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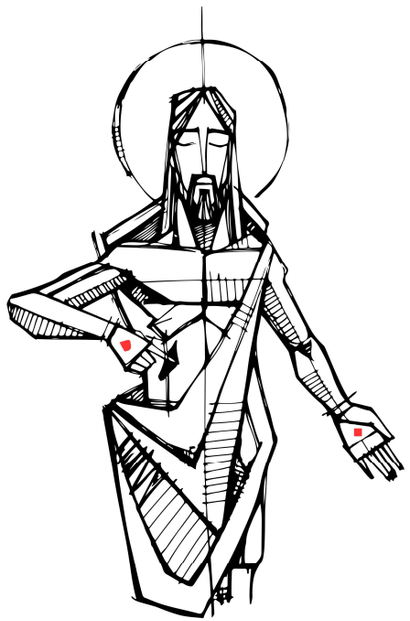

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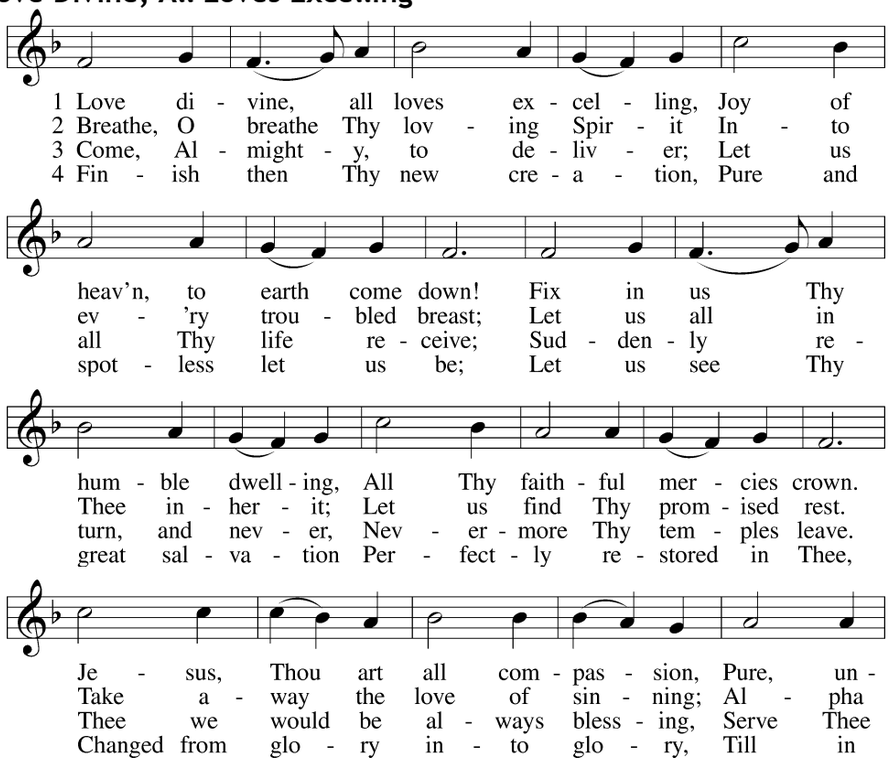
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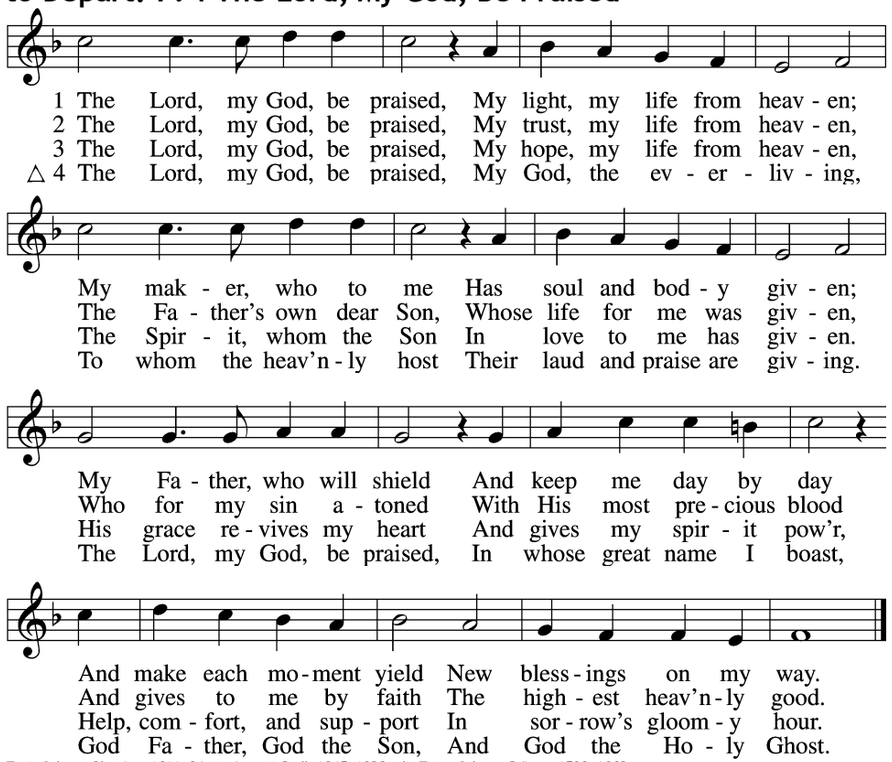
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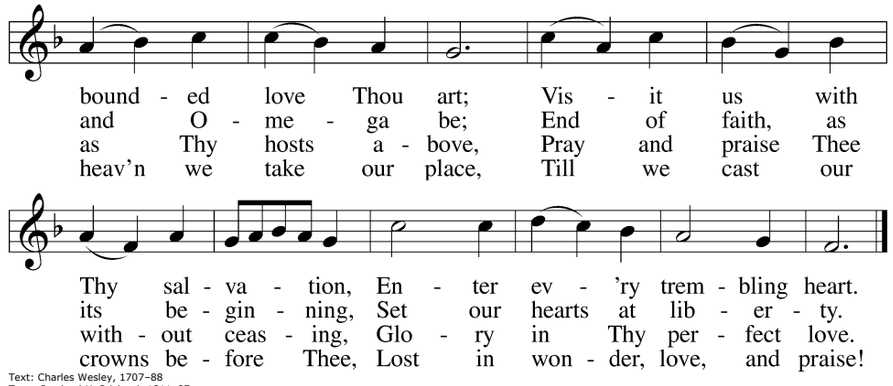

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For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
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O God, insolent men have risen up against me; a band of ruthless men | seek my life,*
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and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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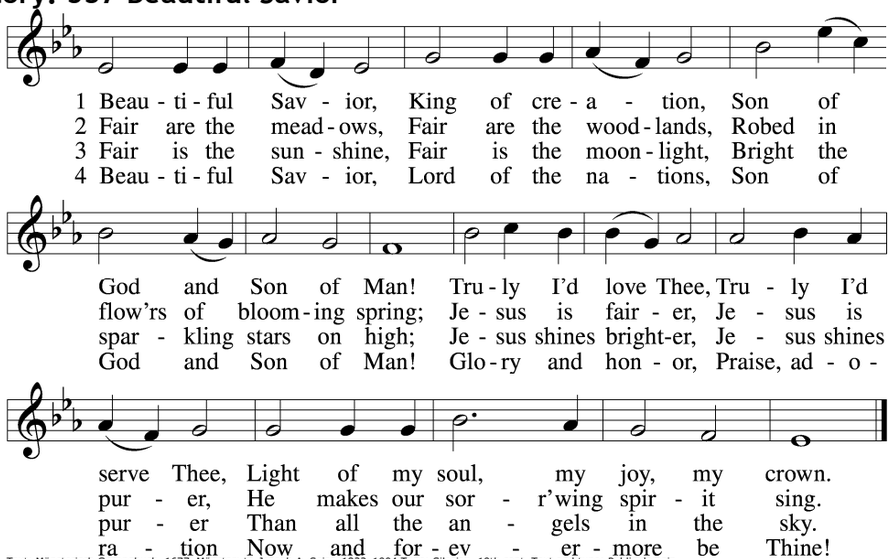
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Give ear, O LORD, | to my prayer;*
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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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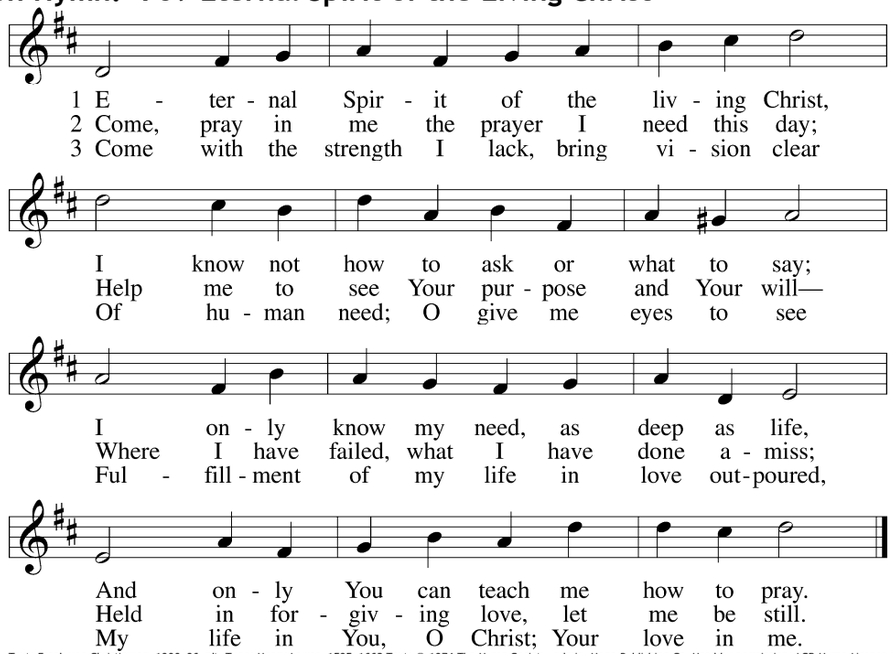
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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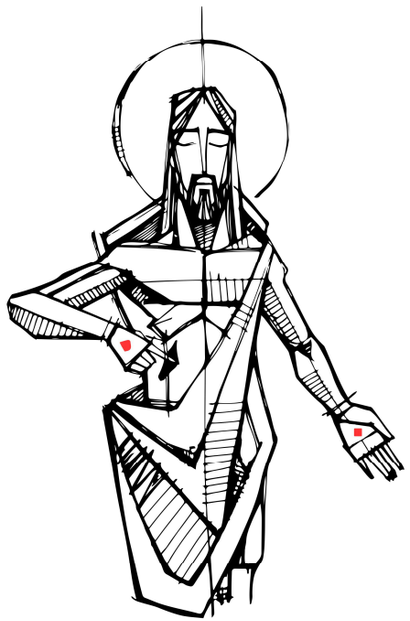

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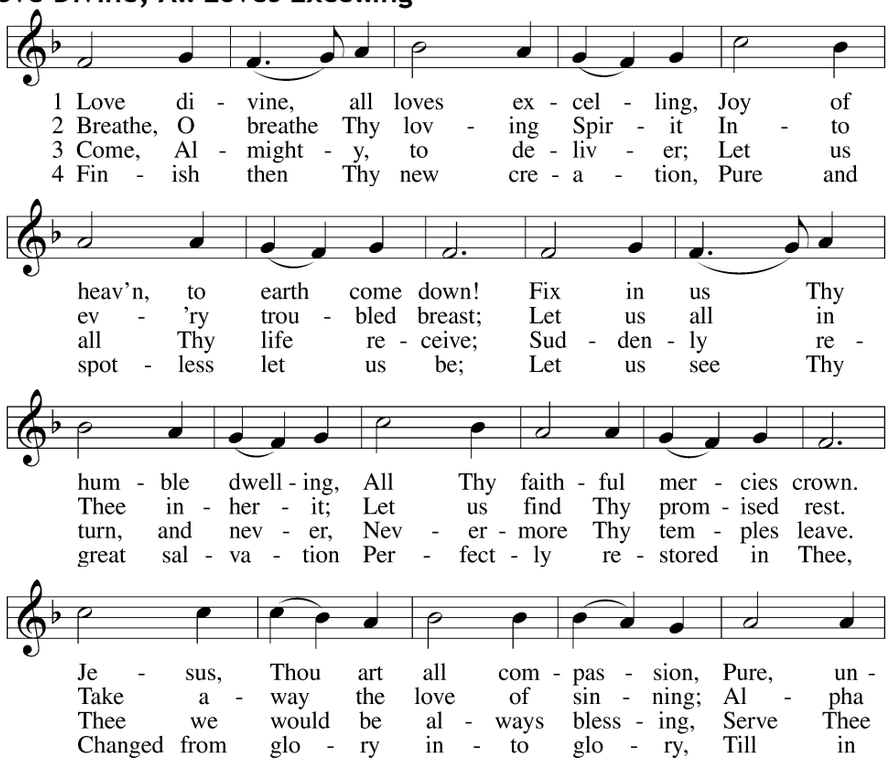
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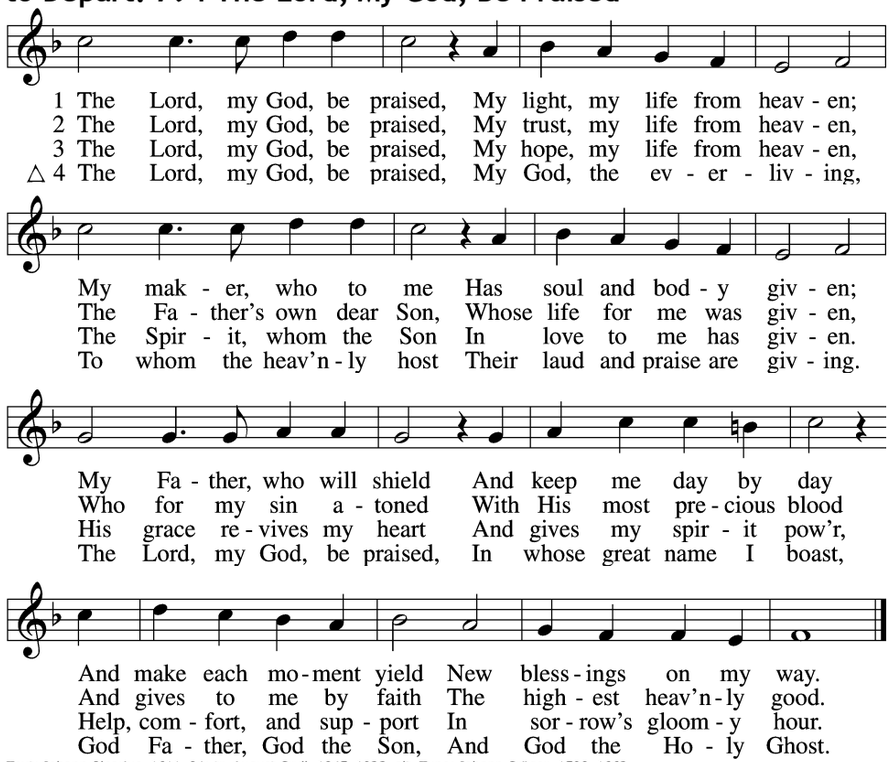
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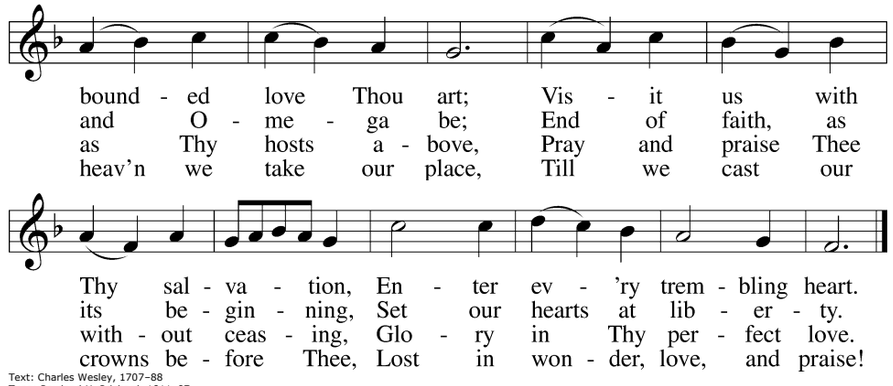

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and I will glorify your name for- | ever.
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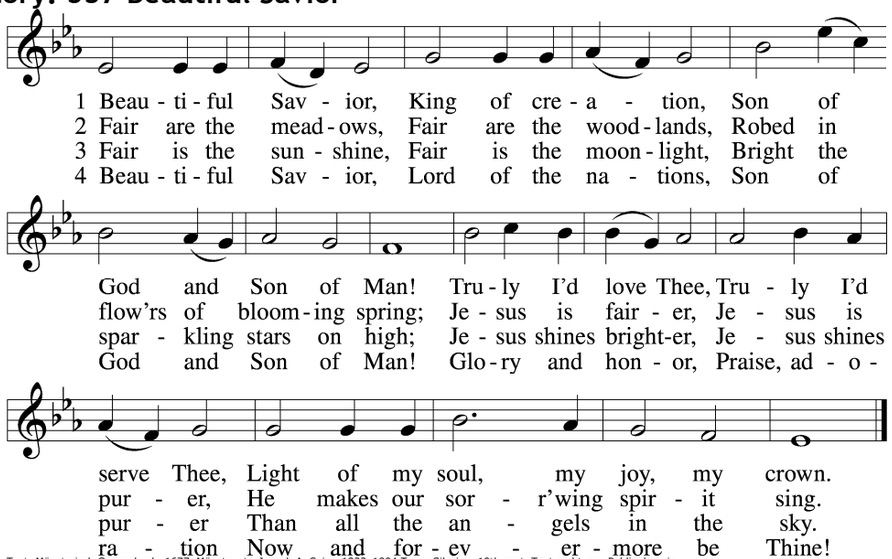
Offering

Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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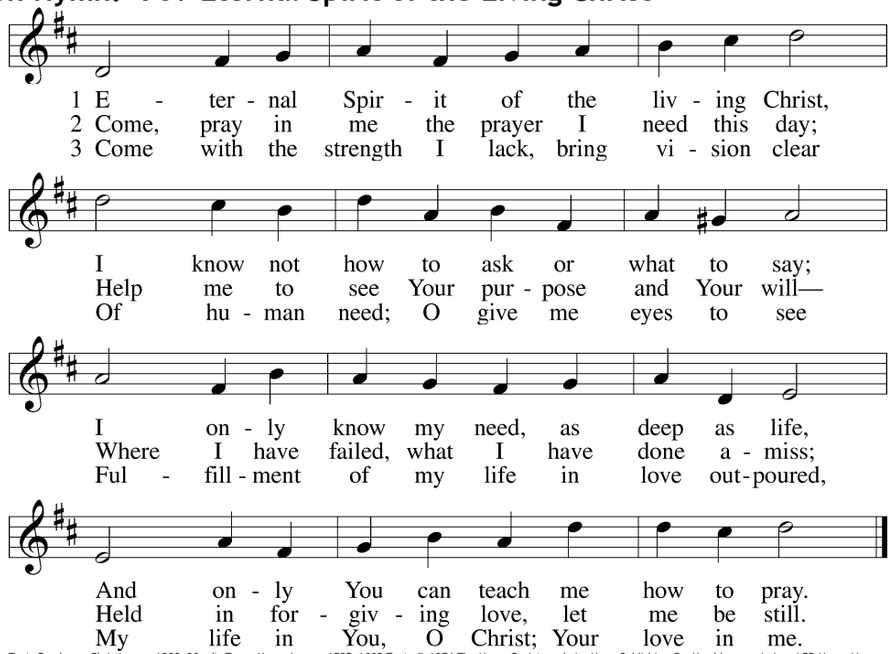
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Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and talk 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.

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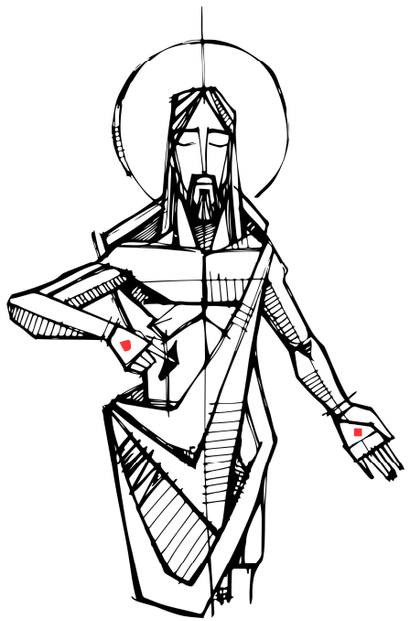

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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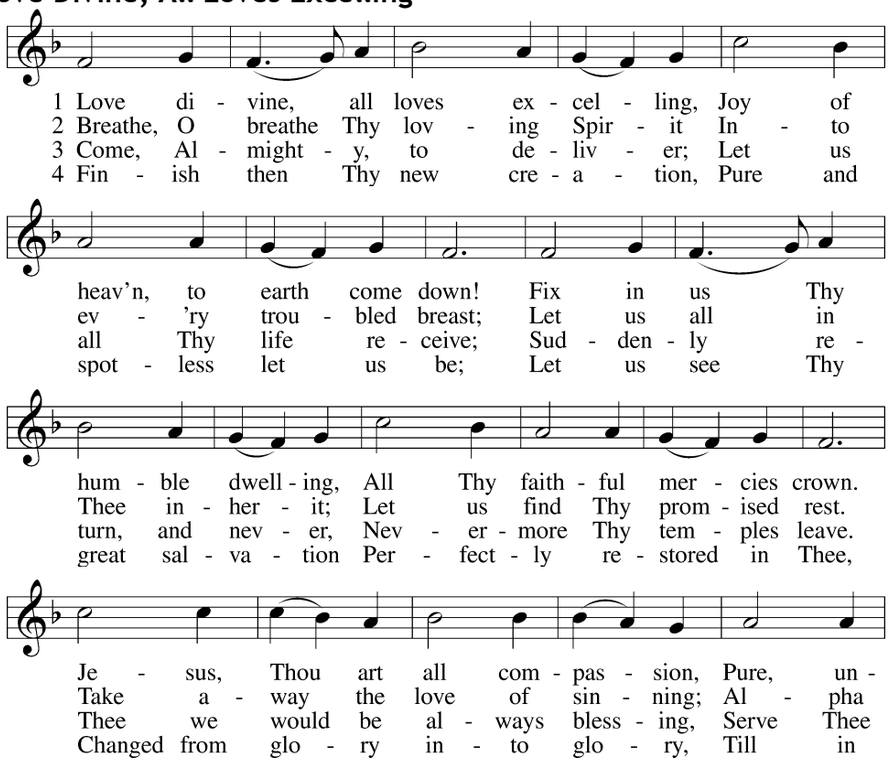
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Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
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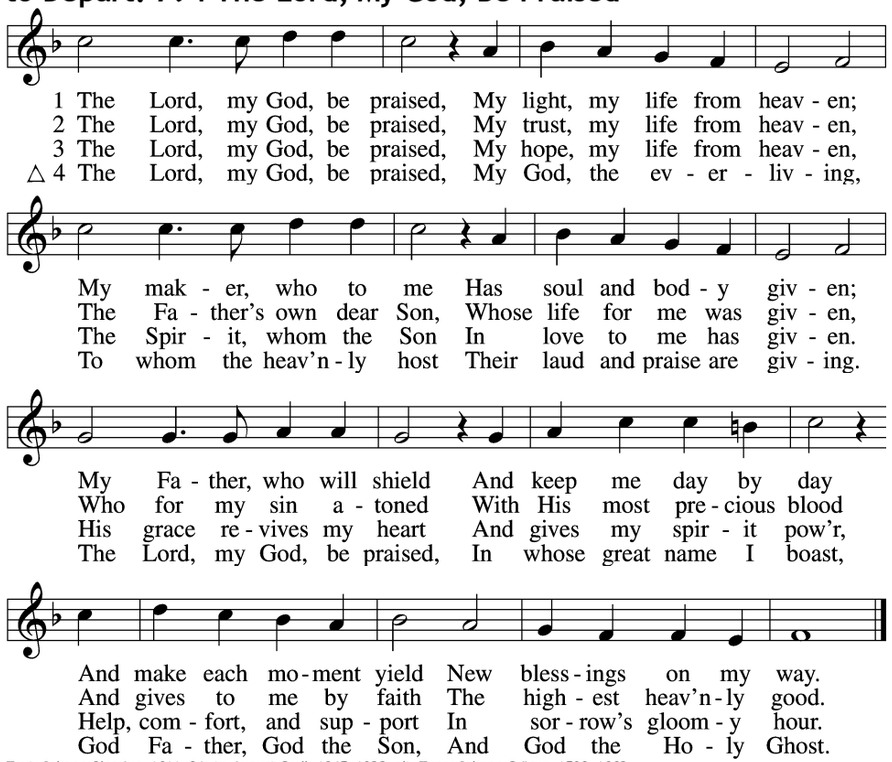
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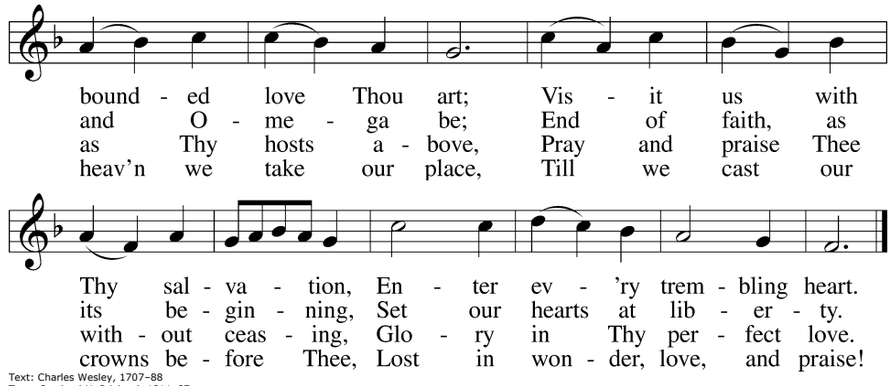

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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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.

