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.

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.

Holiday Helpers Needed!

We need volunteers to help decorate the Christmas Tree on Tuesday, December 15 at 10am! We will be trimming the tree and setting up the Nativity in the yard. Please call Karen Fontaine to RSVP. 916-209-8318

CONTRIBUTE

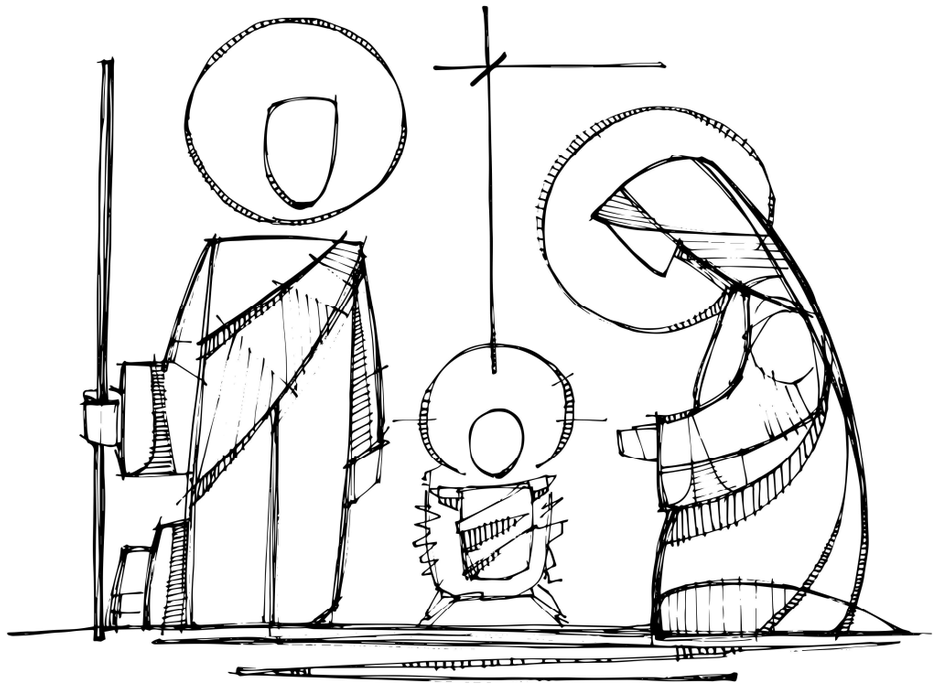
Member Directory

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 for you, rest assured it is easy, safe and secure!

First Sunday of Advent
November 29, 2026



Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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

320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

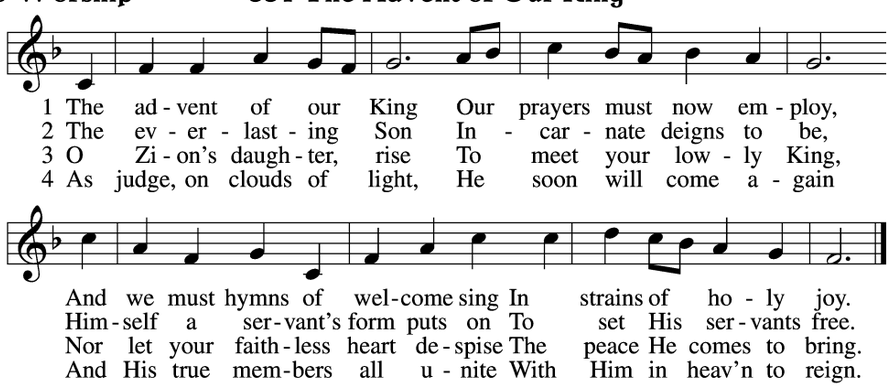
1st Sunday of Advent: November 29, 2026

As We Gather

The First Sunday in Advent begins what has historically been known in the church as Adventtide. The word *tide* originally meant "time" in Old English. It indicated a special season of reflection and of action set apart for a distinct purpose. Through the words of our hymns and readings today, we pray to our coming King, "Prepare my heart, Lord Jesus; turn not from me aside, and help me to receive You this blessed Adventtide" (*LSB* 354:4). Whatever may happen in the days ahead, we can prepare our hearts and lives while keeping our focus on the Advent of our King, expectantly awaiting the tidings of great joy that announce His wondrous birth!

