

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

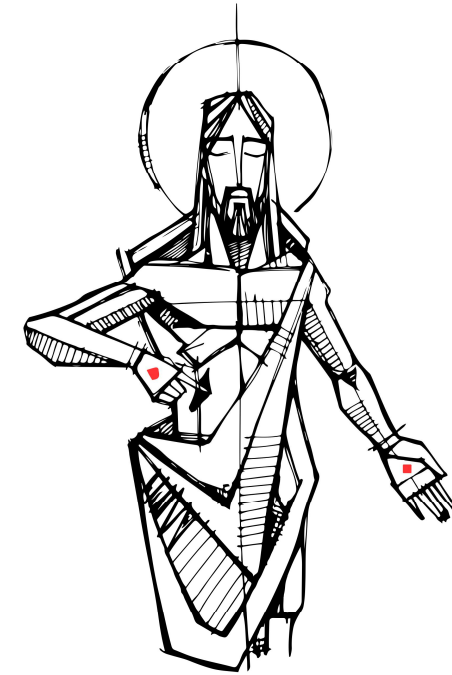
Lutheran Church in Fallon, NV. Since 1993 it has been providing high-quality Christian childcare. The current facility, built in 1996, needs some repair and renovation, including new security doors and hardware, sleeping cots, repainting, and improved security cameras. These changes will make the center 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.

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost August 16, 2026



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As We Gather

In today's Gospel, our Lord Jesus moved beyond His ministry initially among the Jews now to the Gentile woman of Canaan. The miracle greater than the healing of her daughter was her great faith in Jesus addressing Him, saying, "Lord, help me" (Matthew 15:25). Through the prophet Isaiah, the Lord said He would bring "foreigners" to His "house of prayer for all peoples" (Isaiah 56:6-7). Here He gives "many blessings even though we are undeserving" (Prayer of the Day). The early church learned how the Gentiles are grafted into Israel, making the Christian Church the fulfillment of the true Israel, God's people! The outreach of the Gospel of Christ continues through His church, calling all people "that He may have mercy on all" (Romans 11:32). Because of God's effective call, you can have steadfast confidence in His loving kindness and mercy

Call to Worship: Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the risen King who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing to the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth we will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach to gather children in

Rejoice, rejoice; let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart, one voice O Church of Christ rejoice

Come those whose joy is morning sun and those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won and those struggling in the fight
For His perfect love will never change and His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days with the certain hope of peace **(Chorus)**

Come young and old from ev'ry land men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age our God is all in all **(Chorus)**

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: Amen.

INTROIT Part 1: *Psalm 28:1-2; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;
People: He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Pastor: To You, O LORD, I call; my rock, be not deaf to me,

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

The Lunch Bunch will not be meeting this month. Feel free to reach out to Norma Ceccardi at 530-401-8055 if you have any questions.

CULTIVATE

Memorial Service for Jim Rowe

Mount Olive Families,

You are invited to a memorial service for our beloved member, Jim Rowe. It will be held Saturday, August 29 at 11am at Mount Olive. Please make plans to attend so we can celebrate Jim's life and legacy. Feel free to reach out with any questions.

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.

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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.

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Serving Him this Week

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	Fred Hoffman
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	Kerry Oh

People: lest, if You be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy, when I cry to You for help,
People: when I lift up my hands toward Your most holy sanctuary.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Our gracious God has promised to hear and forgive for Jesus’ sake. Let us therefore go to Him, confessing our sins.

Silence for reflection on the Word of God and for self-examination.

Pastor: Creator God,
People: we confess our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds, as well as our sinful condition. We are not the creatures You intend us to be. Forgive us and rescue us from our unrighteousness that we may reflect Your righteousness and holiness.

Pastor: Promised Savior,
People: we confess that we are not only in the world, but too often act as part of it. We are as aliens in Your kingdom of grace. Forgive us and graciously treat us as Your own people for Your own name’s sake.

Pastor: Holy Spirit, Comforter,
People: we confess that we have wandered from the truth and sought to fulfill our own wants and desires. Forgive us, renew in us pure hearts, and guide us to walk in Your ways each day as long as we live.

Pastor: Our heavenly Father sent His Son into the world to bear the sins of all. He has opened the kingdom of heaven to all who trust in Him for salvation. As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all of your sins in the name of the Father and of the **✠** Son and of the Holy Spirit.
People: 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 (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 Part 2: *Psalm 28:6–7; antiphon: Psalm 28:8*

Pastor: Blessed be the LORD!
People: **For He has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.**

Pastor: The LORD is my strength and my shield; in Him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
People: **my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to Him.**

All: **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.**

Pastor: The LORD is the strength of His people;
People: **He is the saving refuge of His anointed.**

Salutation

Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

- P** Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting Father, You give Your children many blessings even though we are undeserving.
- C** **In every trial and temptation grant us steadfast confidence in Your loving kindness and mercy;**
- P** 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 56:1, 6–8

¹Thus says the LORD:
“Keep justice, and do righteousness,
for soon my salvation will come,
and my deliverance be revealed. . . .