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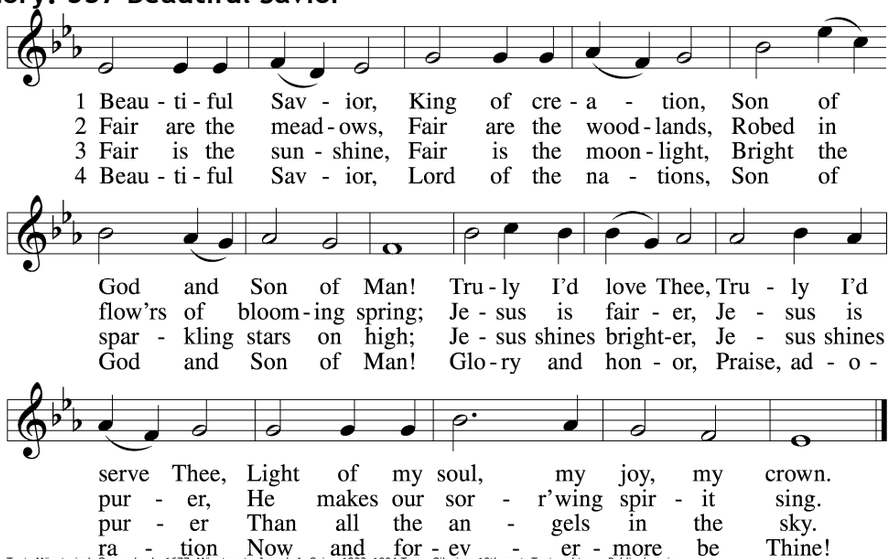

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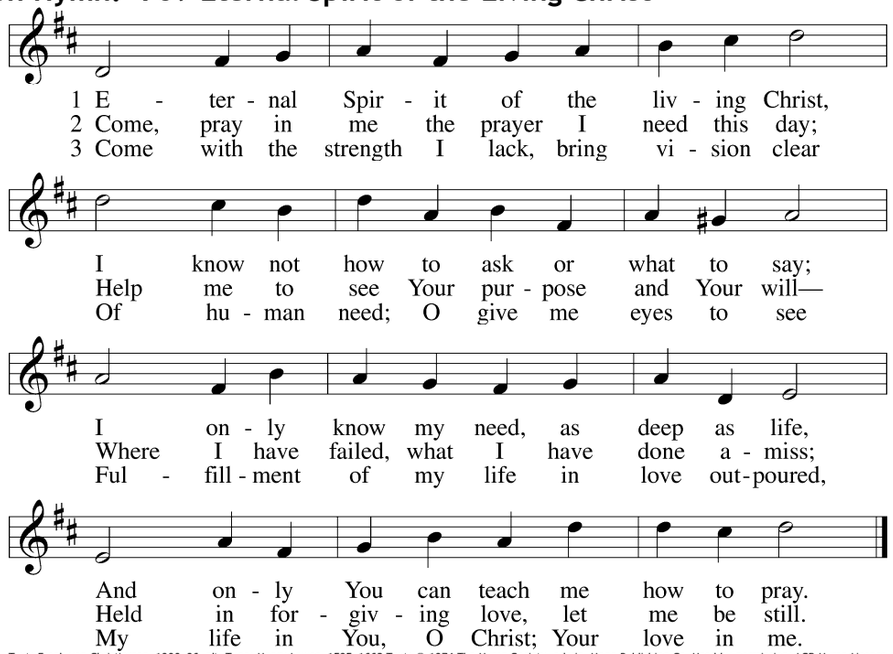
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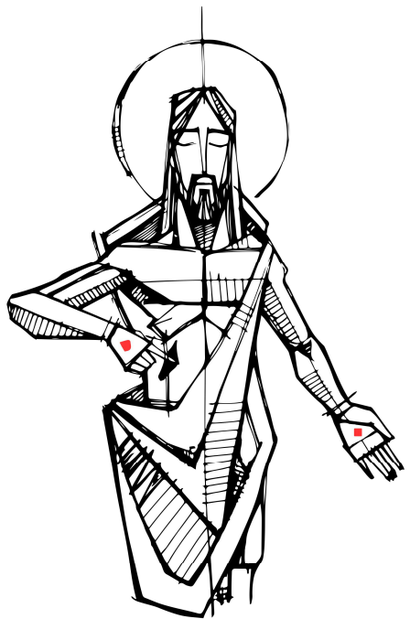

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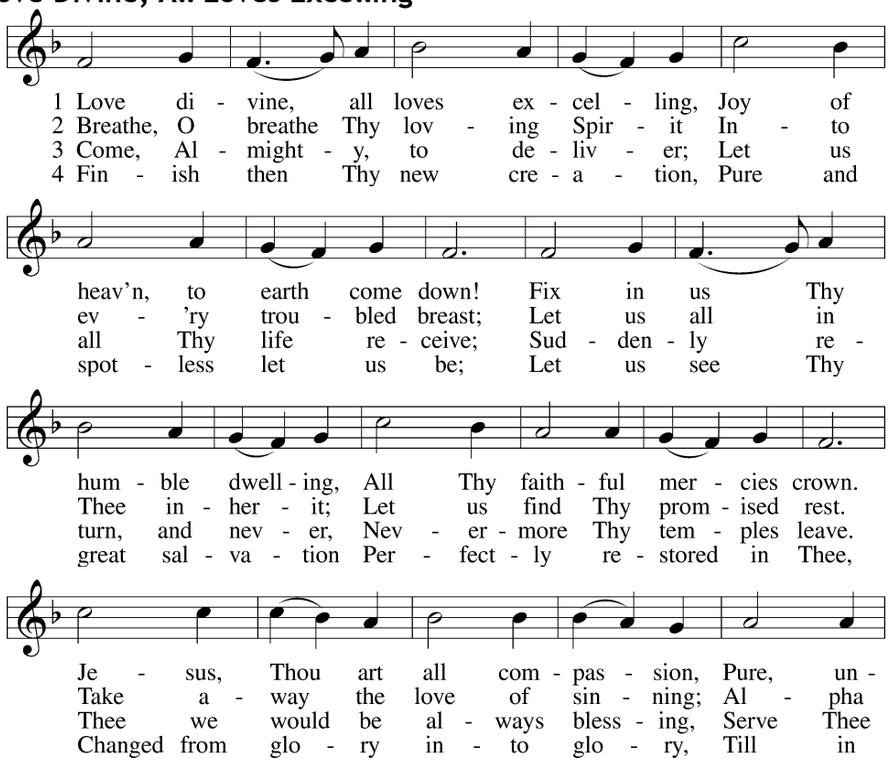
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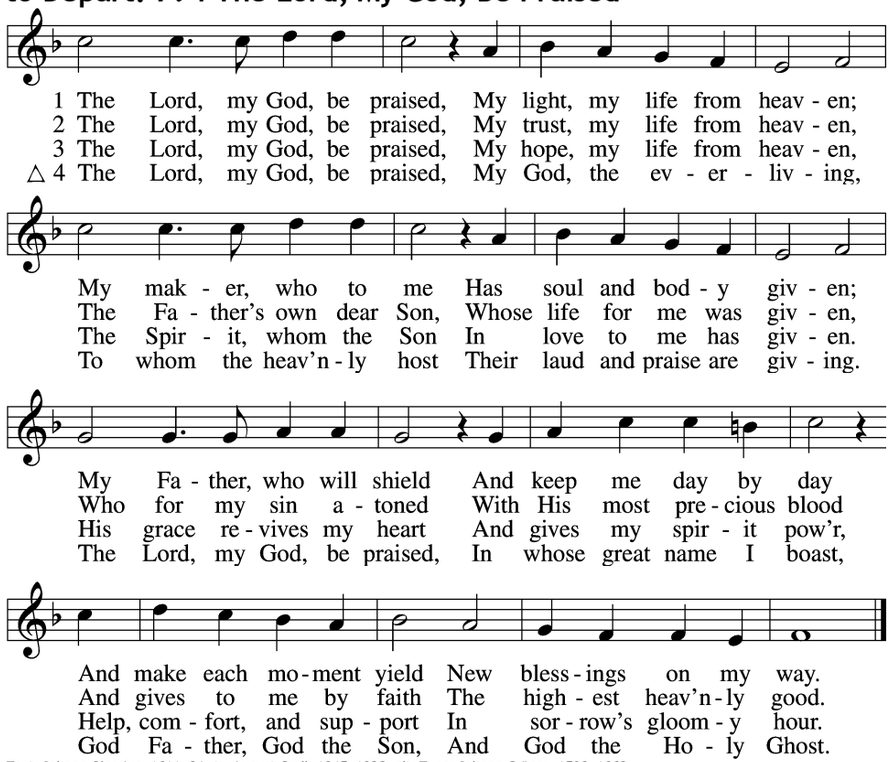
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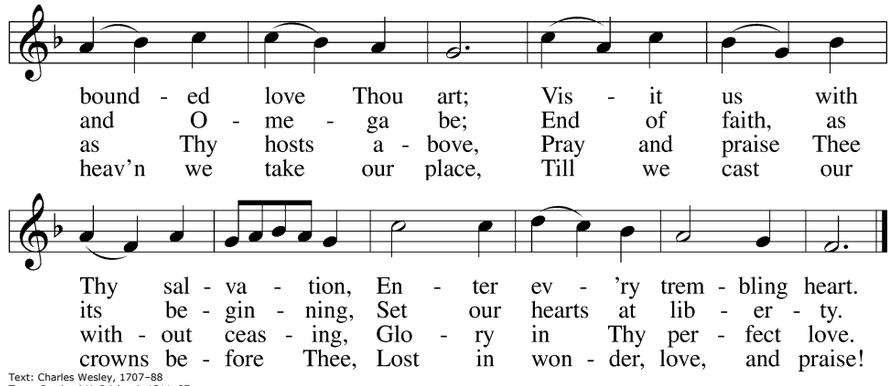

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and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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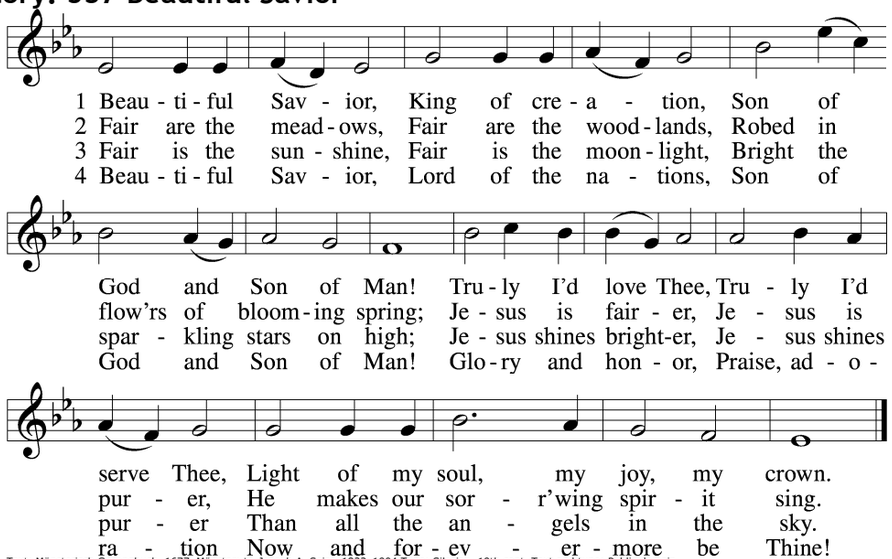
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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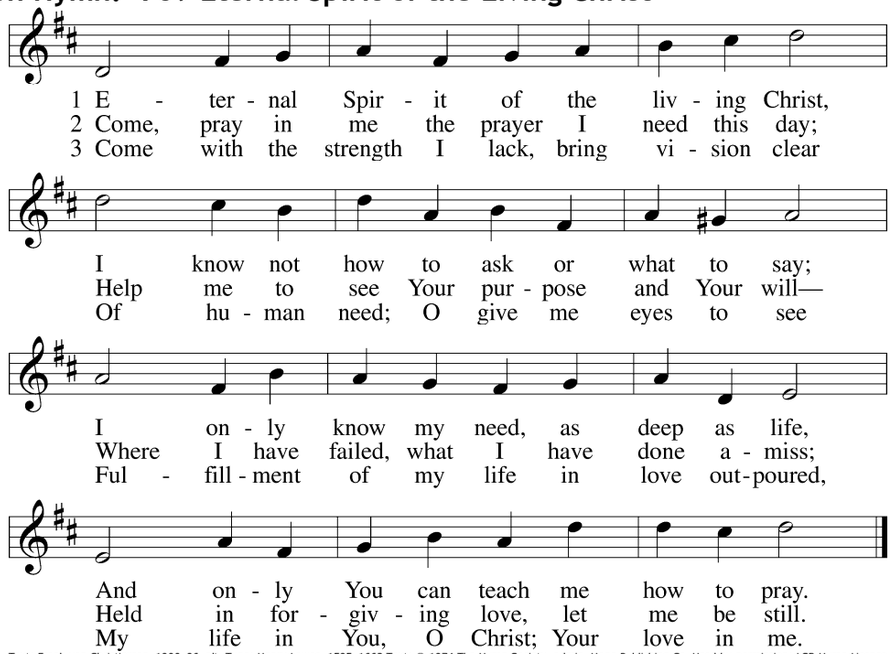
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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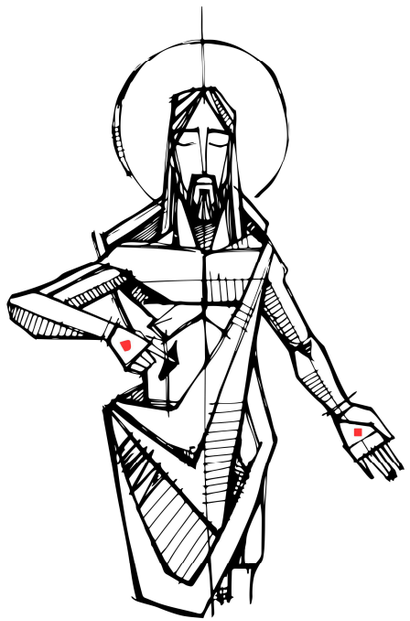

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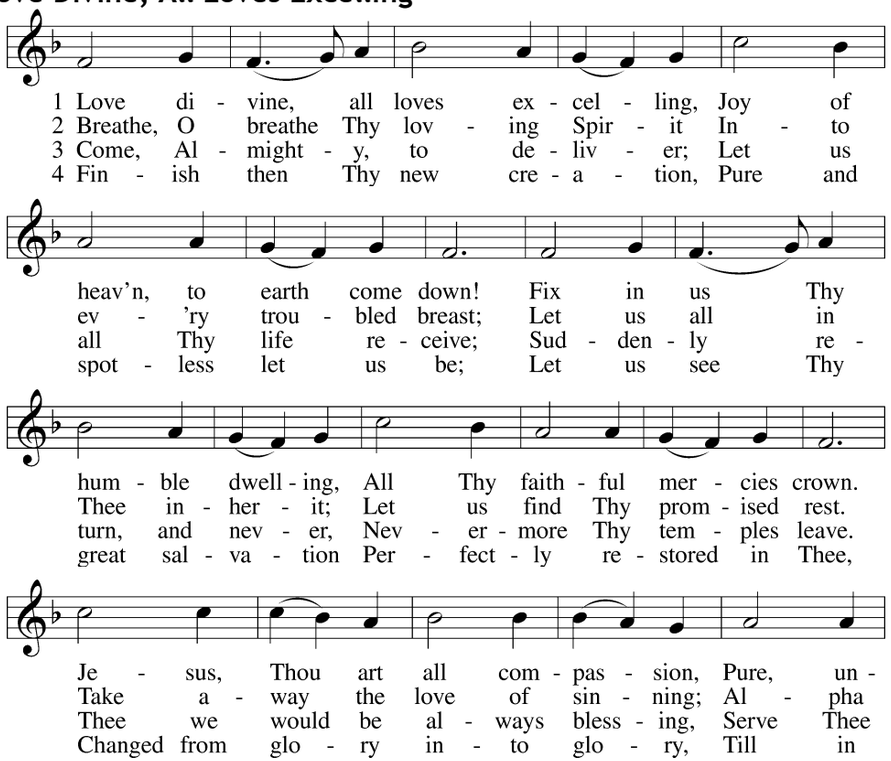
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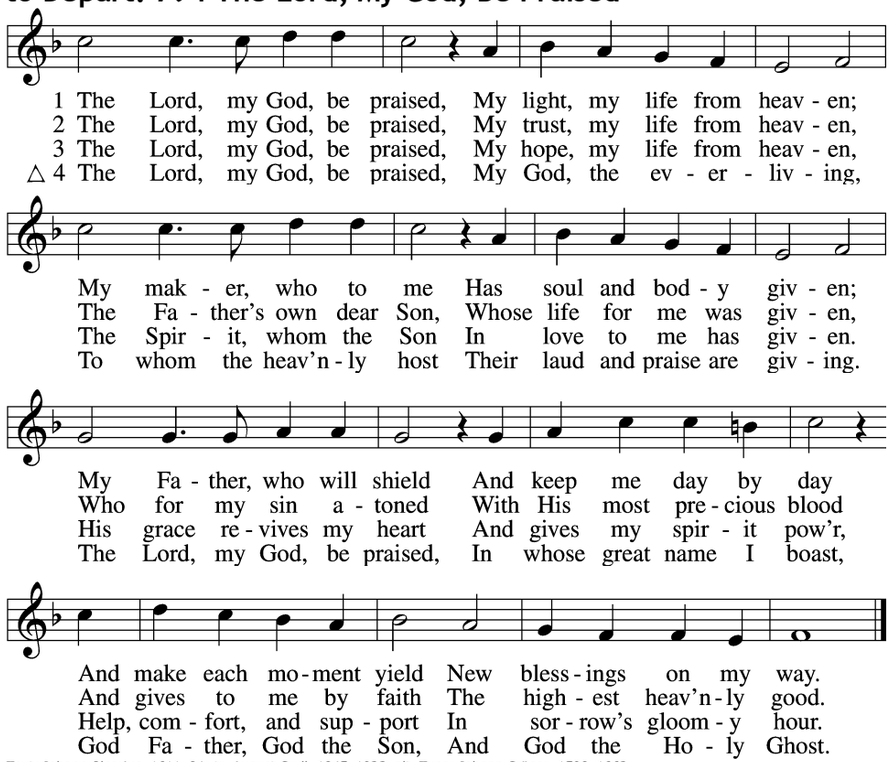
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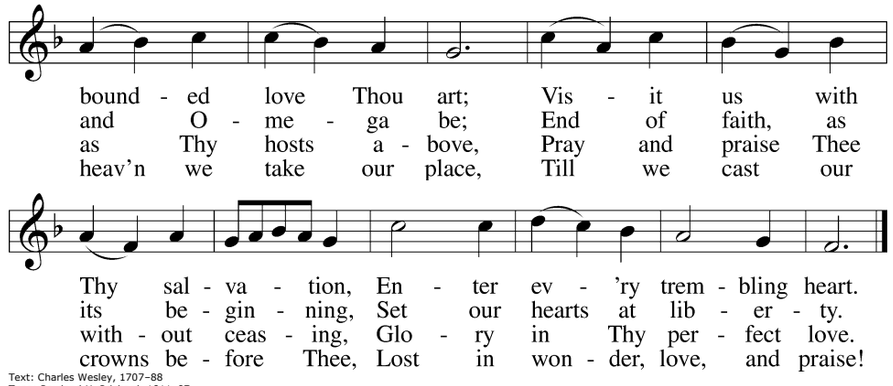

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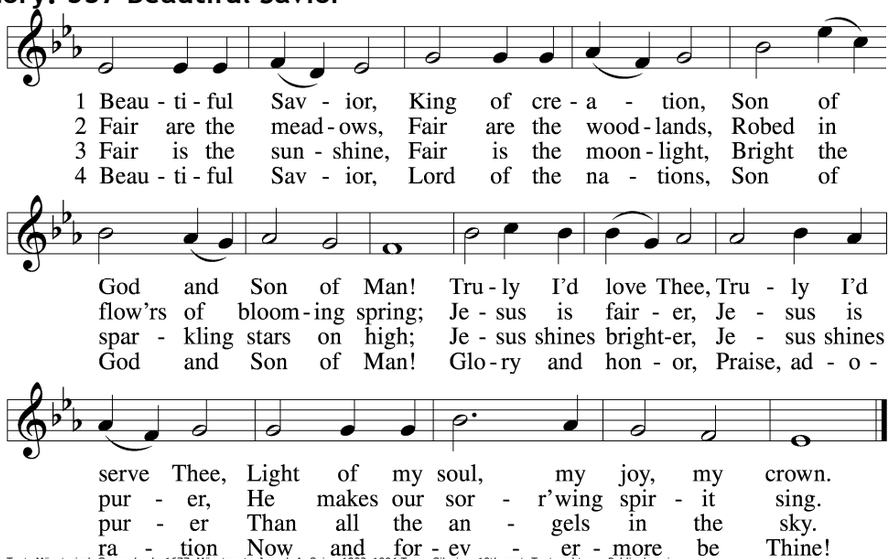

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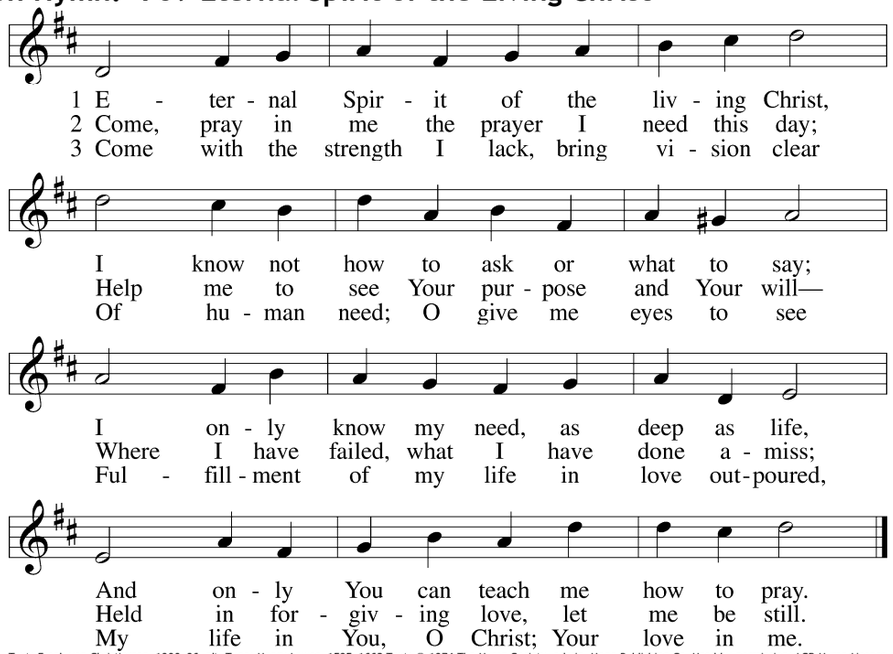
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LWML

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.