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship — 331 The Advent of Our King



5 Before the dawning day
Let sin's dark deeds be gone,
The sinful self be put away,
The new self now put on.

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.

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!

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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

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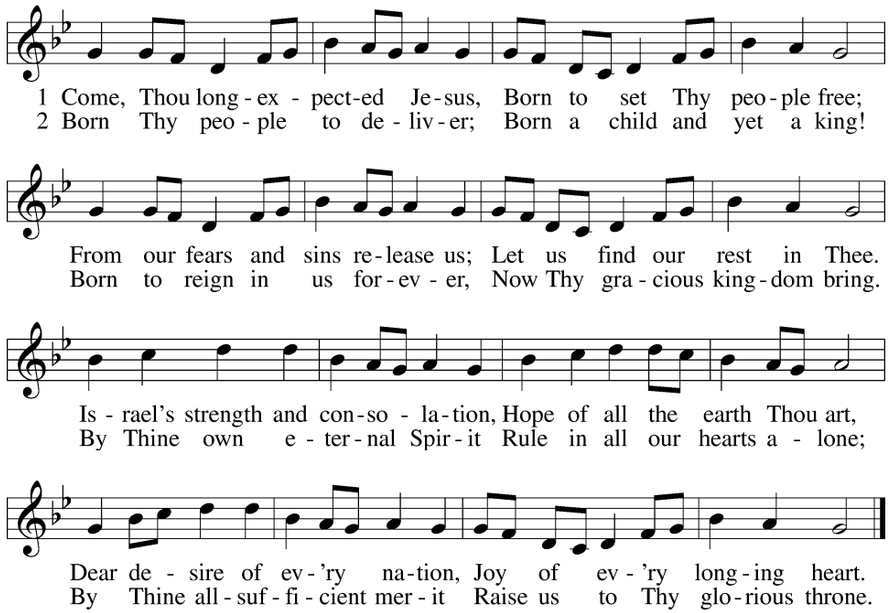

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Serving Him this Week

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 Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Leslie Nagel

D6 All glory to the Son,
Who comes to set us free,
With Father, Spirit, ever one
Through all eternity.

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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 25:1, 3–4, 14; Zechariah 9:9b

P To You, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

C **Indeed, none who wait for You shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.**

P Make me to know Your ways, O LORD; teach me Your paths.

C **The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear Him, and He makes known to them His covenant.**

Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation.

Confession and Absolution

P O God our Father, since You have set forth the way of life for us in Your beloved Son, we confess with shame our slowness to learn of Him, our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.**

P Forgive us the poverty of our worship, our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace, our hesitating witness for Christ, our evasion of

responsibility in Your service, and our imperfect stewardship of Your gifts.

C **Have mercy on us and forgive us, O God.**

P Forgive us that so little of Your love has reached others through us, that we have been thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

C **Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love. Create in us clean hearts, O God, and put a new and right spirit within us.**

P Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C **Amen.**

P Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit, soul, and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

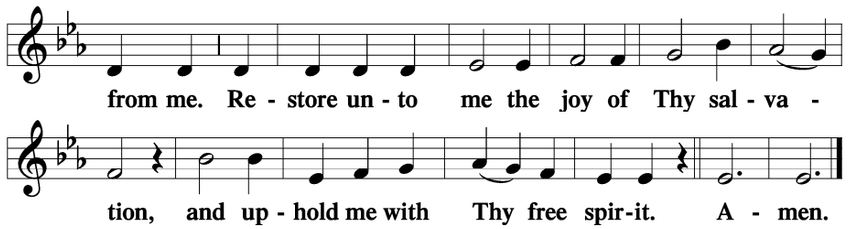
C **Amen.**

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).*

LIGHTING THE CANDLE OF HOPE

Pastor: Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!