⁶“And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD,
to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD,
and to be his servants,
everyone who keeps the Sabbath and does not profane it,
and holds fast my covenant—

⁷these I will bring to my holy mountain,
and make them joyful in my house of prayer;
their burnt offerings and their sacrifices

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
from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -
tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir-it. A - men.

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.**

Prayer of the Church *(response sung to the tune of the Doxology)*

Pastor: Let us pray for ourselves, the Church around the world, and all people in their various stations and conditions. For the Church, calling sinners to repentance and proclaiming the Gospel among people of every tribe and tongue, that clergy and lay leaders be faithful in their calling and protected under persecution, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Your crumbs, O Lord, we merit not,
Yet Bread of Life to us You send.
Seats at Your feast Christ’s blood has bought.
O gracious God, our prayer attend.**

Pastor: For the nations of the world, ordering society for peace and prosperity, that their leaders be just and compassionate, and that their citizens work together—harvesting and milling, teaching and learning, producing and providing, caring and conserving—to give glory to our gracious God and dignity to one another, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Your crumbs, O Lord, we merit not,
Yet Bread of Life to us You send.
Seats at Your feast Christ’s blood has bought.
O gracious God, our prayer attend.**

Pastor: For the downtrodden and oppressed, the lonely and forgotten, the sick and dying, and for those near and dear to us, [*including . . .*], that God would hear their prayers, surround them with circles of skilled and understanding people, and answer their deepest needs according to His loving plans for them. For ourselves—young and old, rich and poor, singles, couples, and families—as we gather for worship and care for one another in our spiritual, emotional, and physical needs, that the Word of God grow richly among us to the praise of God’s holy name, let us pray to the Lord.

People: **Your crumbs, O Lord, we merit not,
Yet Bread of Life to us You send.
Seats at Your feast Christ’s blood has bought.
O gracious God, our prayer attend.**

Pastor: Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that in Your mercy You will answer with blessings none of us deserves for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

People: **Amen.**

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will be accepted on my altar;
for my house shall be called a house of prayer
for all peoples.”
⁸The Lord GOD,
who gathers the outcasts of Israel, declares,
“I will gather yet others to him
besides those already gathered.”

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

Epistle

Romans 11:1–2a, 13–15, 28–32

¹I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! For I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. ²God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. . . .
¹³Now I am speaking to you Gentiles. Inasmuch then as I am an apostle to the Gentiles, I magnify my ministry ¹⁴in order somehow to make my fellow Jews jealous, and thus save some of them. ¹⁵For if their rejection means the reconciliation of the world, what will their acceptance mean but life from the dead? . . .
²⁸As regards the gospel, they are enemies of God for your sake. But as regards election, they are beloved for the sake of their forefathers. ²⁹For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. ³⁰Just as you were at one time disobedient to God but now have received mercy because of their disobedience, ³¹so they too have now been disobedient in order that by the mercy shown to you they also may now receive mercy. ³²For God has consigned all to disobedience, that he may have mercy on all.

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

Verse

Matthew 13:35b

Pastor: Alleluia. The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.
People: **He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 15:21-28

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.
People: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

Pastor: And Jesus went away from there and withdrew to the district of Tyre and Sidon. And behold, a Canaanite woman from that region came out and was crying,

People: “Have mercy on me, O Lord, Son of David; my daughter is severely oppressed by a demon.”

Pastor: But He did not answer her a word. And His disciples came and begged Him, saying, “Send her away, for she is crying out after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.” But she came and knelt before Him, saying,

People: “Lord, help me.”

Pastor: And He answered, “It is not right to take the children’s bread and throw it to the dogs.” She said,

People: “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Pastor: Then Jesus answered her, “O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire.” And her daughter was healed instantly.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

Children’s Message

Sermon Hymn His Mercy is More

What love could remember no wrongs we have done
Omniscient all knowing He counts not their sum
Thrown into a sea without bottom or shore
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

**Praise the Lord! His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more**

What patience would wait as we constantly roam
What Father so tender is calling us home
He welcomes the weakest the vilest the poor
Our sins they are many His mercy is more **(Chorus)**

What riches of kindness He lavished on us
His blood was the payment His life was the cost
We stood 'neath a debt we could never afford
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

Praise the Lord His mercy is more
Stronger than darkness new every morn
Our sins they are many His mercy is more (repeat and add)
Our sins they are many His mercy is more

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Sermon Drawn in to Mercy Pastor Daniel Vang

Creed (Stand) *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.