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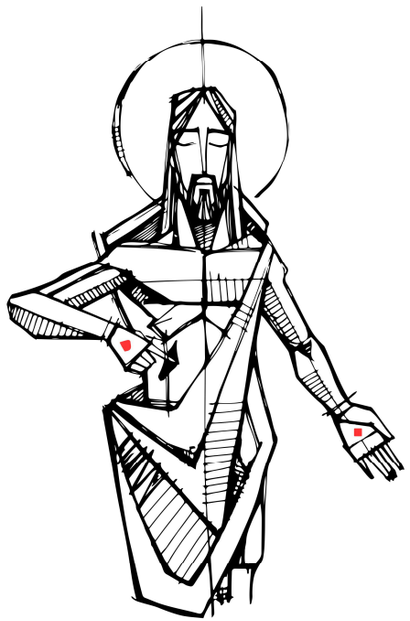

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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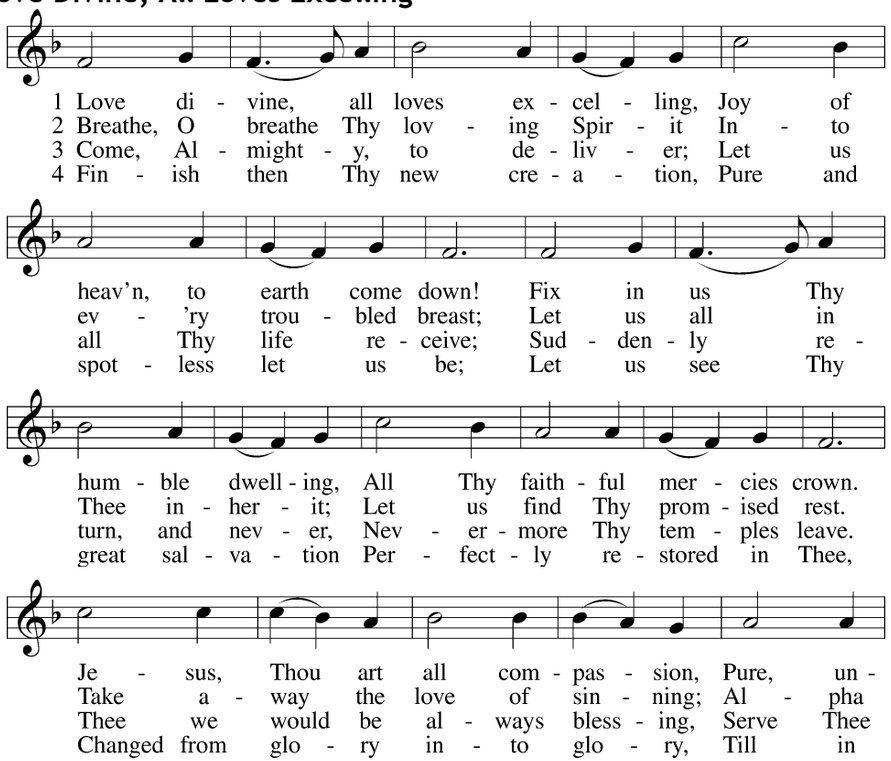
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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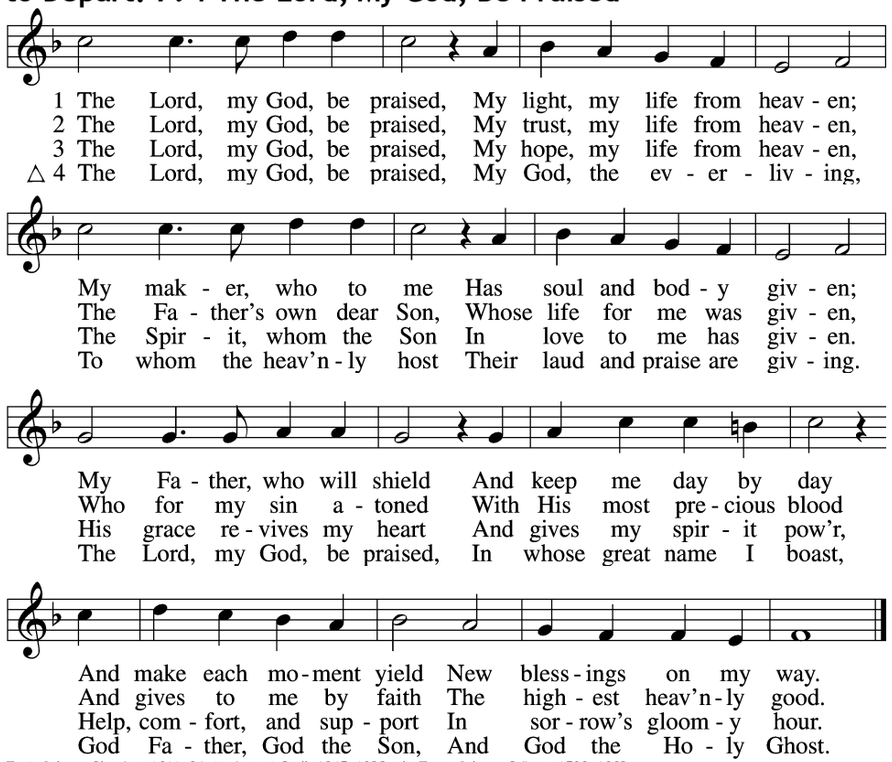
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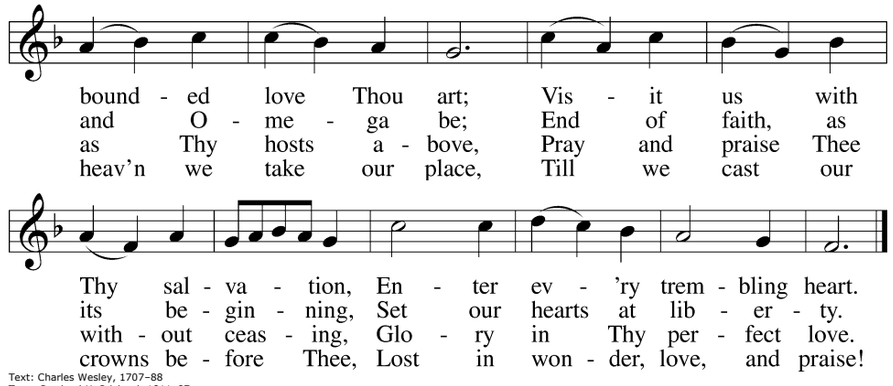

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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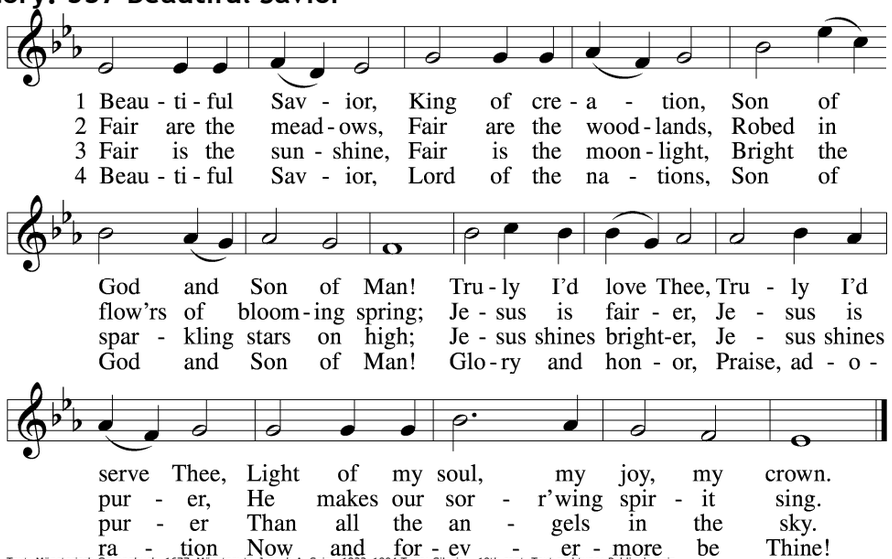

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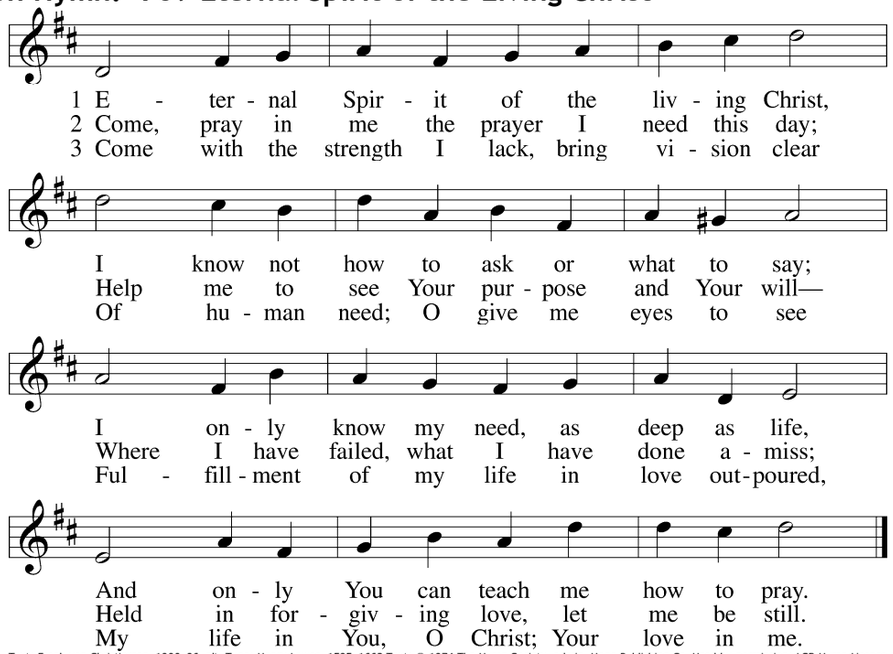
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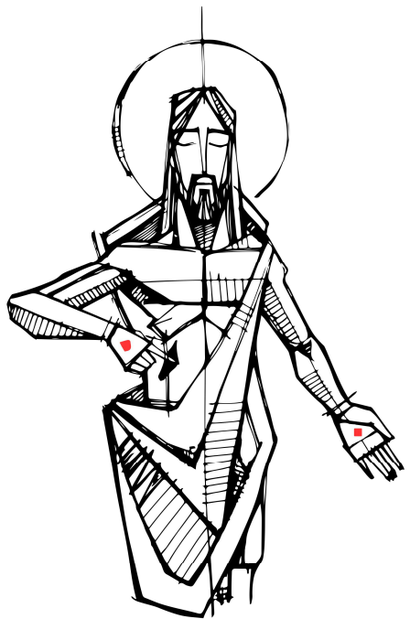

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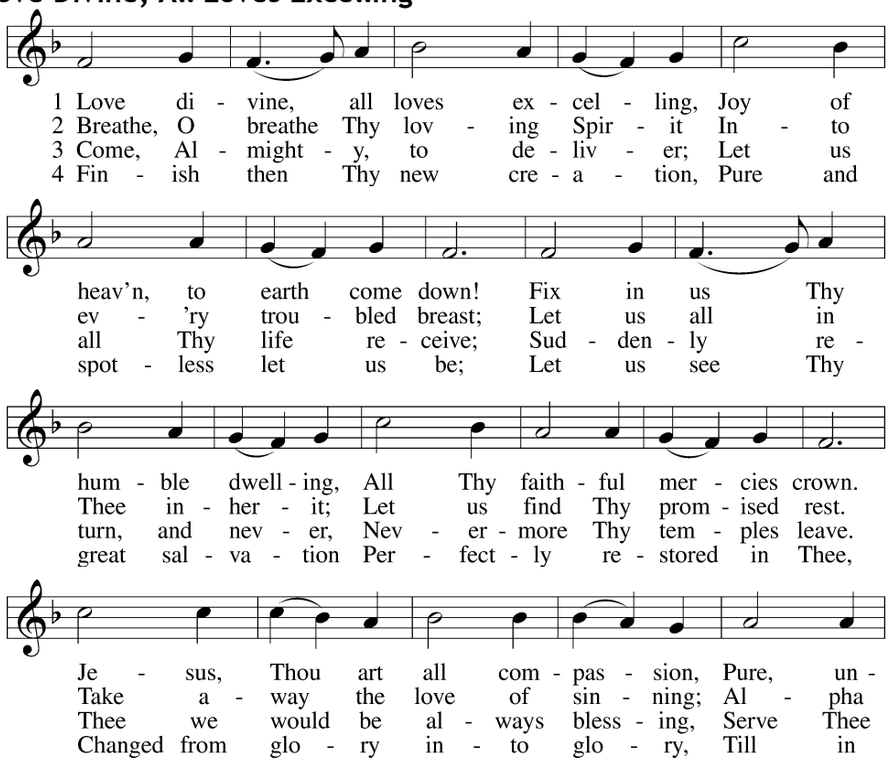
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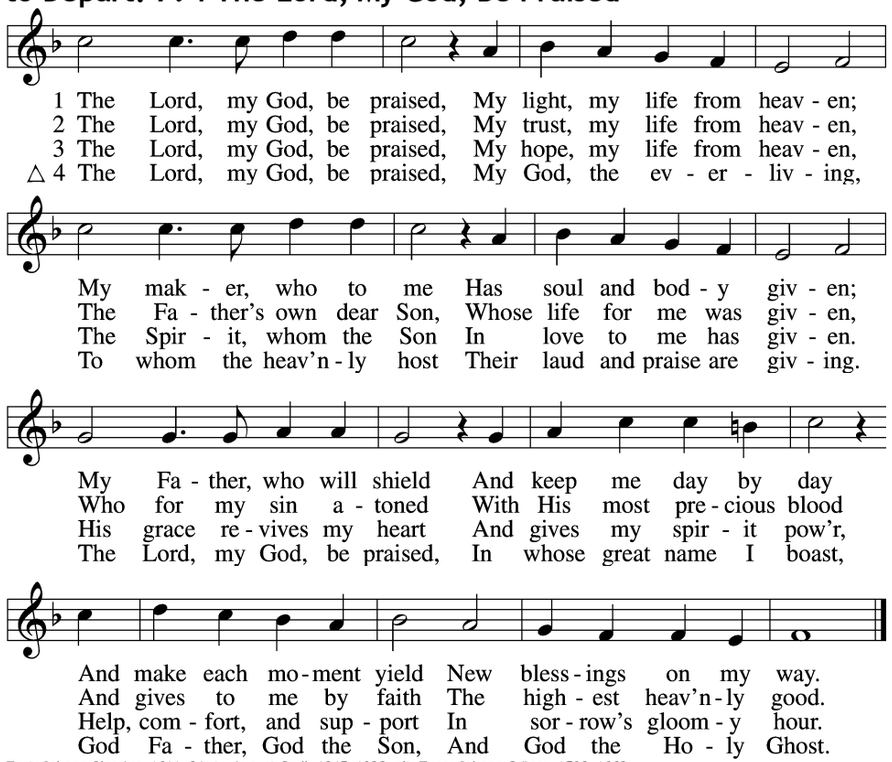
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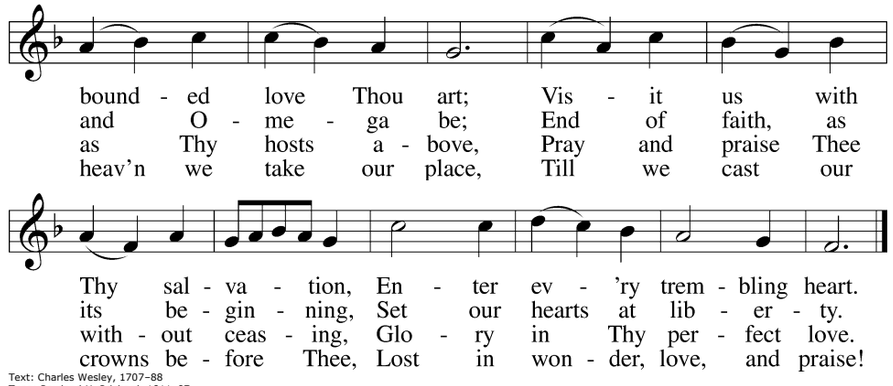

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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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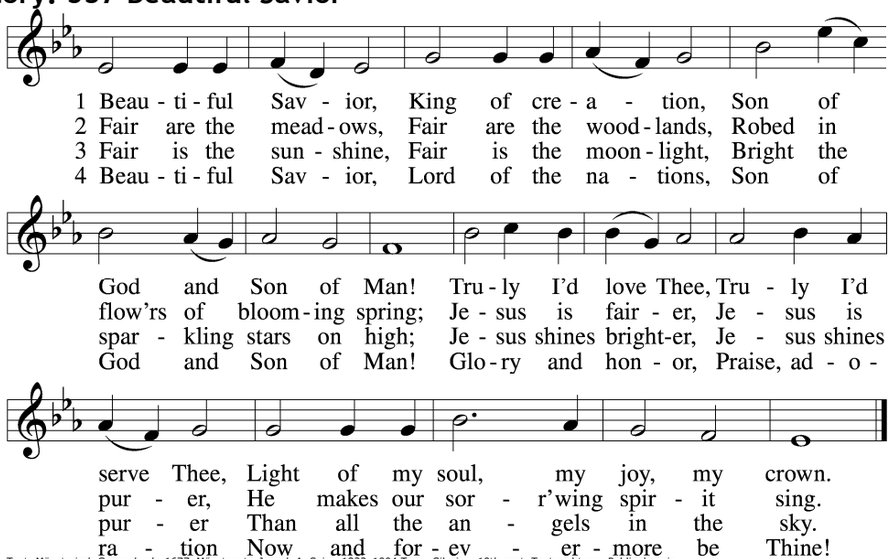
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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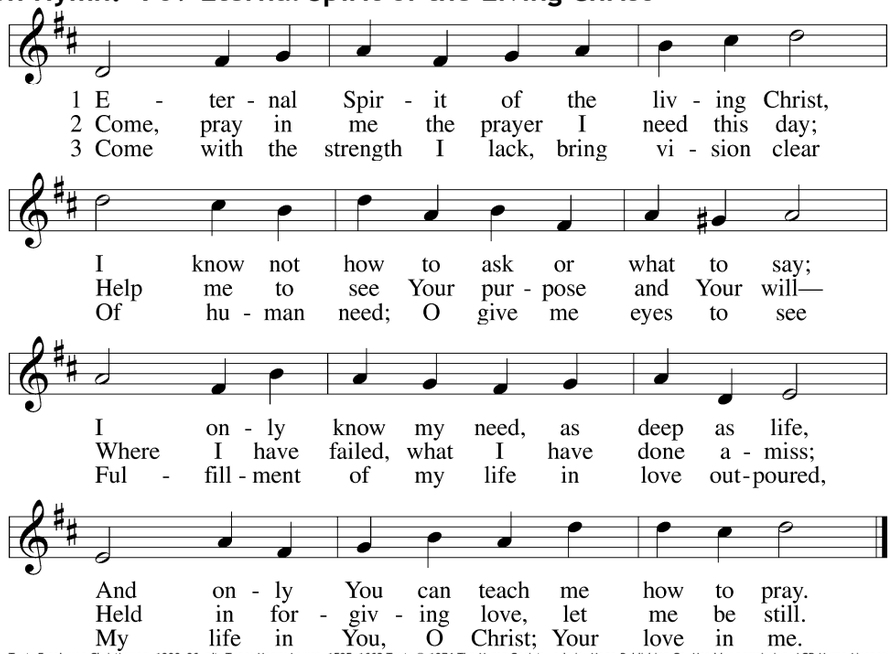
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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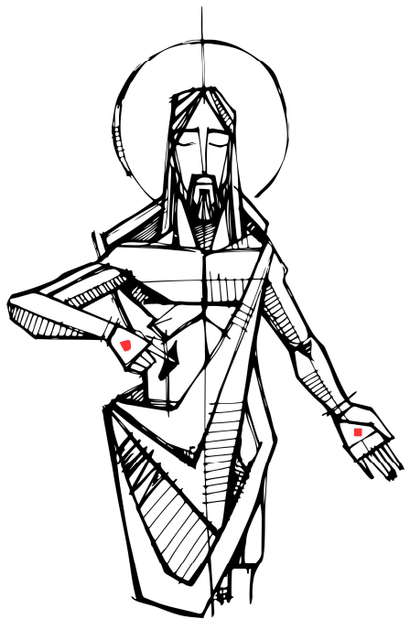