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 blessing of almighty God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit—be with you, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplications.**

P We pray for those for whom the season of Advent and Christmas may be sad or challenging, that we faithfully reach out to them with compassion and joy, keeping our focus always on the wonderful action of God on our behalf through the coming of Jesus, the King of glory. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplications.**

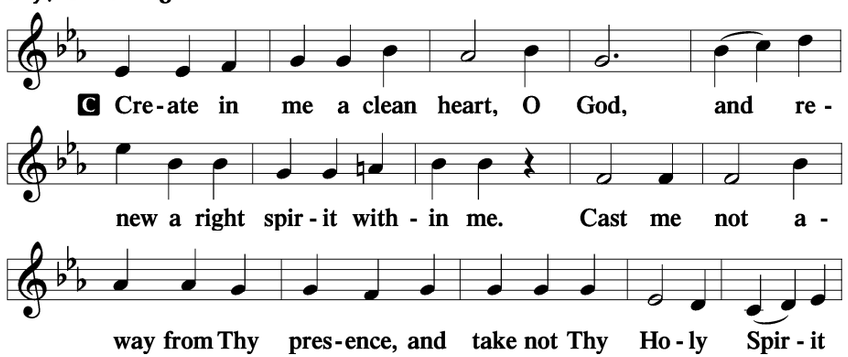
P With thankfulness we ask God's blessing on all who brighten these darkening days of the year—the shop workers and postal clerks, the musicians and carolers, the delivery people, and all those who work long hours. Help us be truly appreciative of all those who carry out their vocations for the betterment of our lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplications.**

P Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Offertory/Offering *LSB 192*



All: Hosanna in the highest!

Pastor: Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,

People: the light no darkness can overcome.

Pastor: Let Your light scatter the darkness

People: and illumine Your Church.

Cantor Sings Light one candle for hope, one bright candle for hope.
He brings hope to every heart
He comes! He comes!

As the congregation repeats the verse, the first candle on the Advent wreath is lit.

Salutation

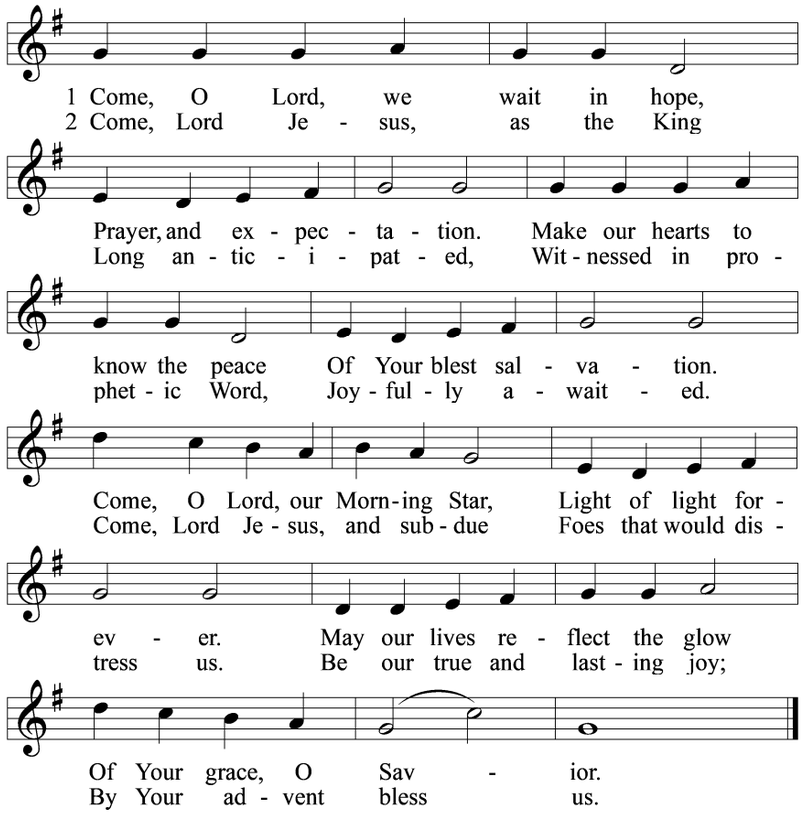
P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day (sung)

P The season of Advent is a time of rapid forward movement in the life of the church as we hurry to Bethlehem and "haste, haste to bring Him laud" (*LSB* 370:1), to bring praise to the Christ Child. This Advent season, we will be hearing the words of Mark's Gospel, which will move us along as we rejoice in the Advent of our Lord Jesus, the "bright and Morning Star." Together we sing a prayer hymn for the season.

