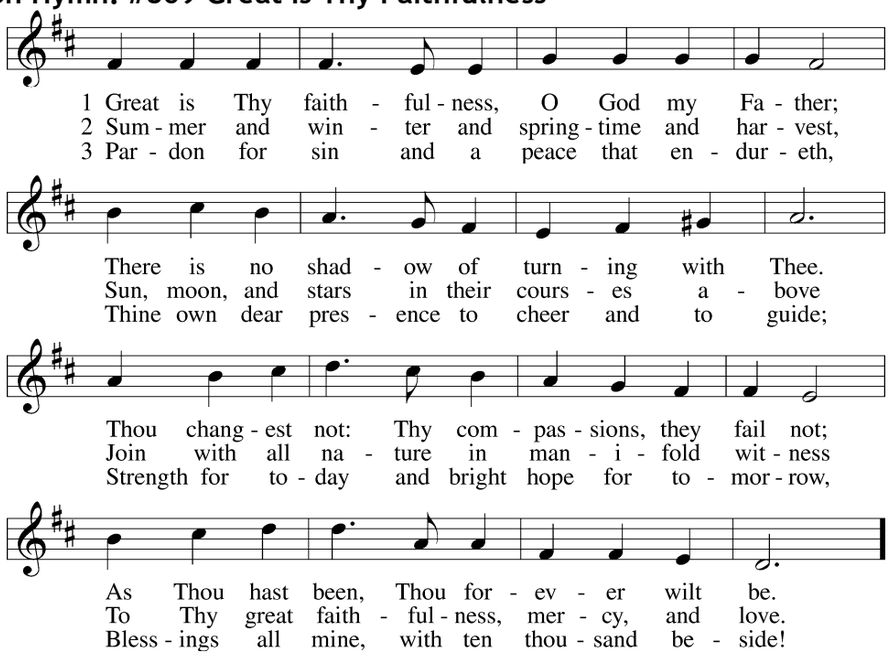
master. ’[24]He also who had received the one talent came forward, saying, ‘Master,
I knew you to be a hard man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where
you scattered no seed, [25]so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground.
Here you have what is yours. ’[26]But his master answered him, ‘You wicked and
slothful servant! You knew that I reap where I have not sowed and gather where I
scattered no seed? [27]Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers,
and at my coming I should have received what was my own with interest. [28]So take
the talent from him and give it to him who has the ten talents. [29]For to everyone
who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance. But from the one who
has not, even what he has will be taken away. [30]And cast the worthless servant into
the outer darkness. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’”

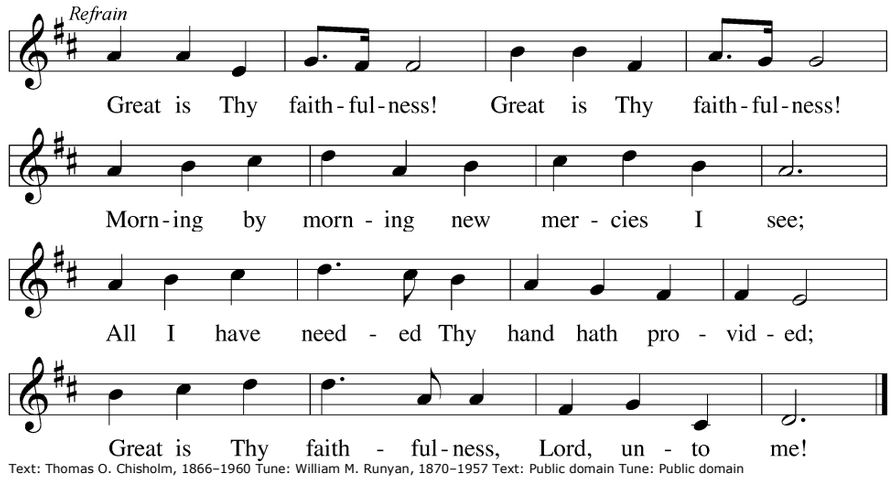
P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Children’s Sermon

Sermon Hymn: #809 Great Is Thy Faithfulness





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Sermon: “The Generous Gift Giver” -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.