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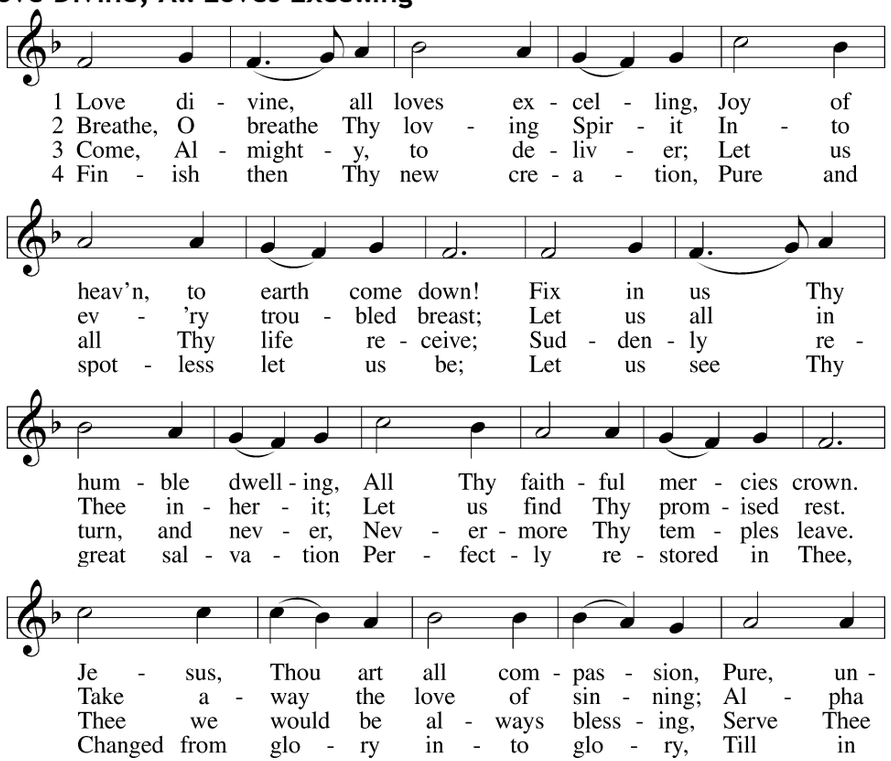
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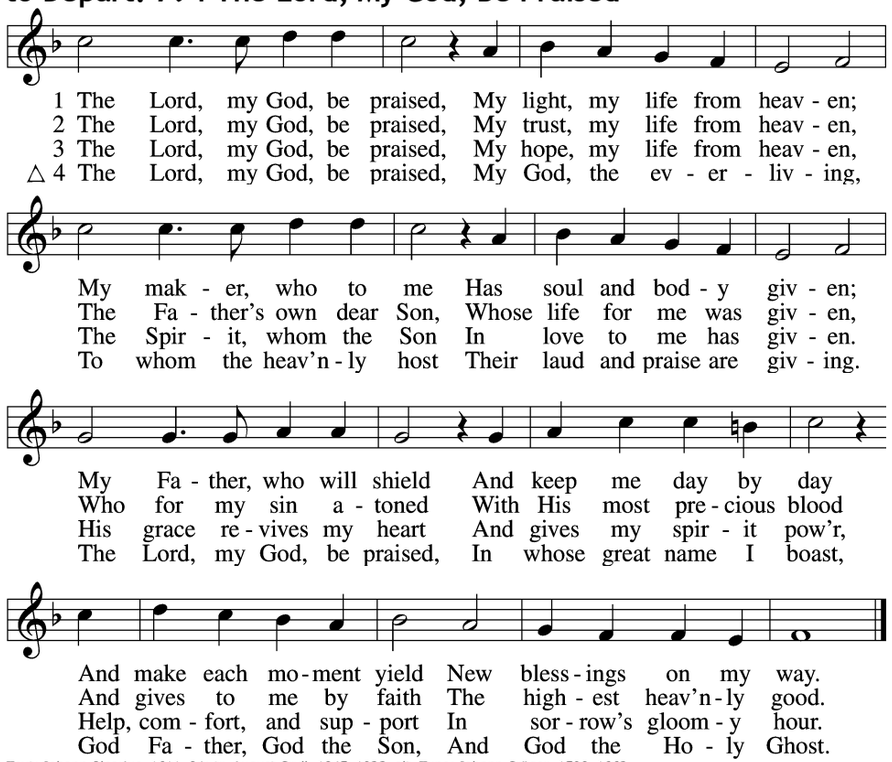
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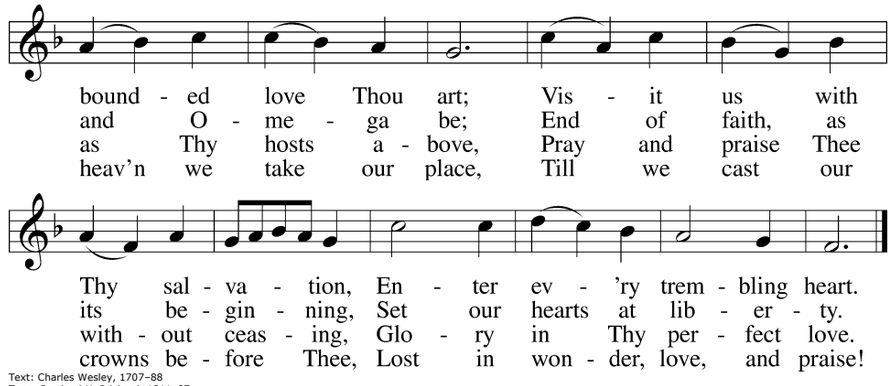

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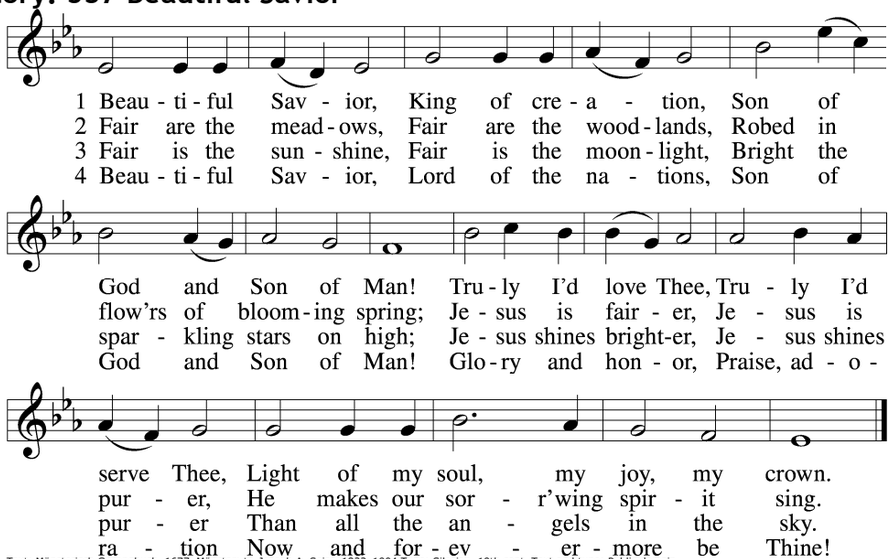

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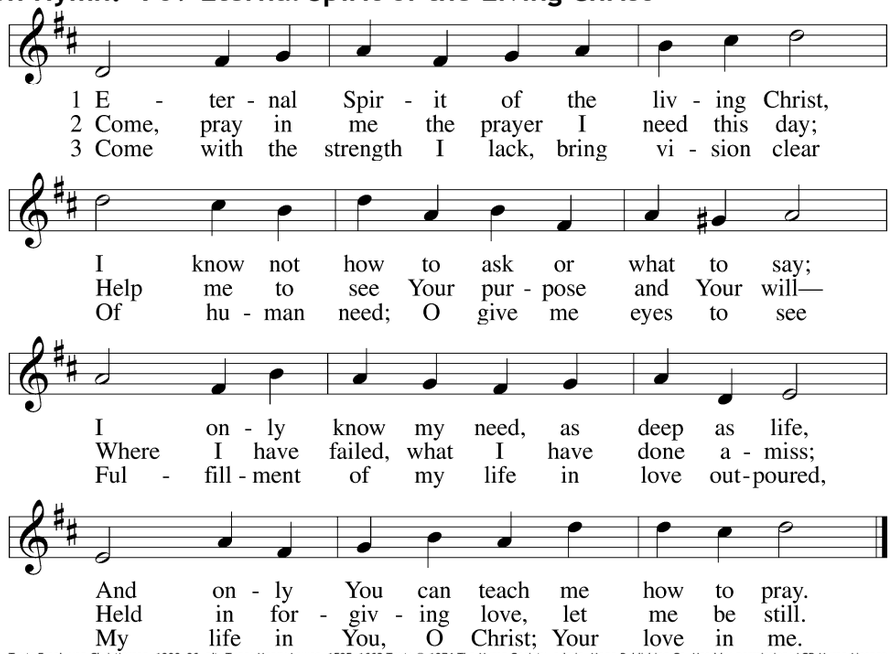
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LWML

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.

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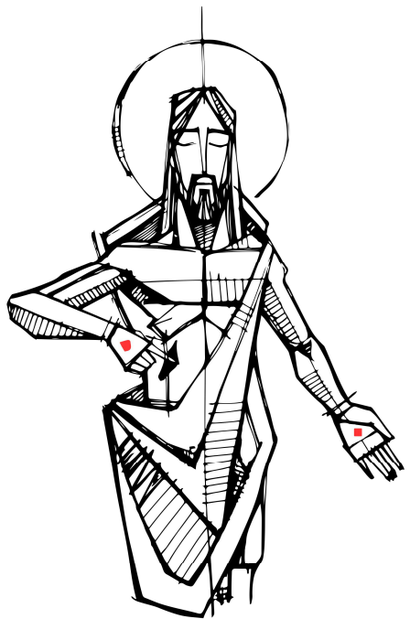

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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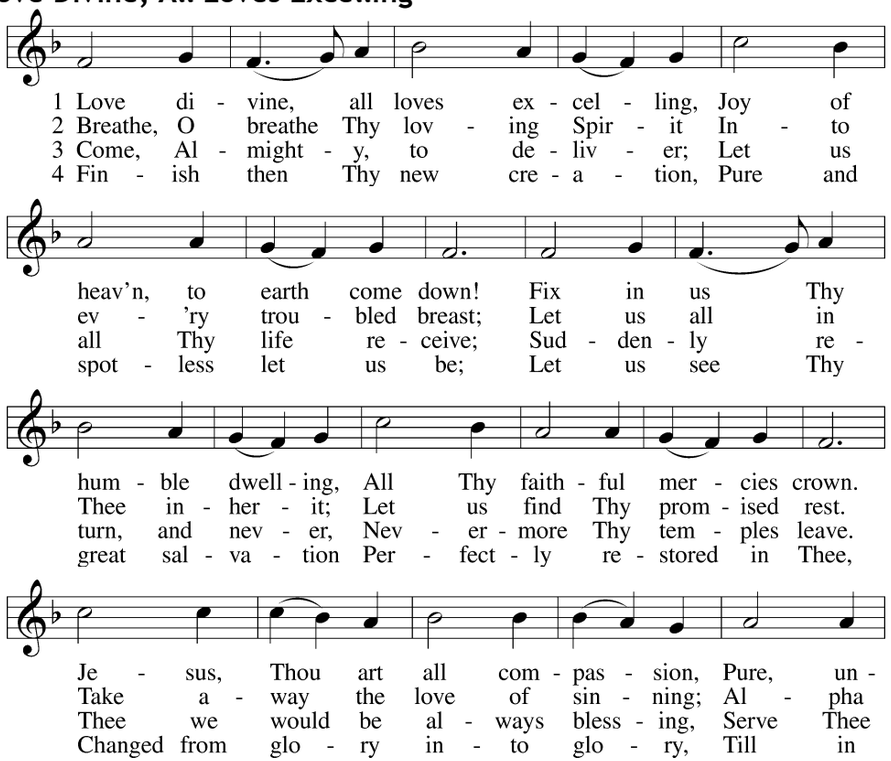
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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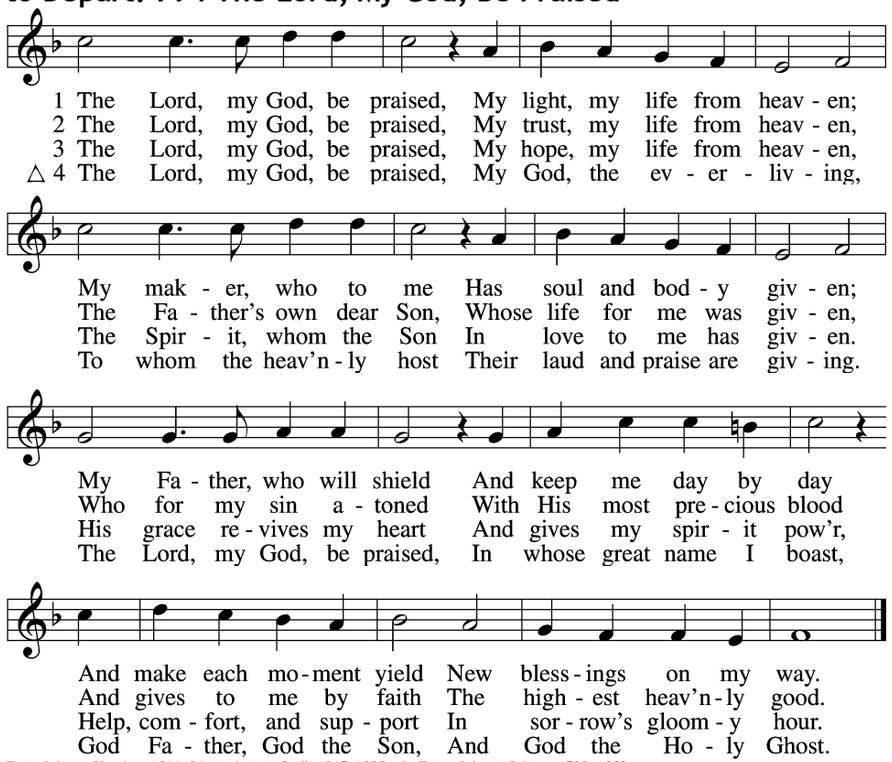
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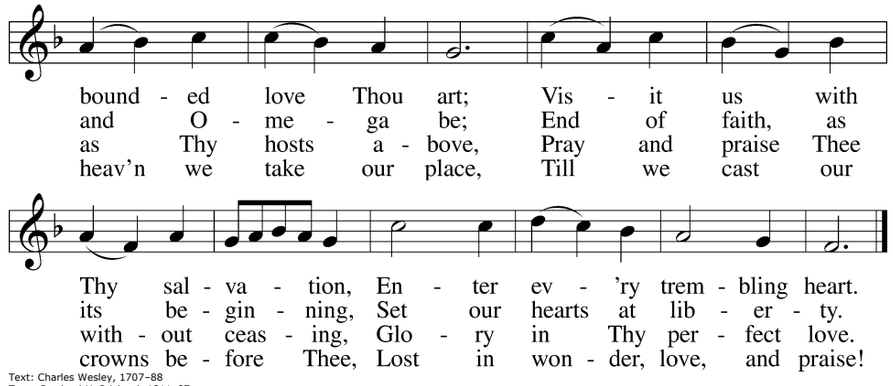

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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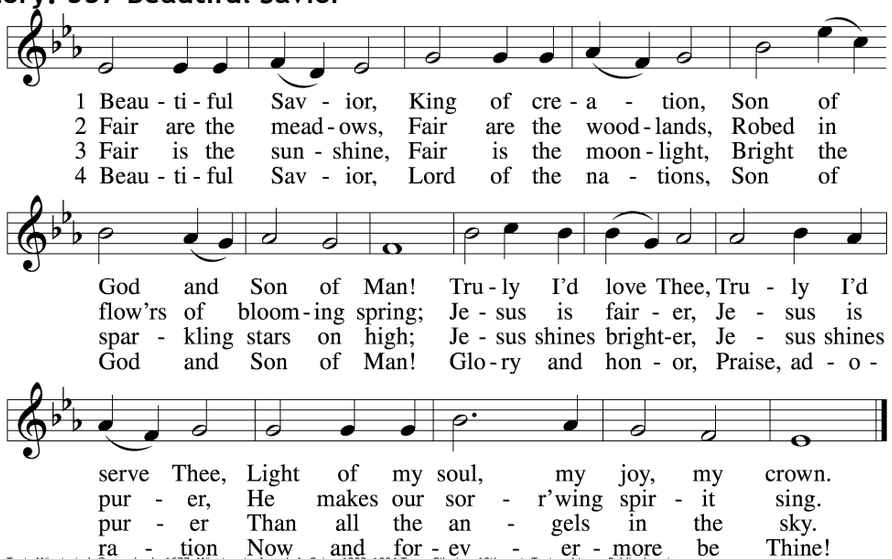

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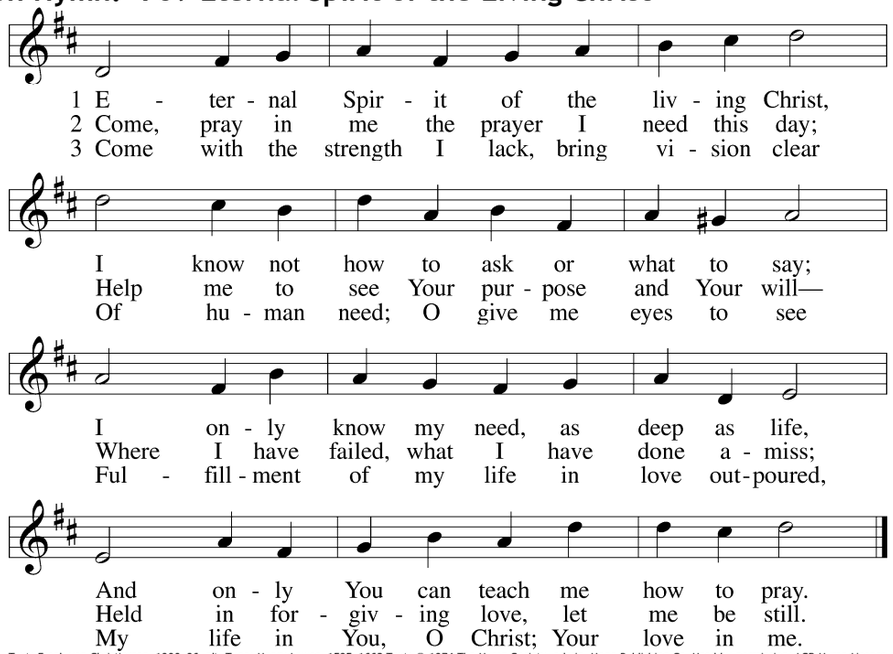
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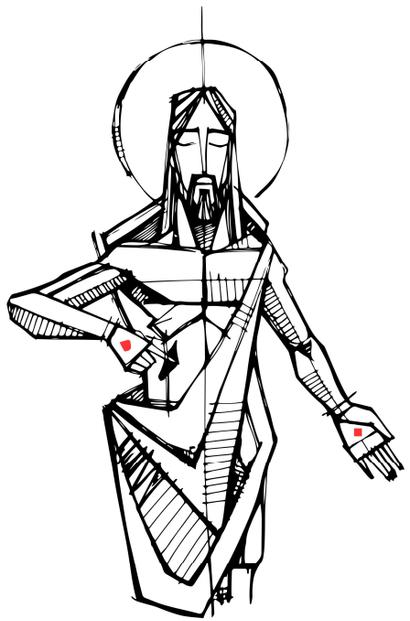

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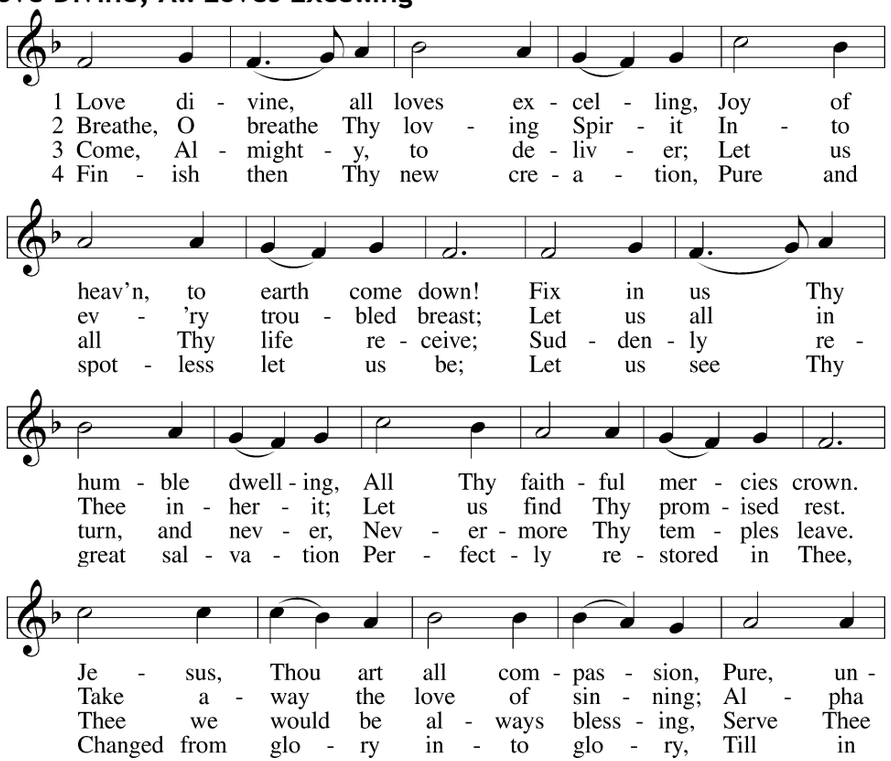
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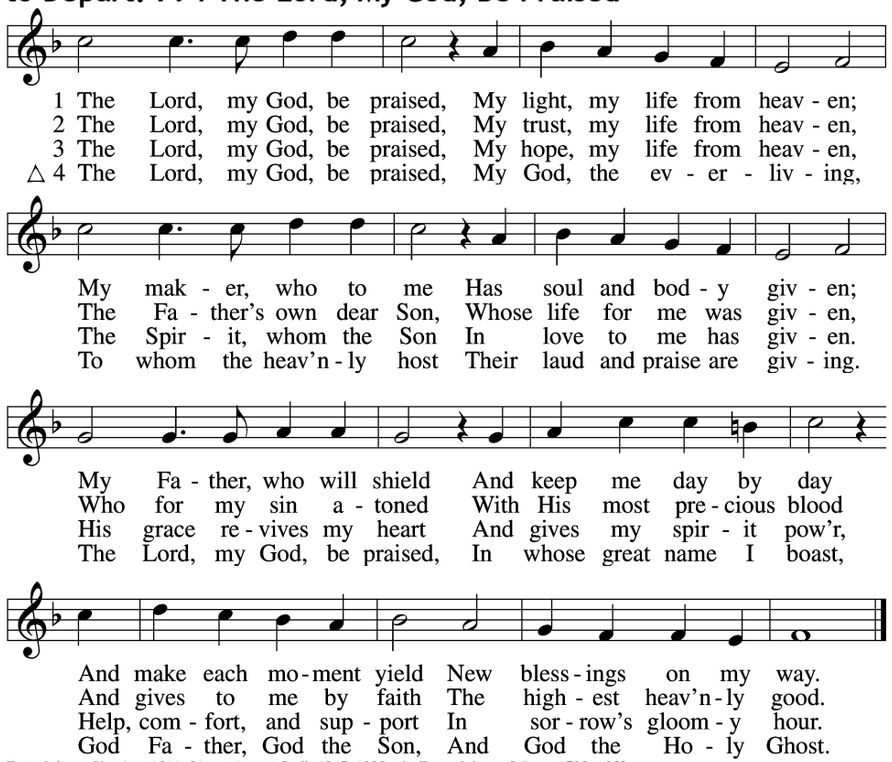
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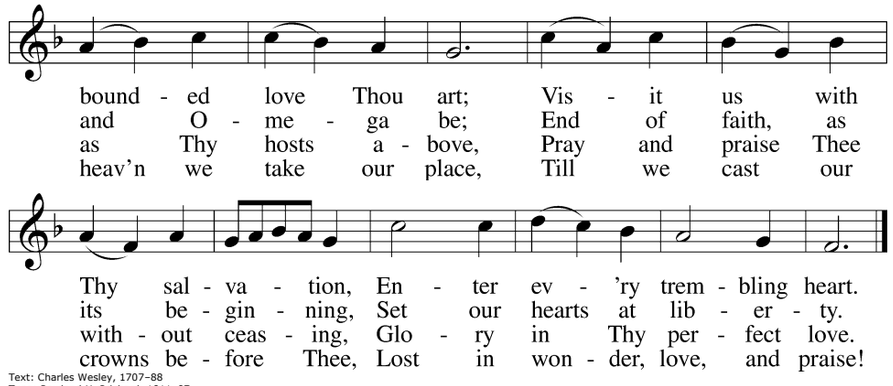