Come, O Lord, We Wait in Hope (tune: Gentle Mary Laid Her Child 374)



Old Testament Reading (*Read responsively: Congregation in bold)* *Isaiah 64:1–9*

[1]Oh that you would rend the heavens and come down,
that the mountains might quake at your presence—
[2] as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil—
to make your name known to your adversaries,
and that the nations might tremble at your presence!
[3]When you did awesome things that we did not look for,
you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life T of the world to come. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

We pray for the church, the community of God's forgiven people, asking that our pastors continue to speak with power among us and that we all be engaged fully in service to God and in ministry to one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplications.**

P We pray this day, as the new Church Year begins, for the fellowship of faith and love that we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that You lead us to continue to gather for worship with great joy and full anticipation of the gifts of God that come to us through our worship. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplications.**

P And we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our national Synod, our district, and our local congregation, that God work among us through their example and witness so that we grow in devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,

C **hear our prayer and grant our supplications.**

P We also pray this day for the sick, the shut-in and all who are in need of our prayers, [*especially . . .*], that their prayers be answered soon and that they be supported by God's people as they experience His good and gracious will for their lives. Lord, in Your mercy,

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,

[4]From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
[5]You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
[6]We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
[7]There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
[8]But now, O LORD, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
[9]Be not so terribly angry, O LORD,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

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

Epistle *1 Corinthians 1:3–9*

[3]Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
[4]I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, [5]that in every way you were enriched in him in

all speech and all knowledge—[6]even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—[7]so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, [8]who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. [9]God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Gradual and Verse *Zechariah 9:9; Psalm 24:7; 118:26, alt.*

C **Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion. Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem.**

P *Behold, your king is coming to you; righteous and having salvation. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you.*
C **Alleluia. Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel *Mark 11:1–10*

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

[1]When they drew near to Jerusalem, to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples [2]and said to them, "Go into the village in front of you, and immediately as you enter it you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever sat. Untie it and bring it. [3]If anyone says to you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'The Lord has need of it and will send it back here immediately.'" [4]And they went away and found a colt tied at a door outside in the street, and they untied it. [5]And some of those standing

there said to them, "What are you doing, untying the colt?" [6]And they told them what Jesus had said, and they let them go. [7]And they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it, and he sat on it. [8]And many spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut from the fields. [9]And those who went before and those who followed were shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! [10]Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David! Hosanna in the highest!"

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

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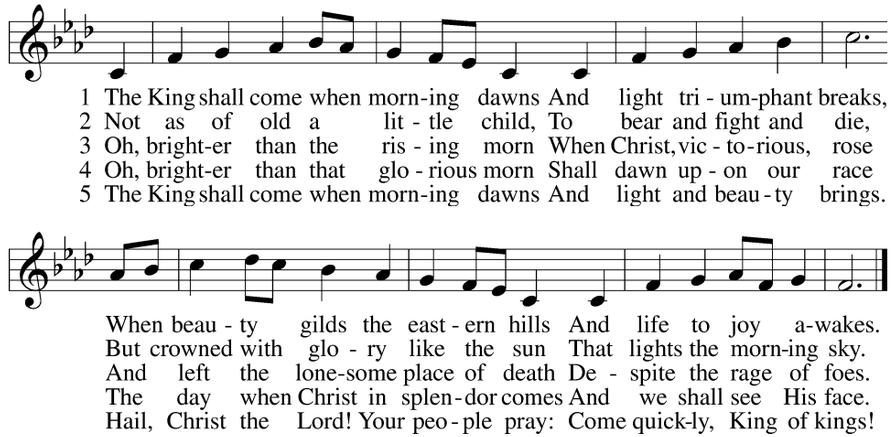

Sermon **The End is Near: Summer is Coming** *Pastor Daniel Vang*

Creed *Nicene Creed*

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