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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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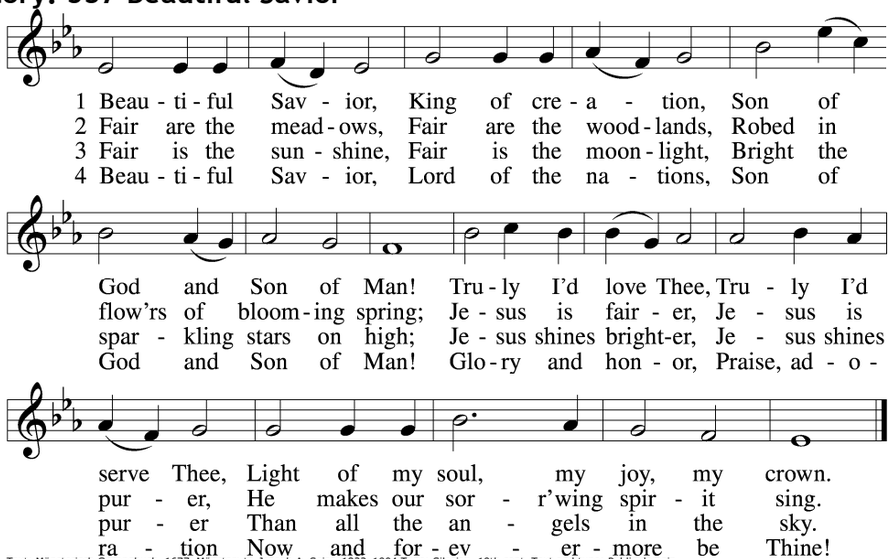
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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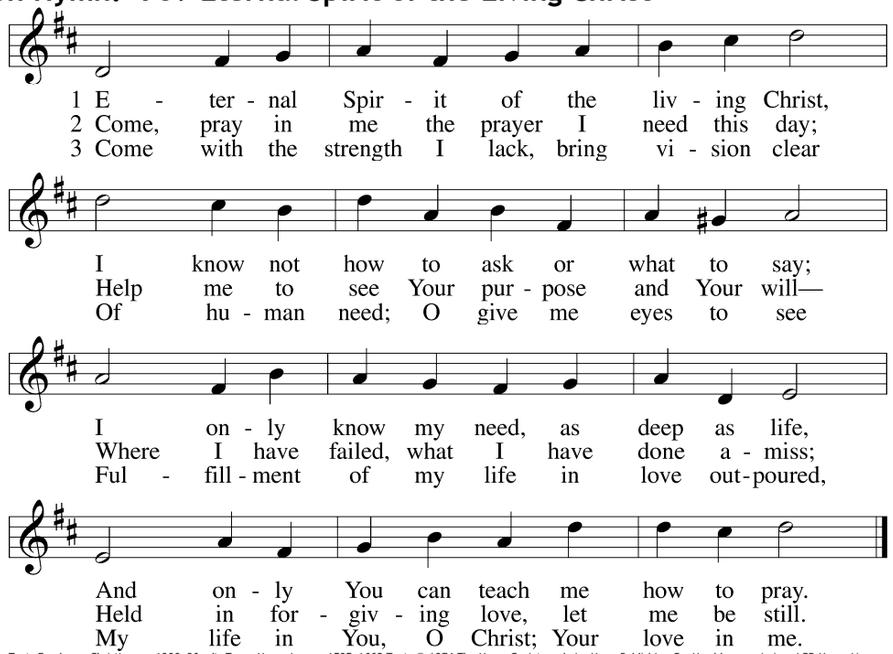
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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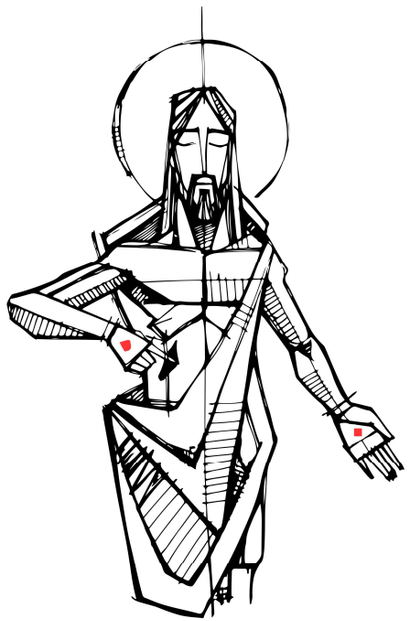

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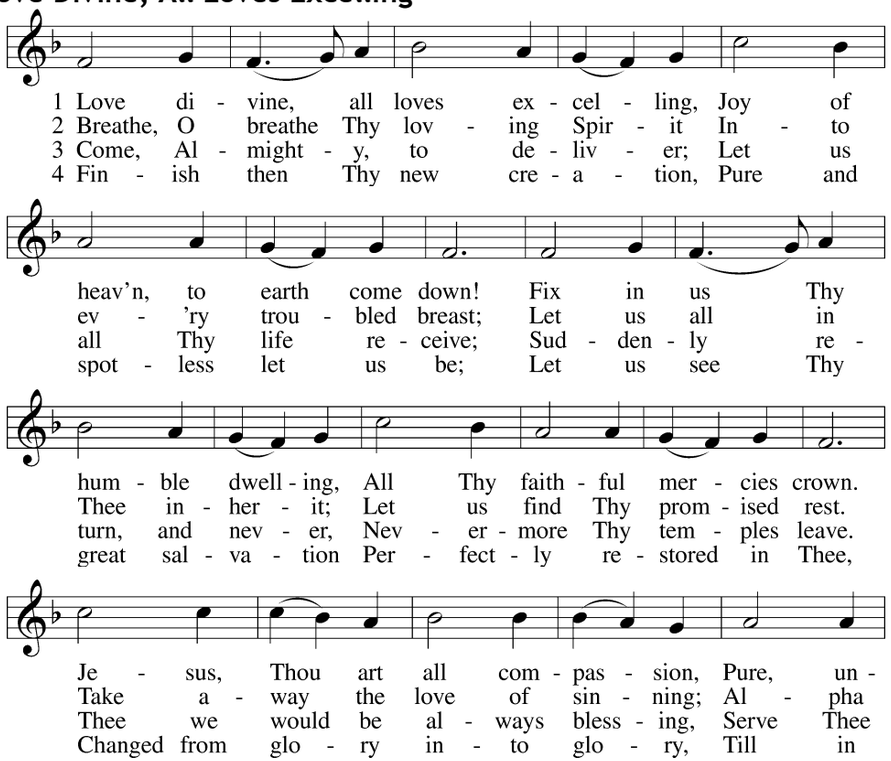
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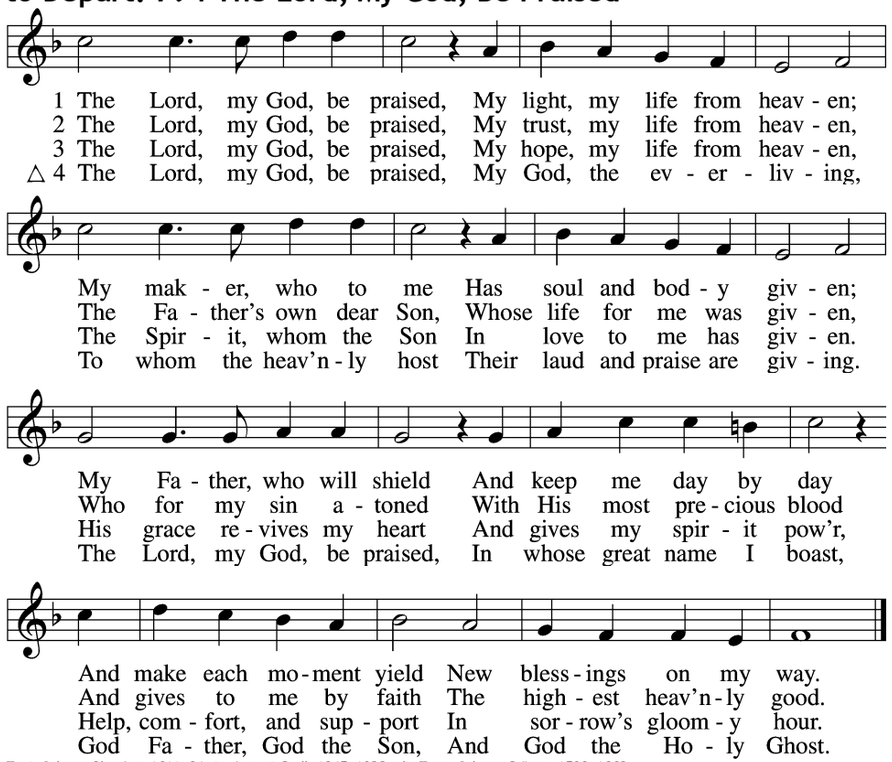
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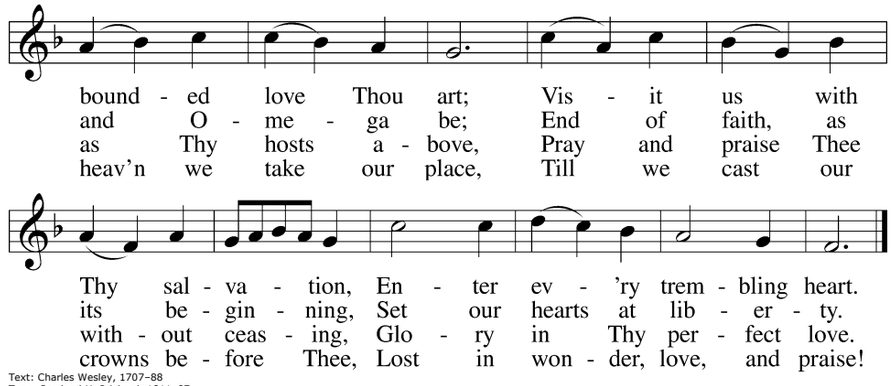

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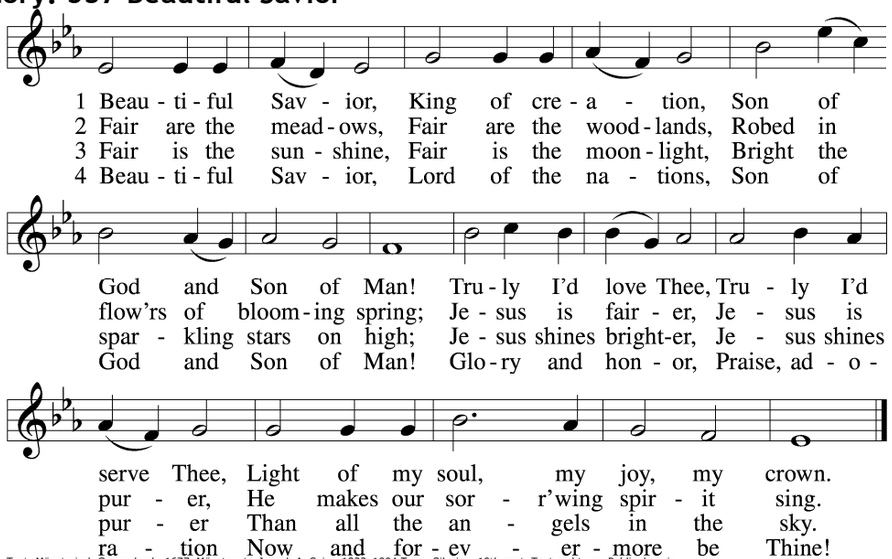

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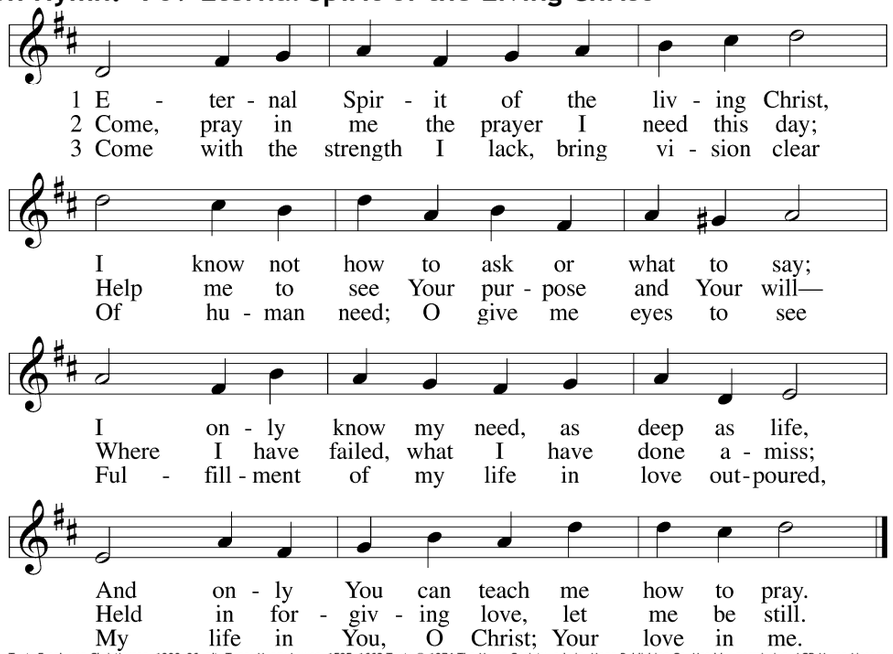
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Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and talk 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.

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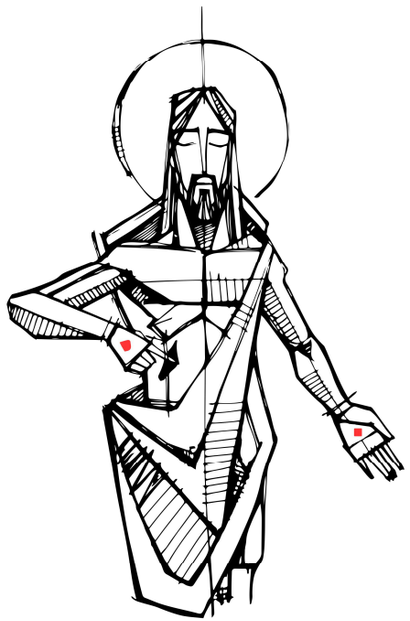

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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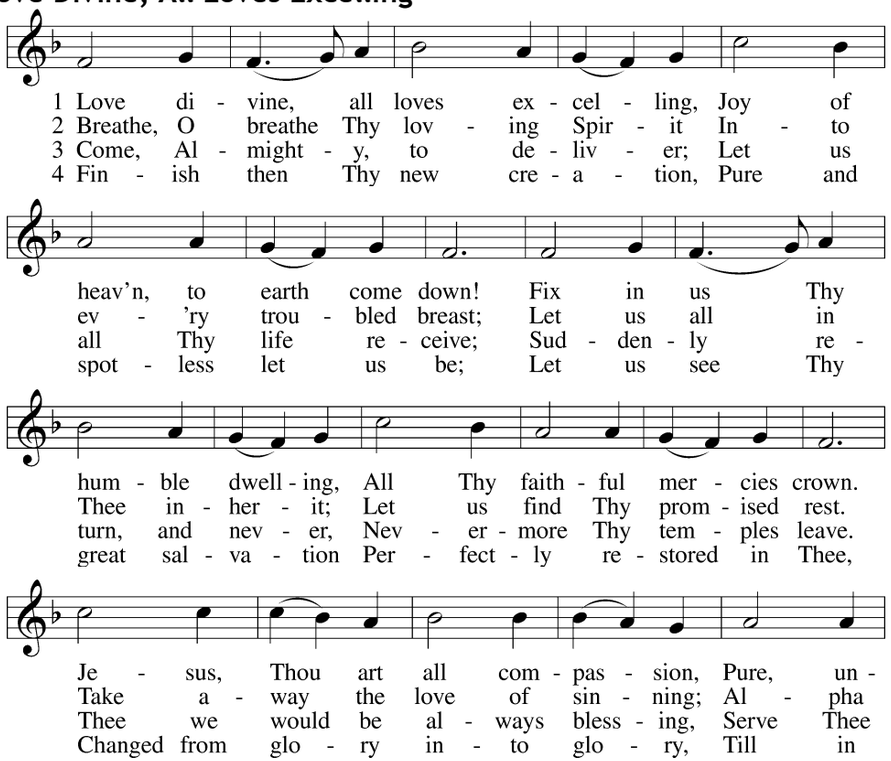
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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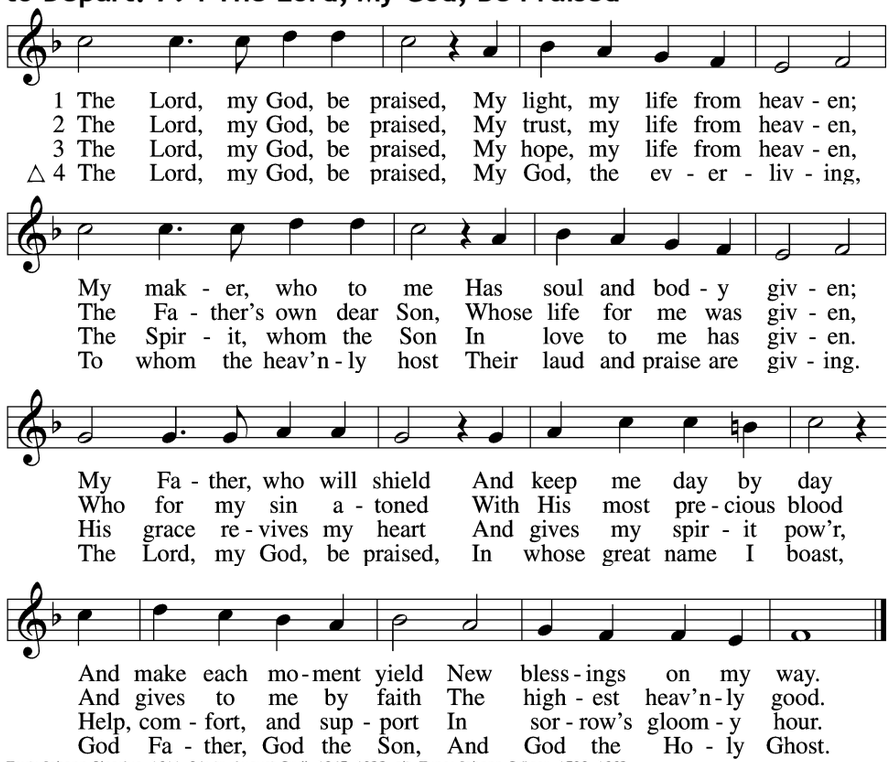
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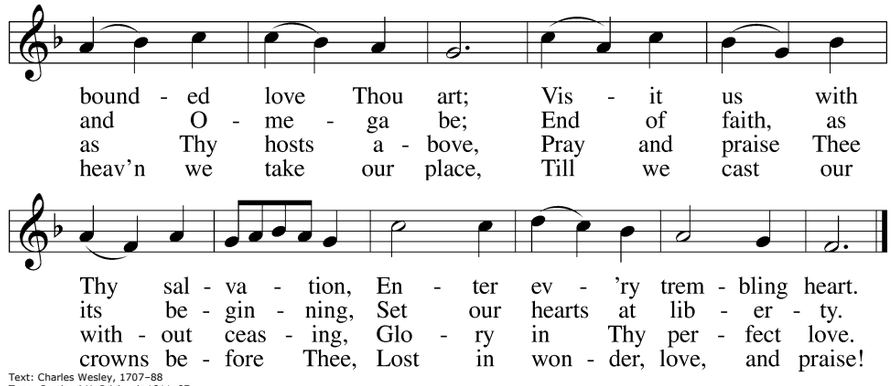

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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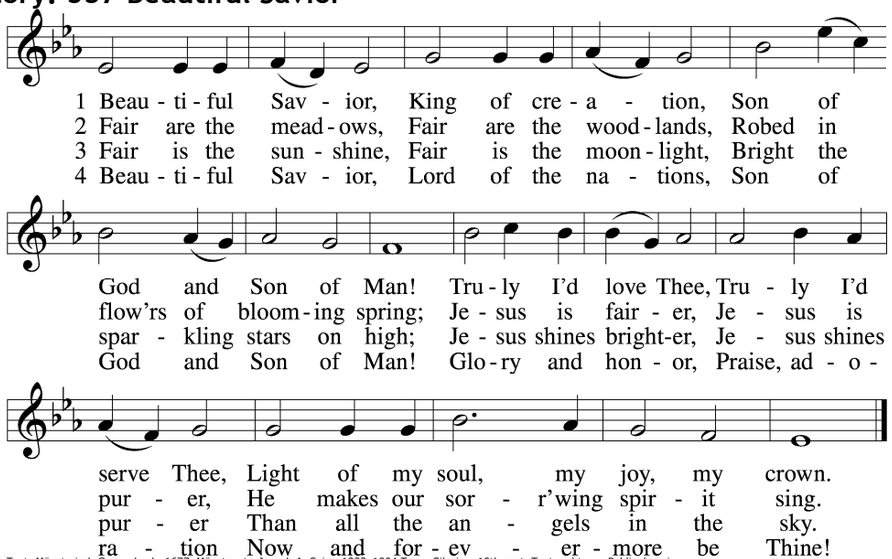

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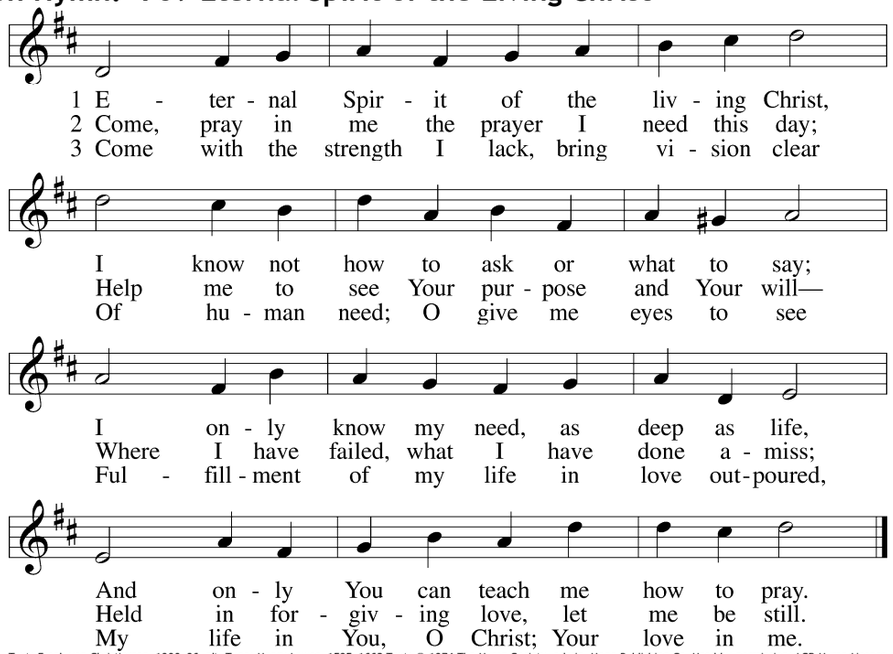
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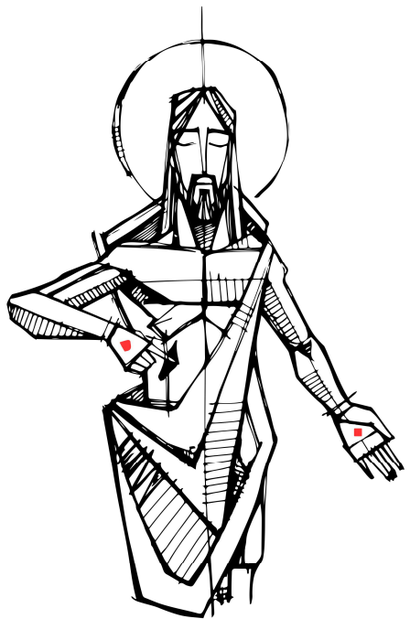

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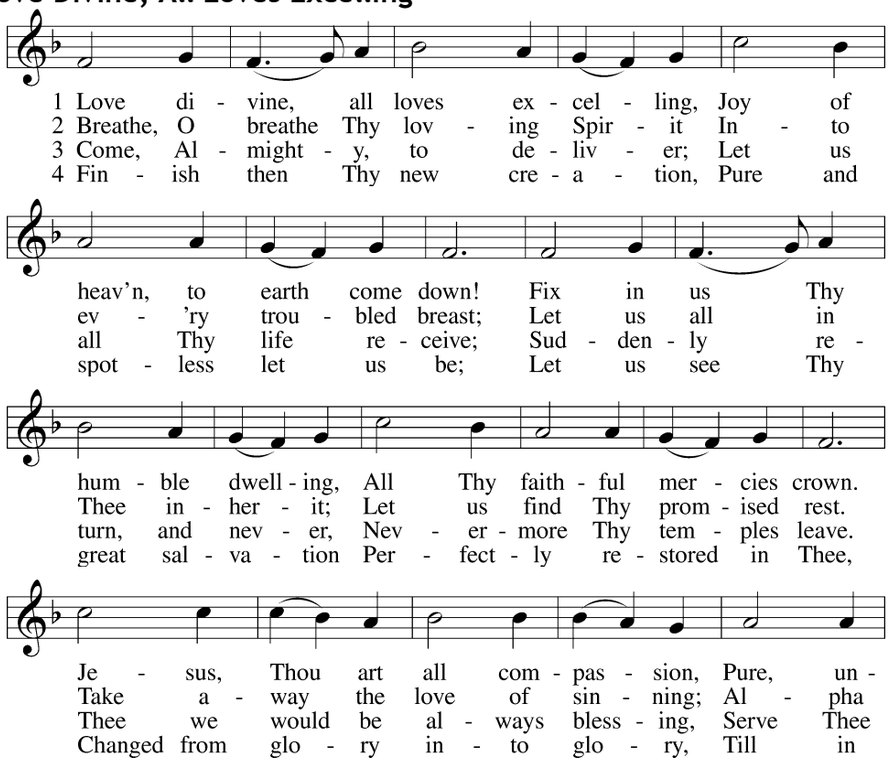
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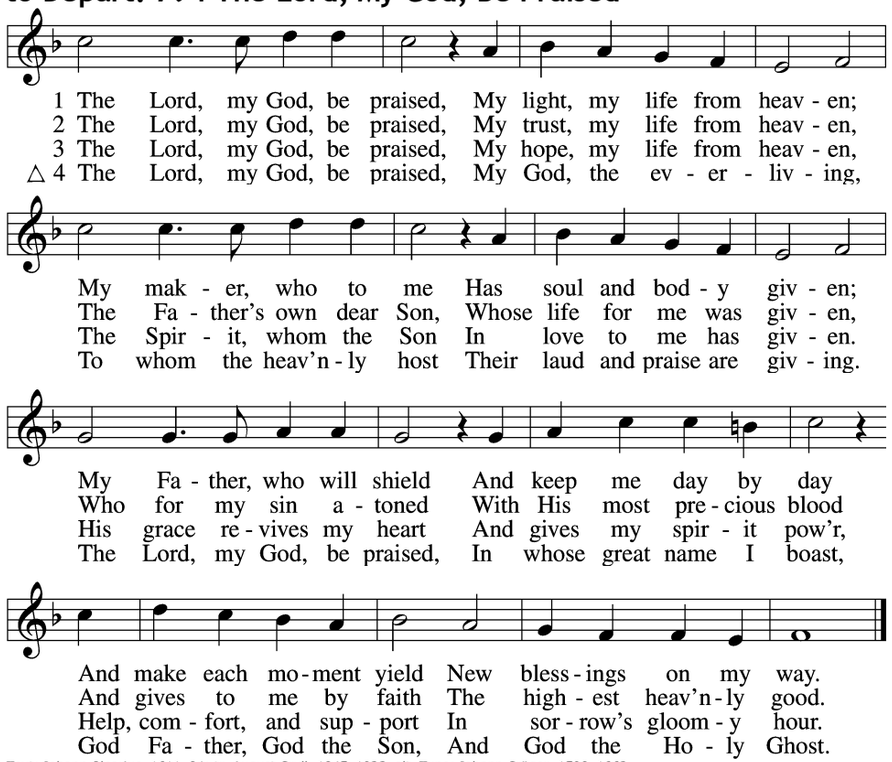
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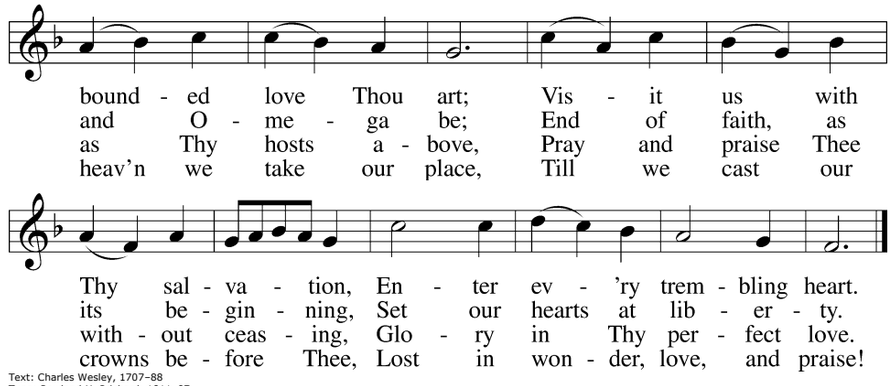

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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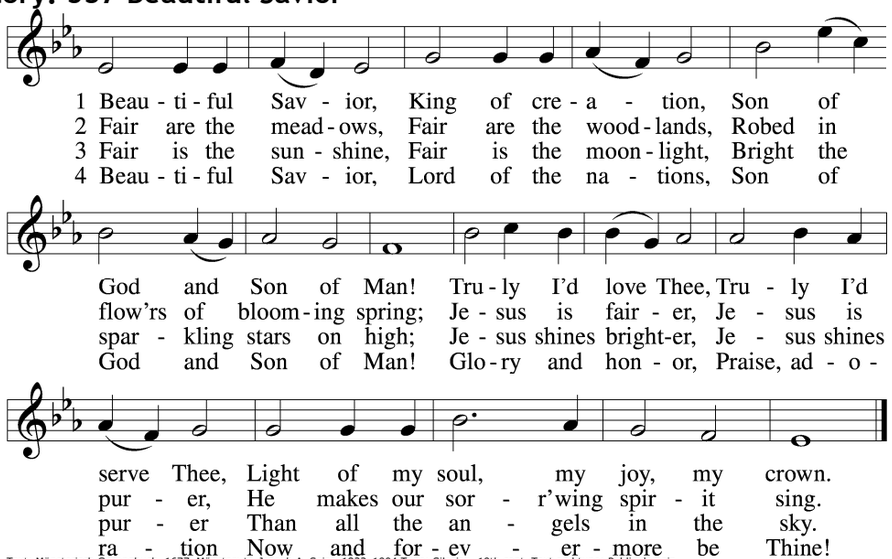
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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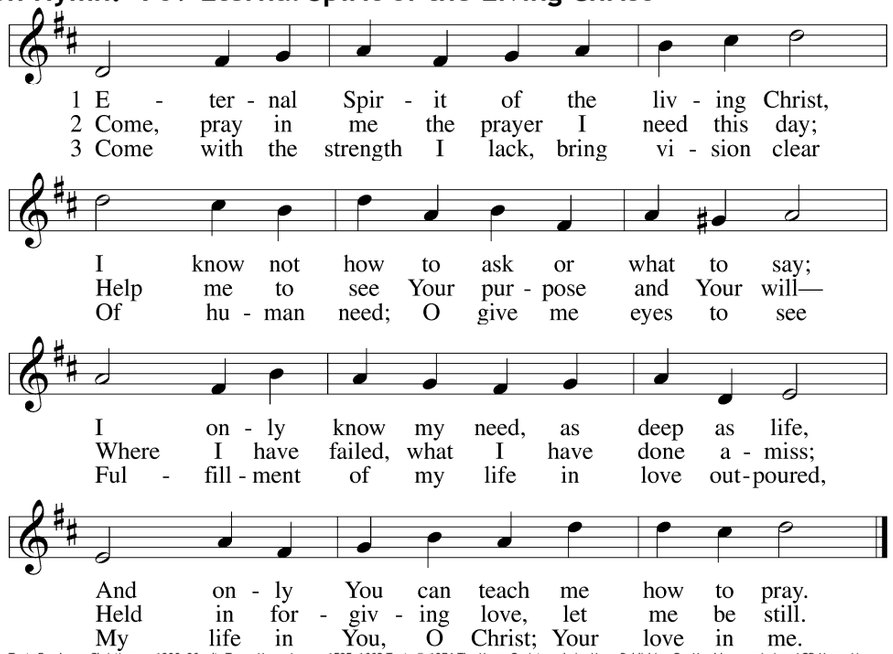
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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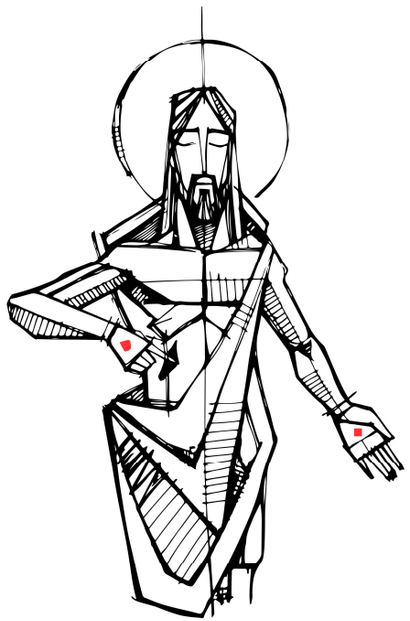

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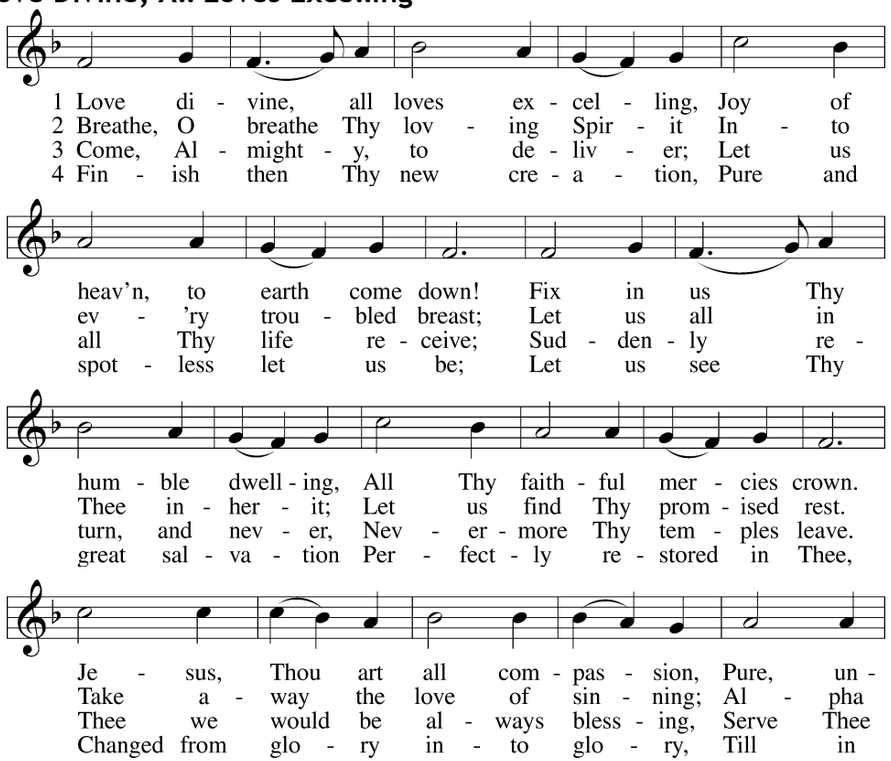
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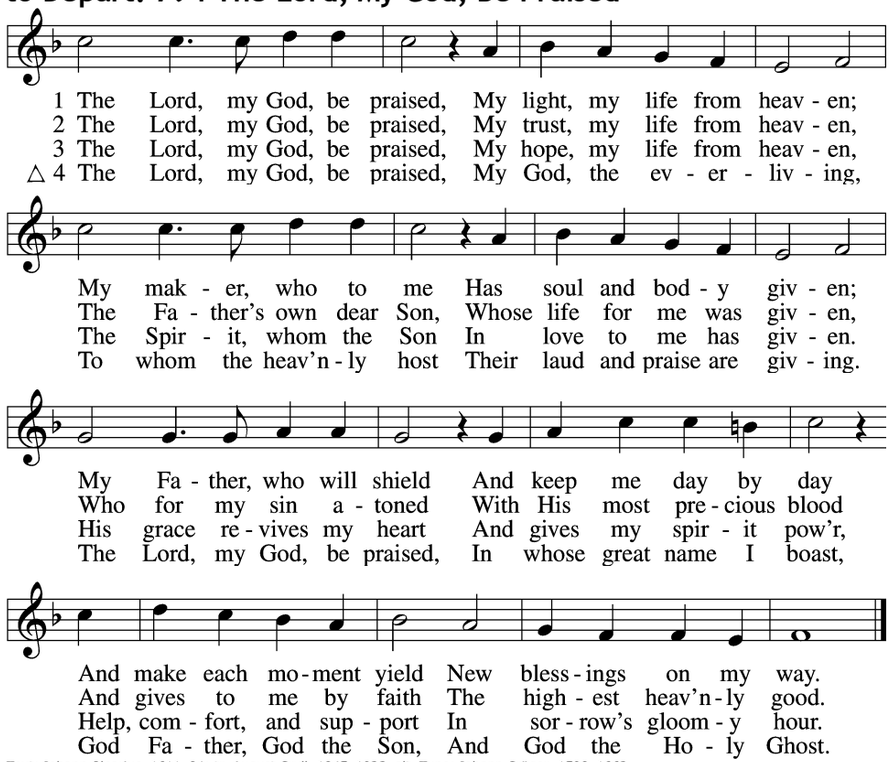
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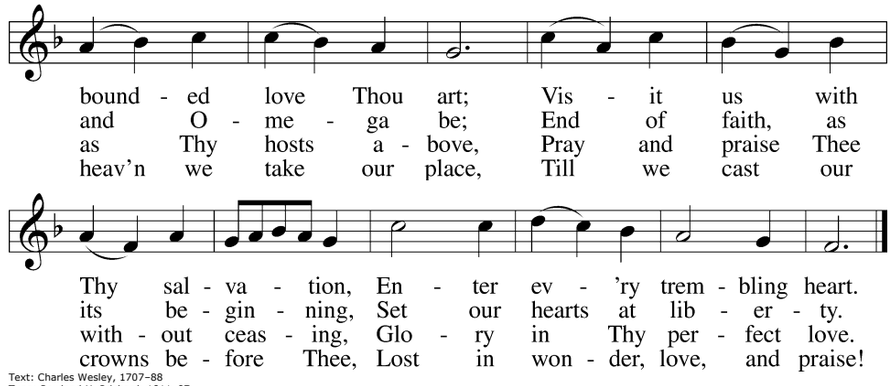

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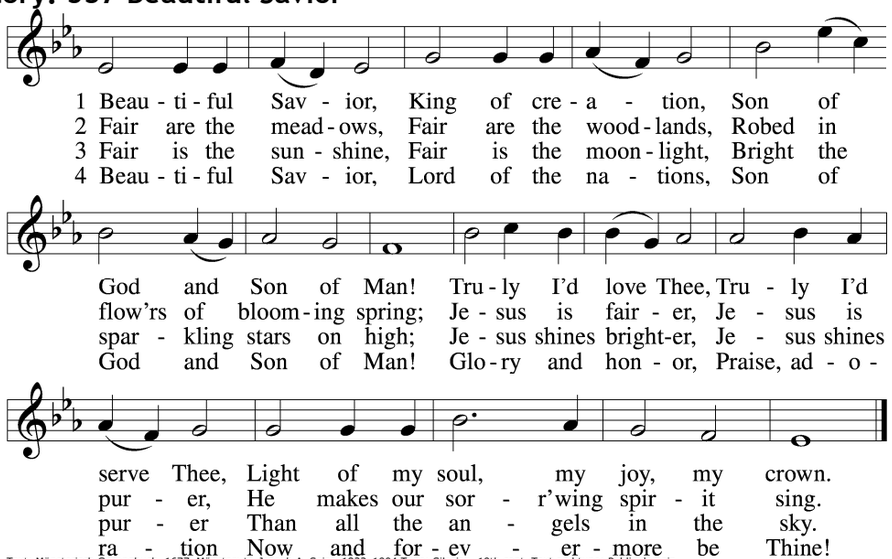

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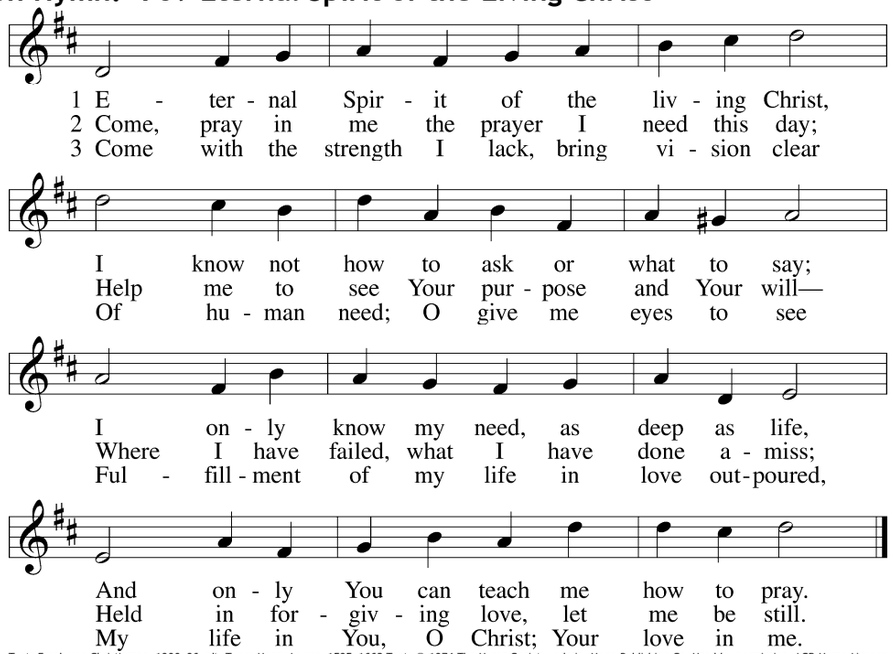
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LWML

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.

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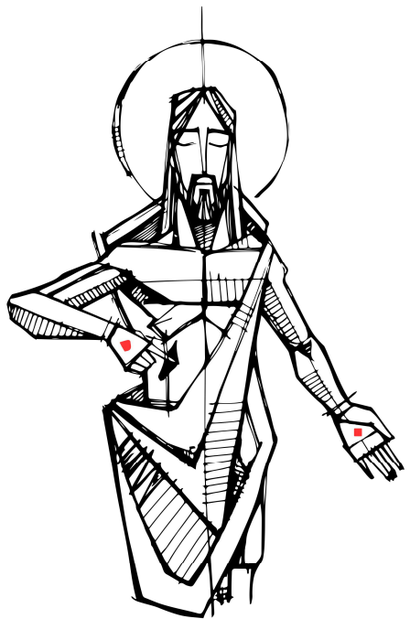

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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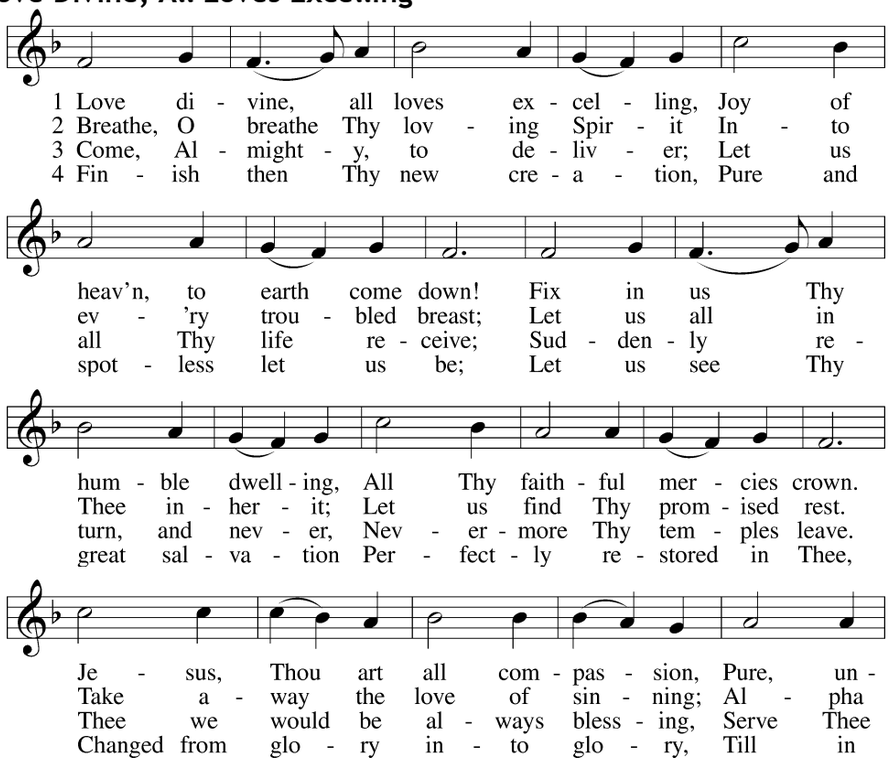
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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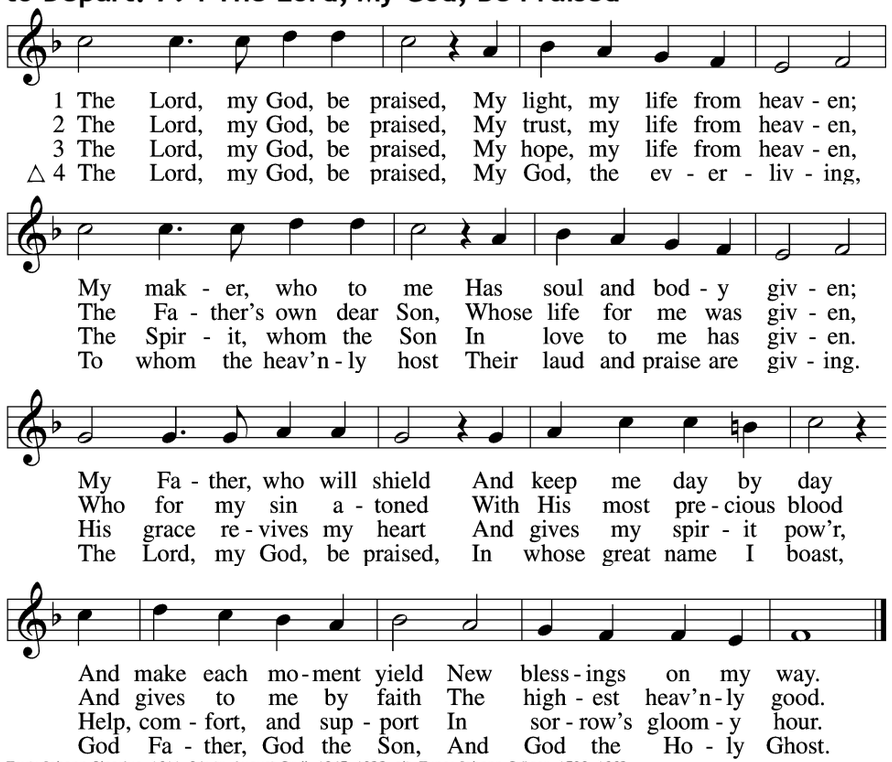
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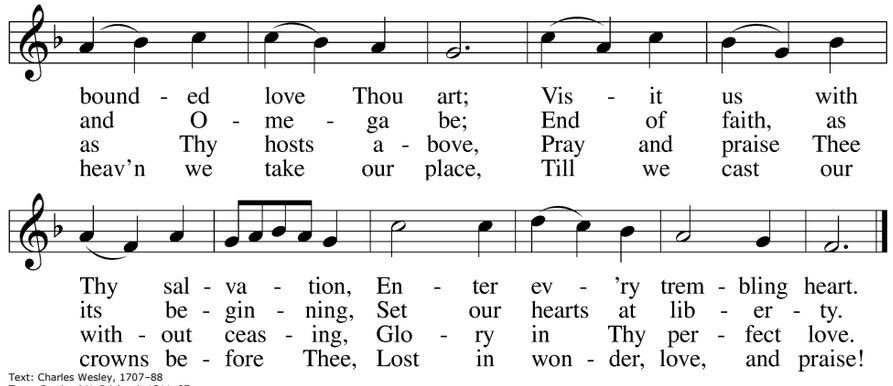

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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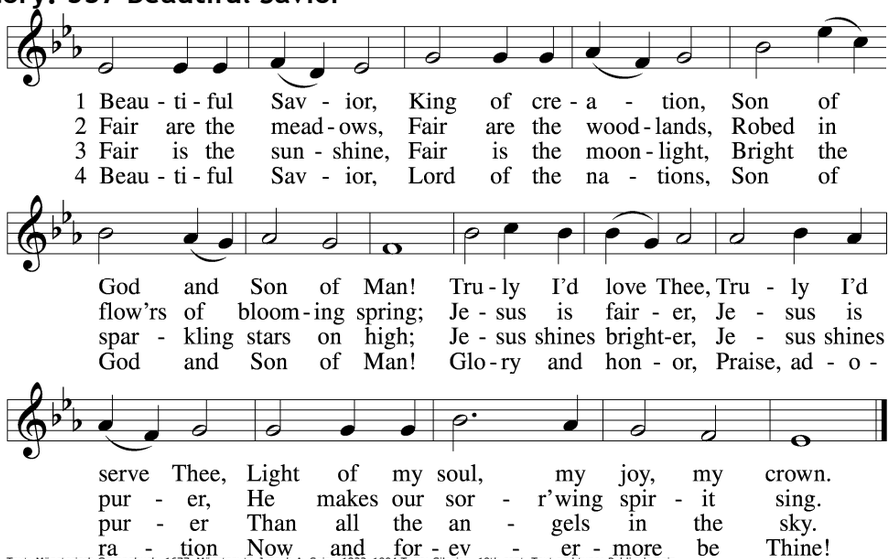

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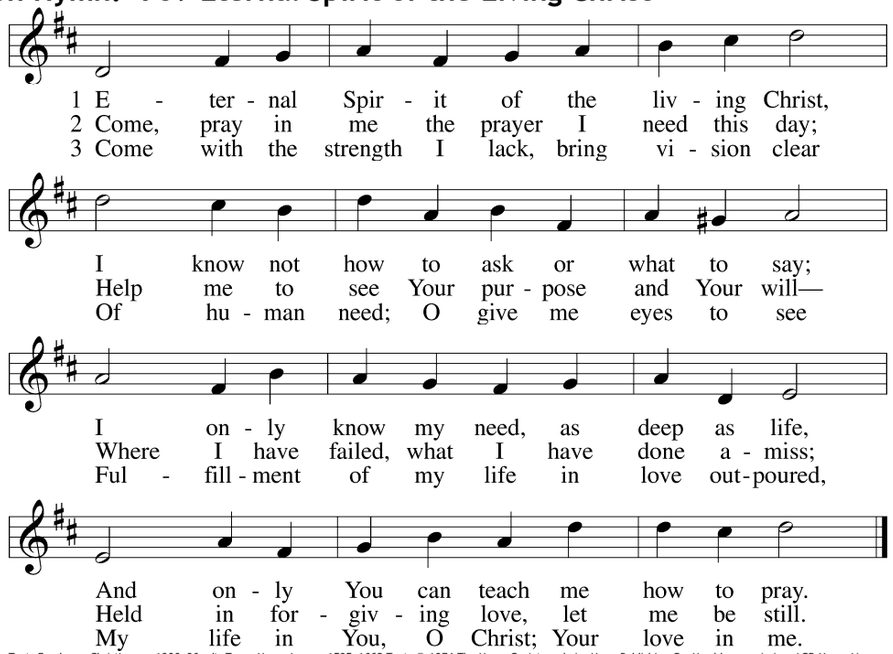
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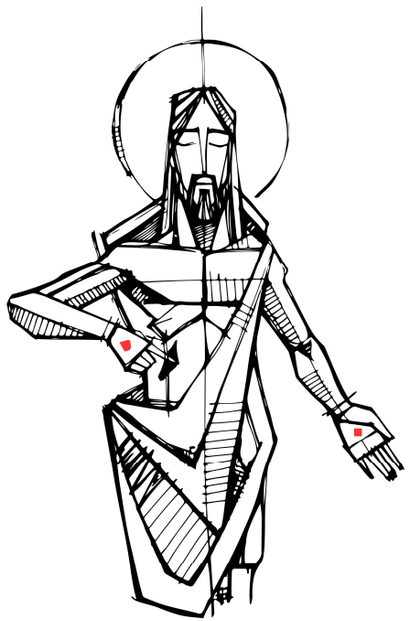

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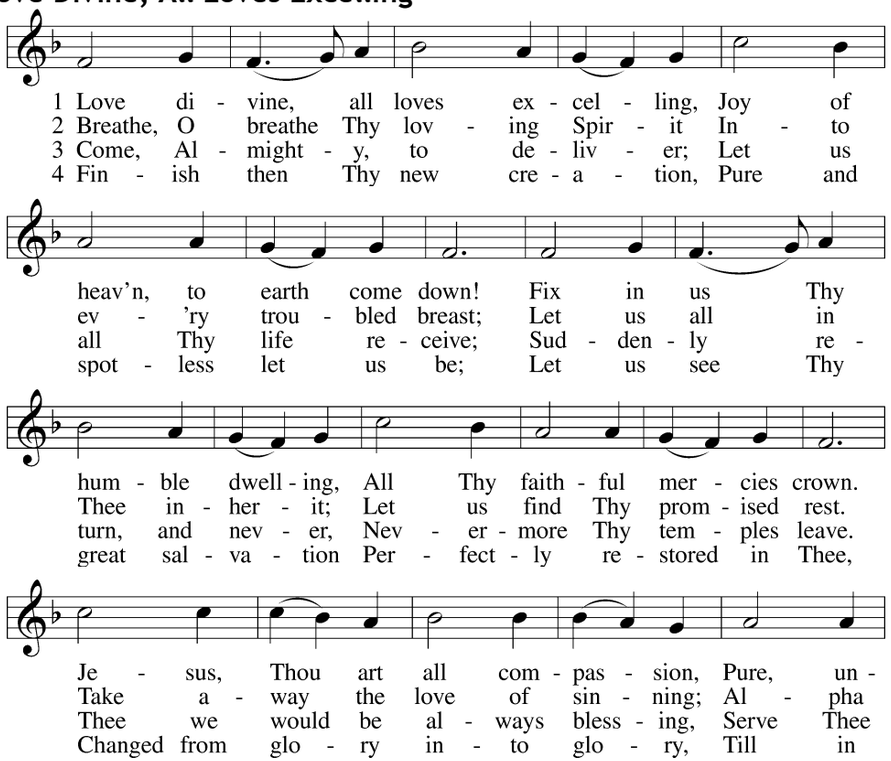
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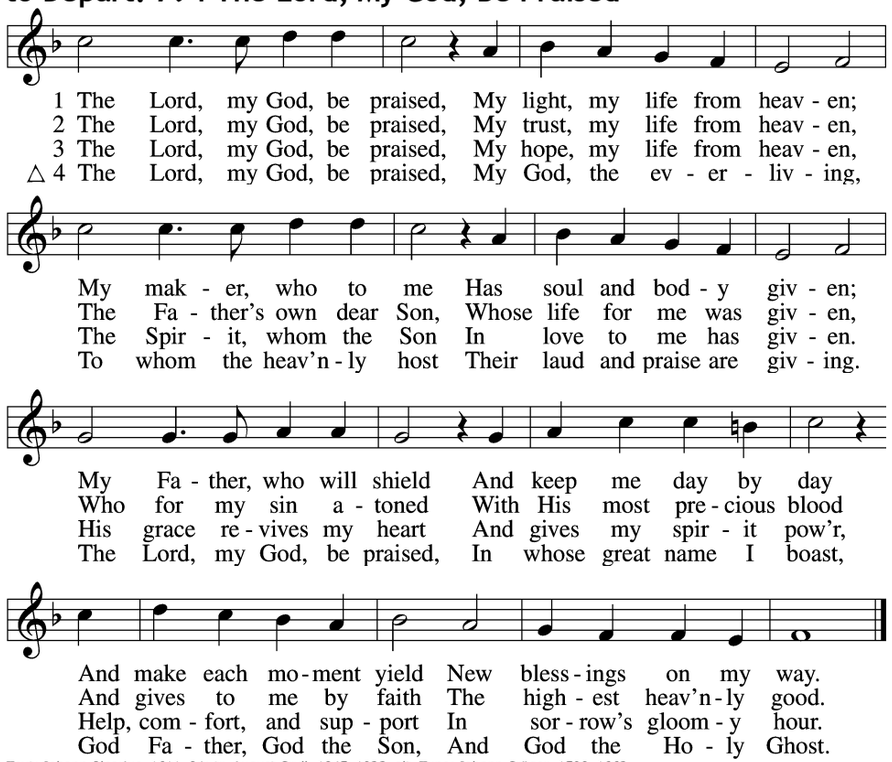
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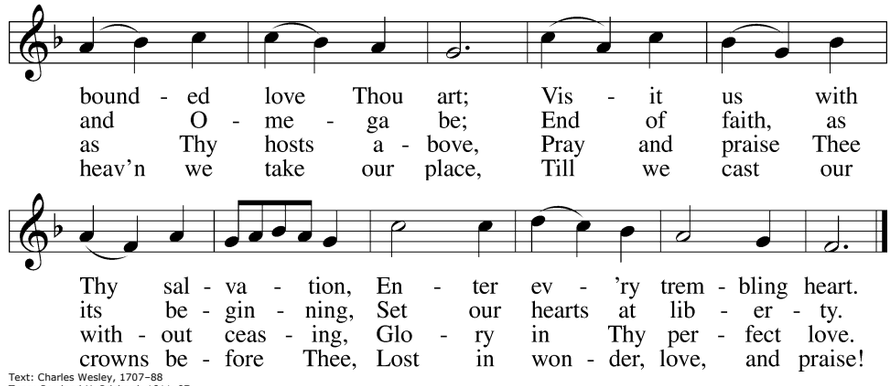

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and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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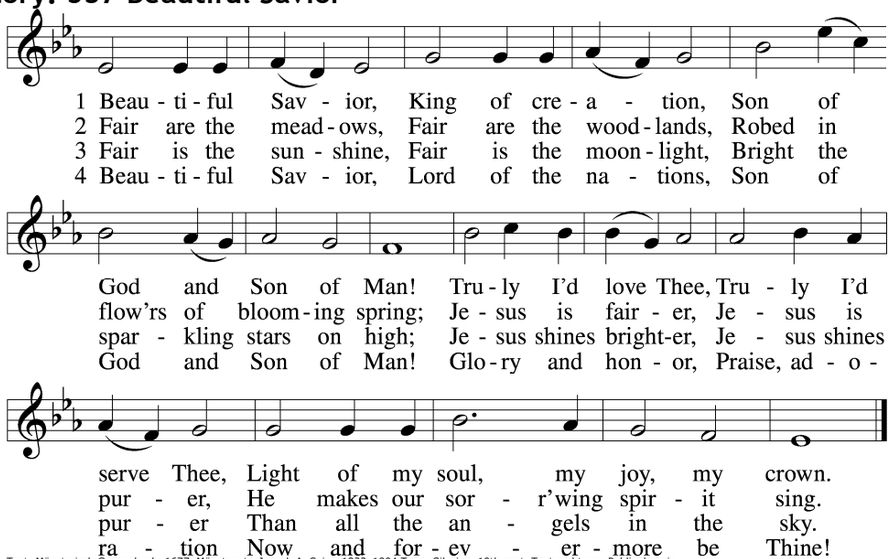
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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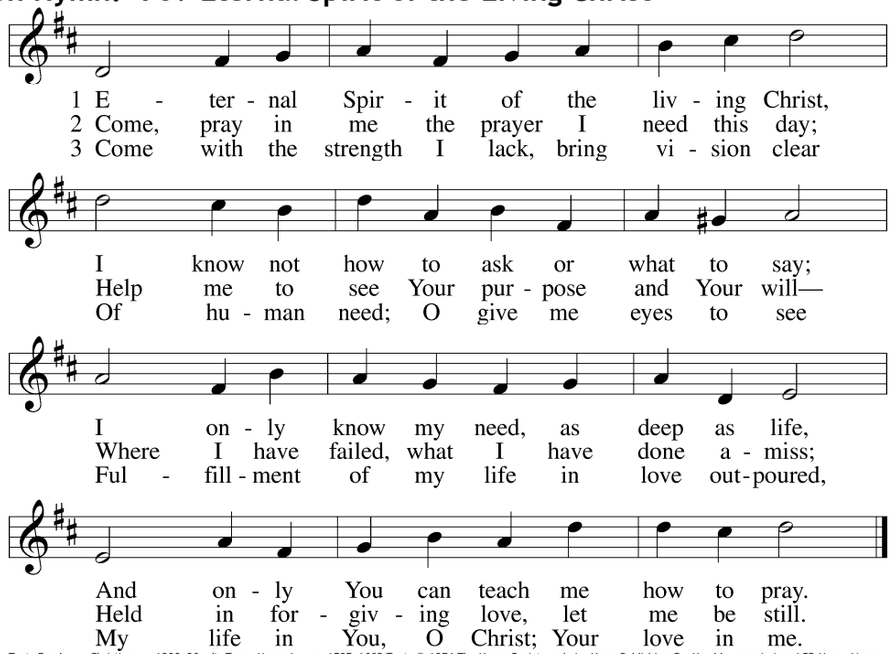
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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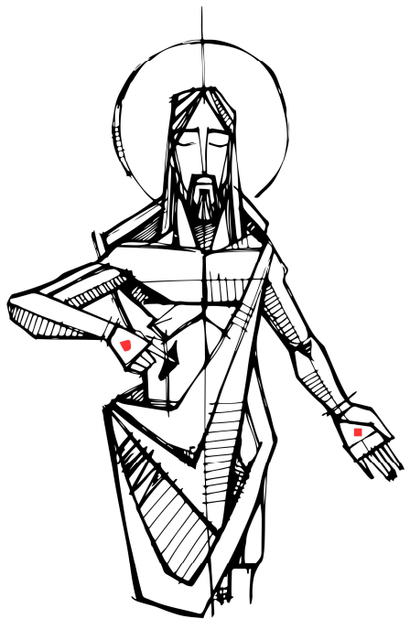

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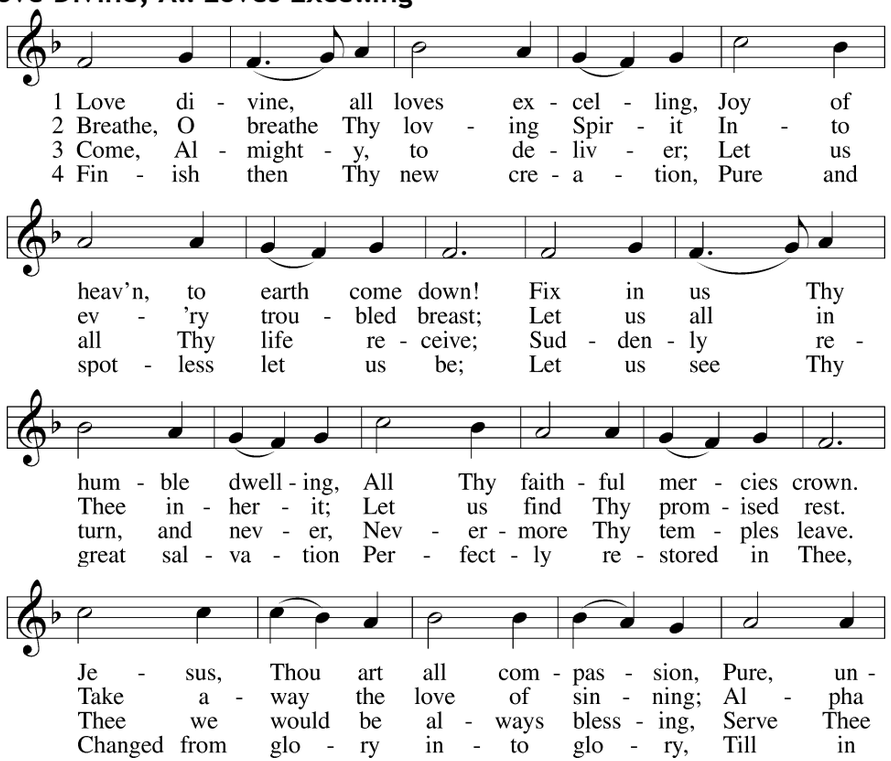
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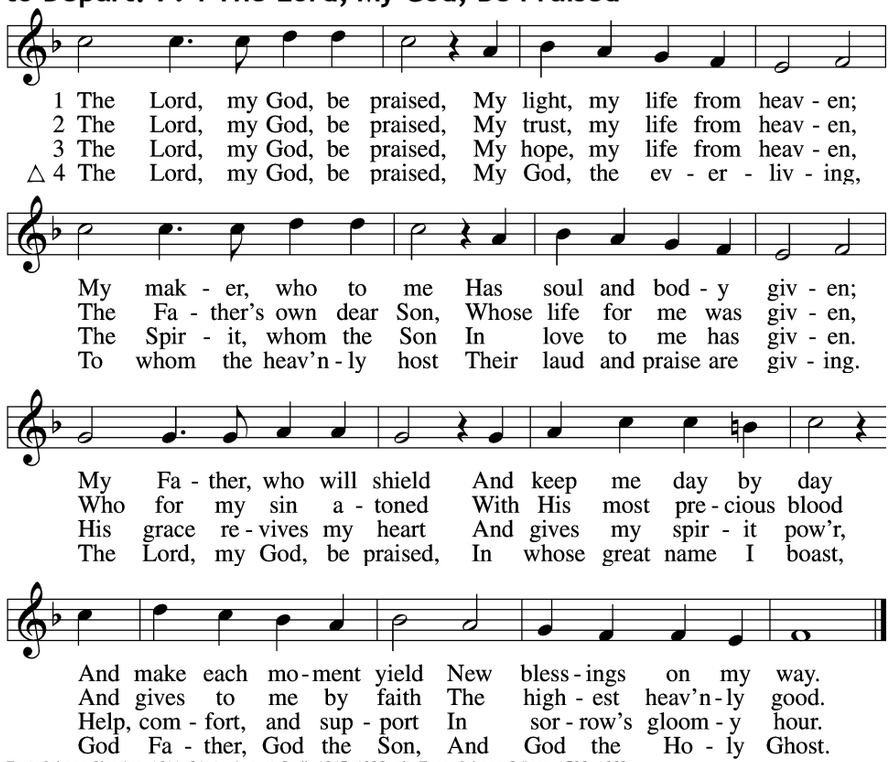
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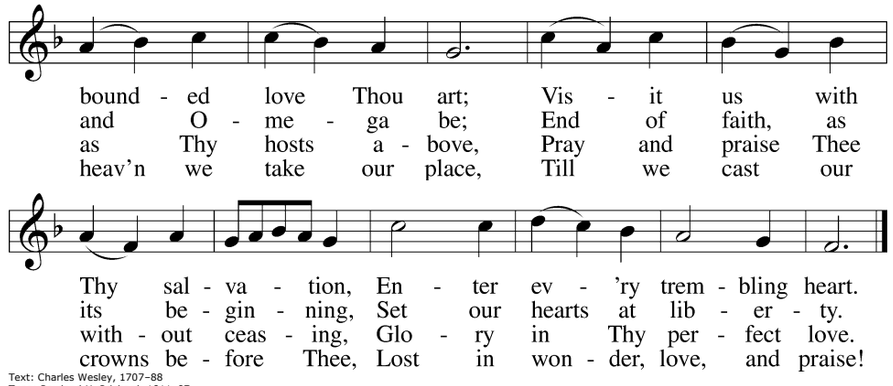

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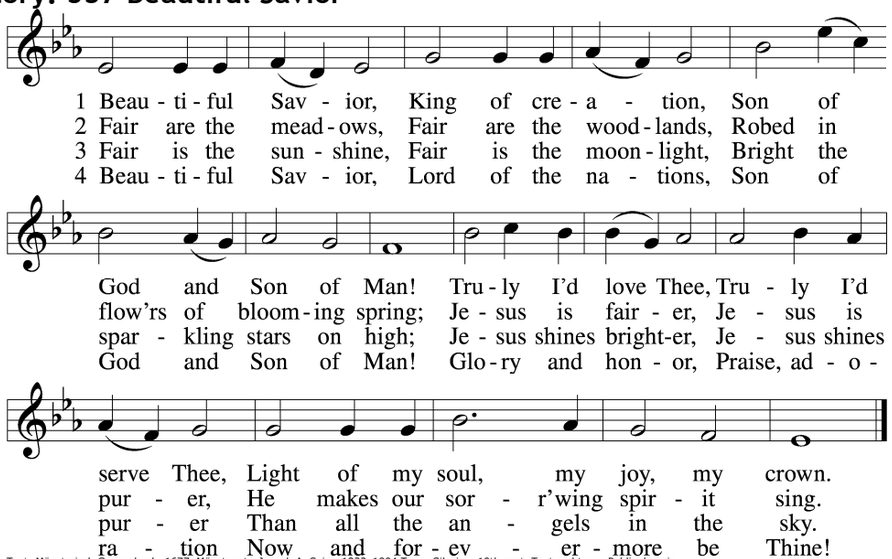

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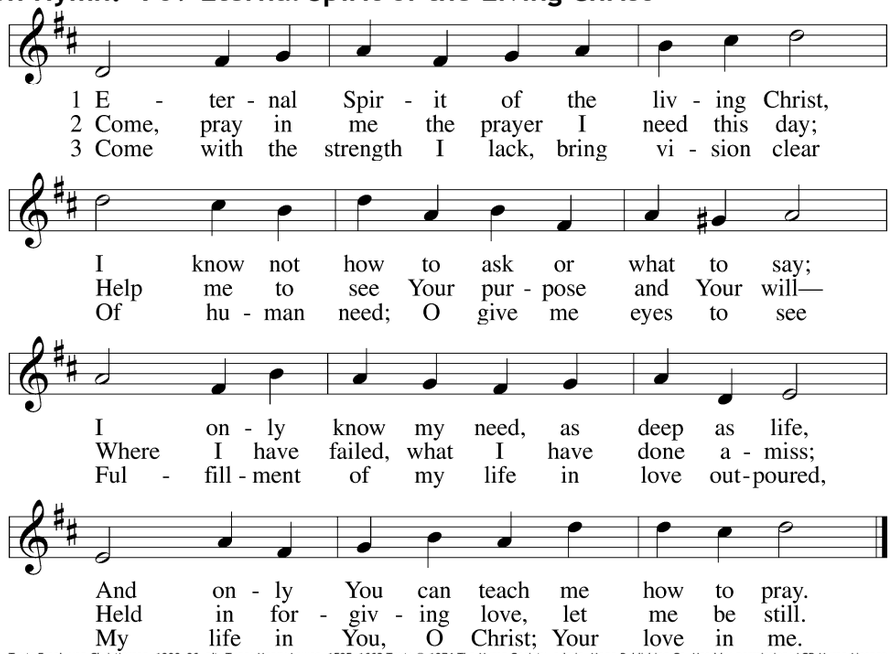
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LWML

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.

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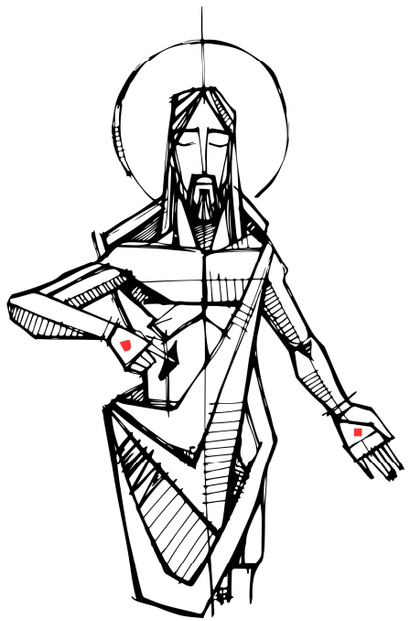

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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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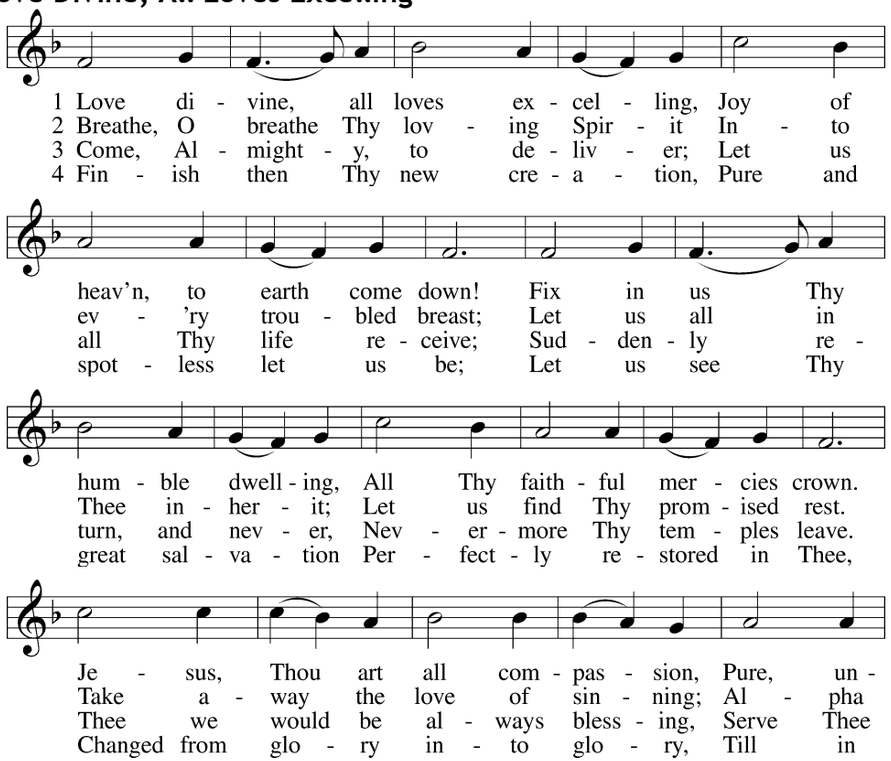
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Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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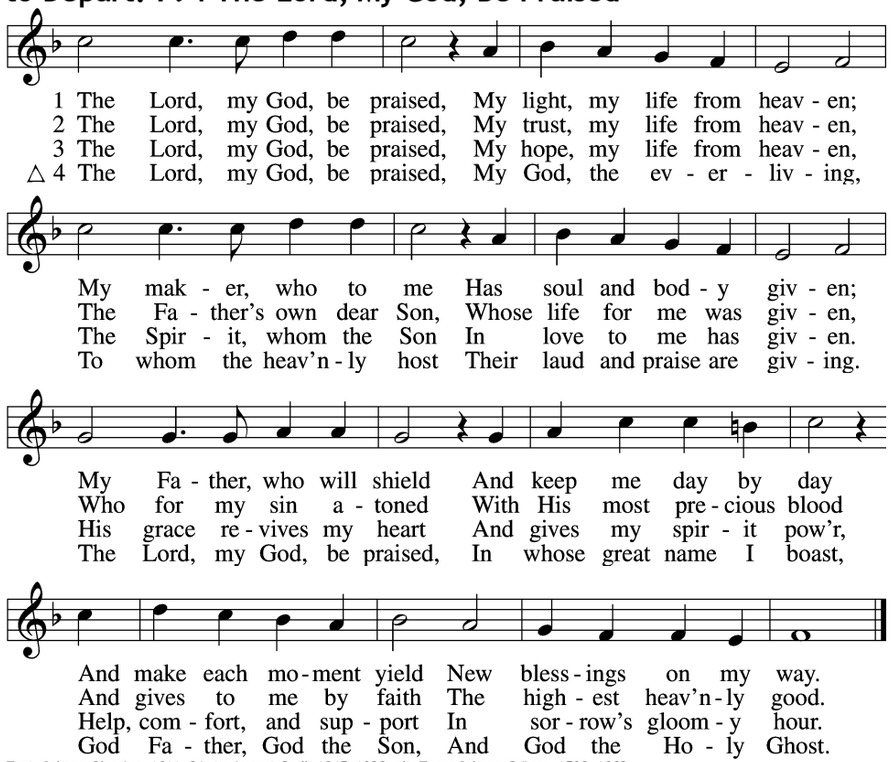
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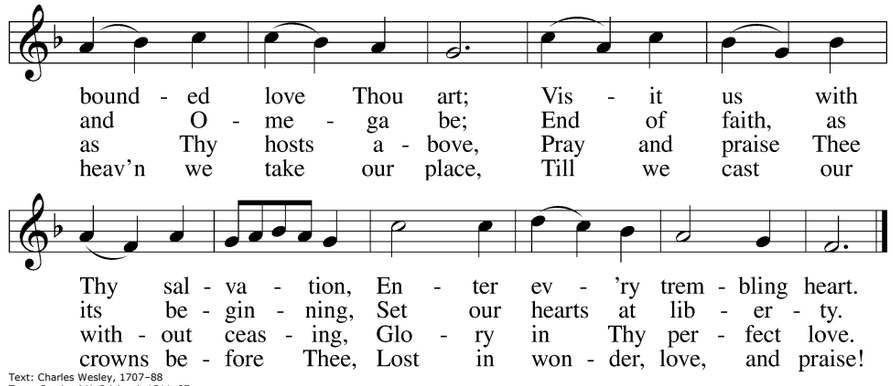

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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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.

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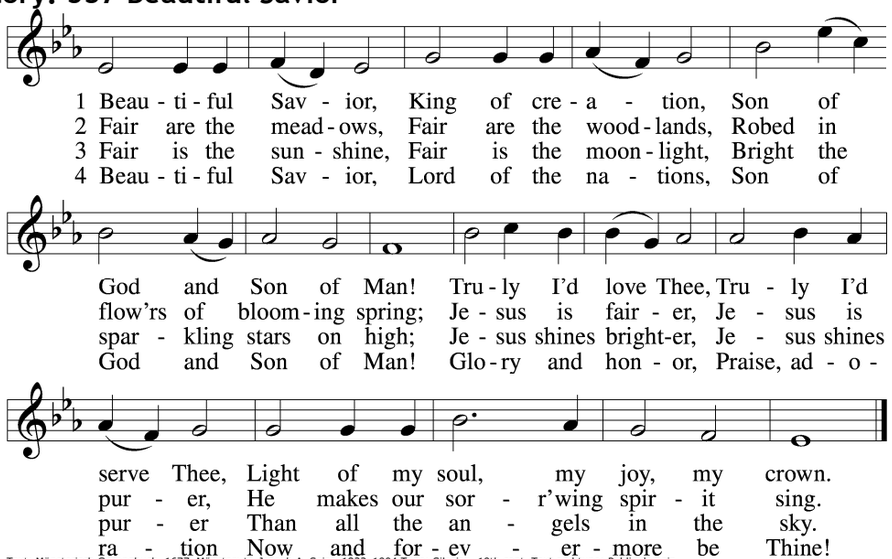

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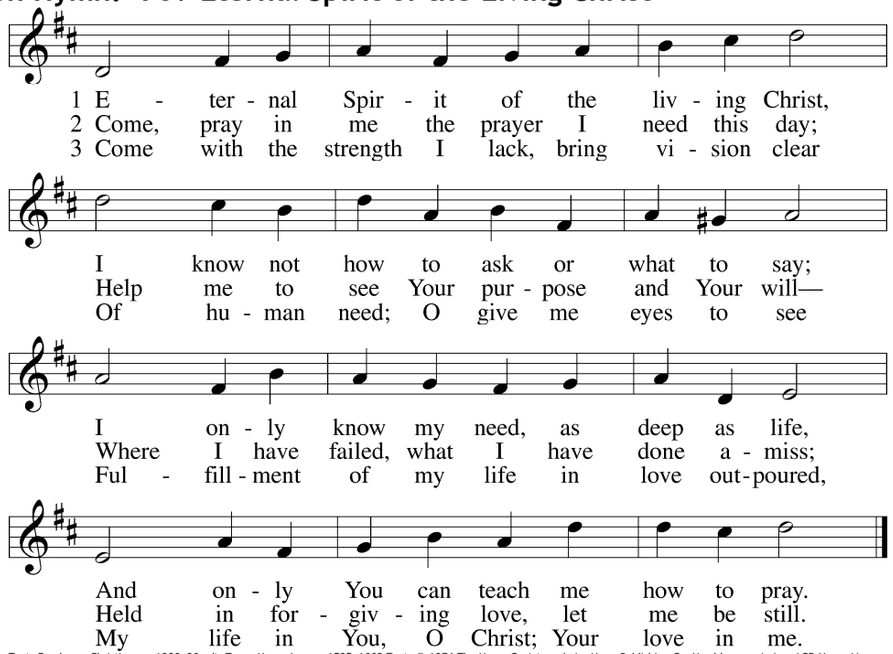
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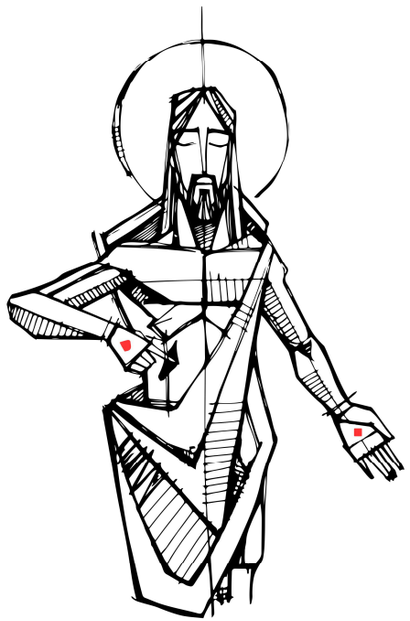

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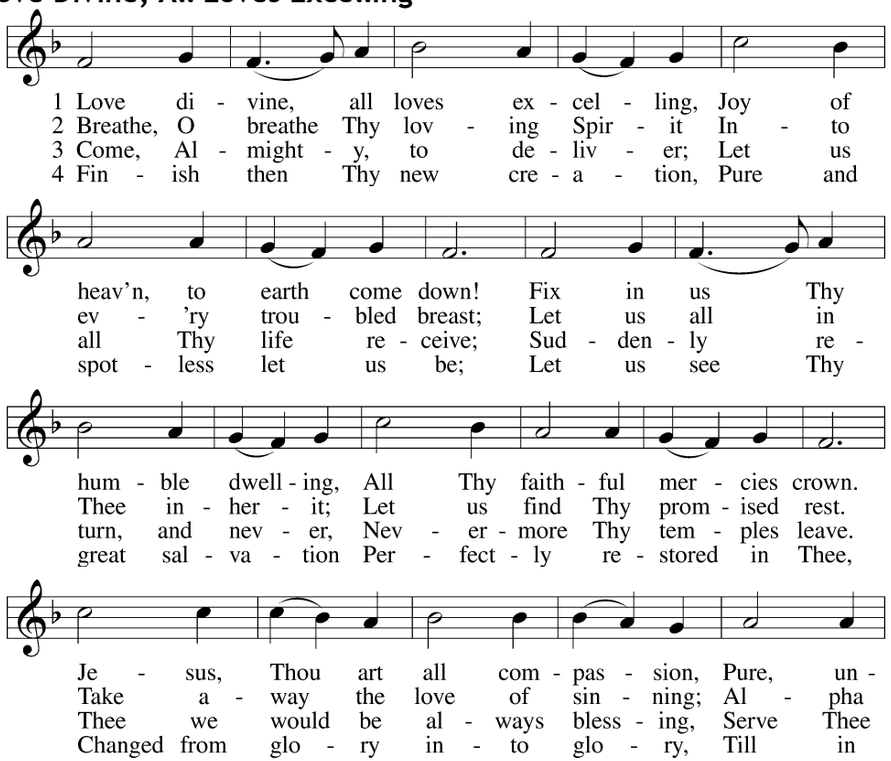
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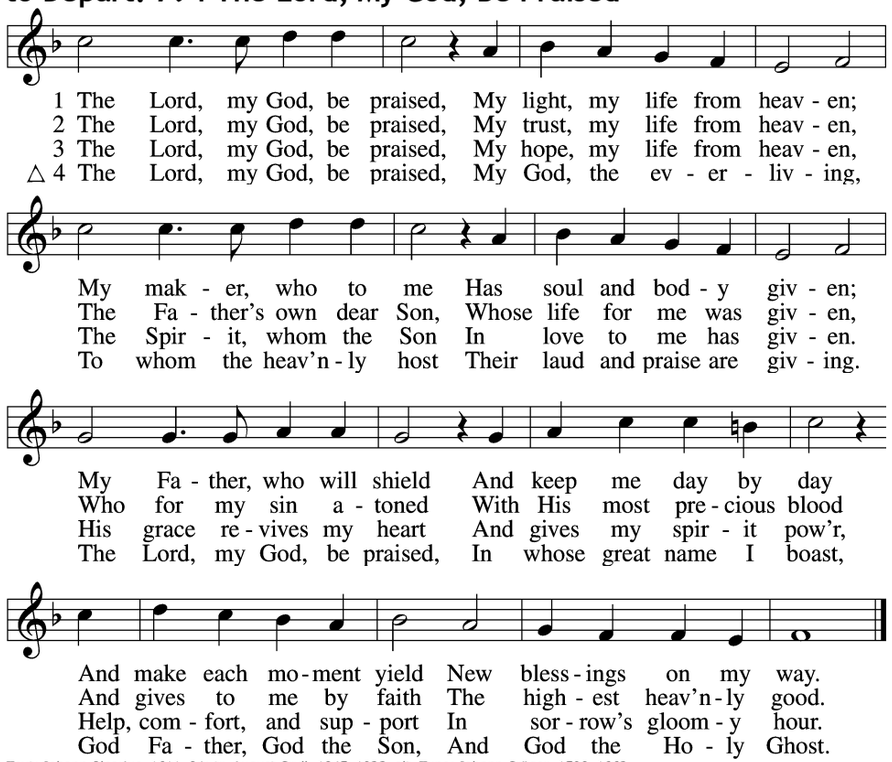
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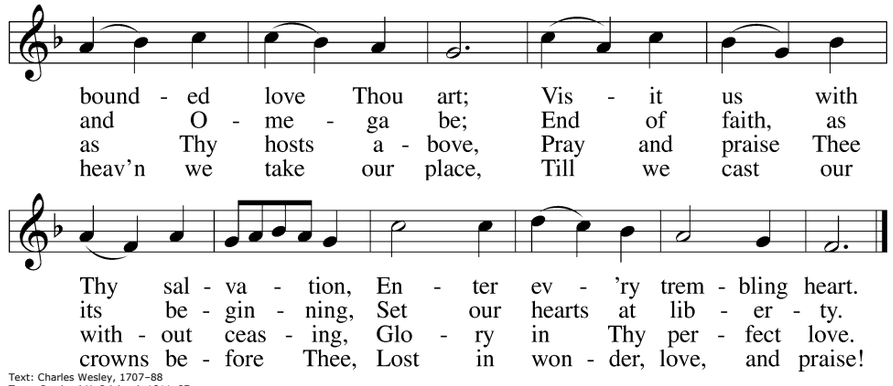

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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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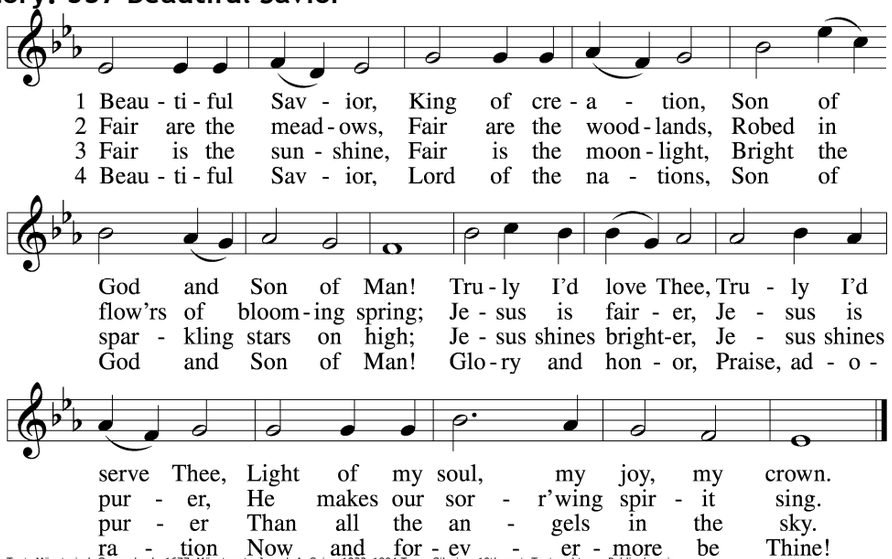
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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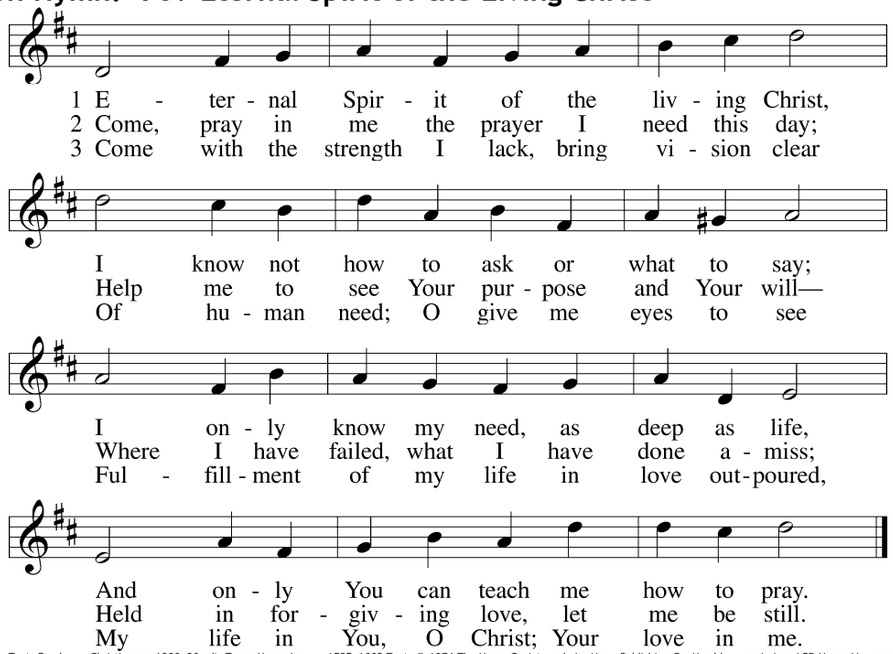
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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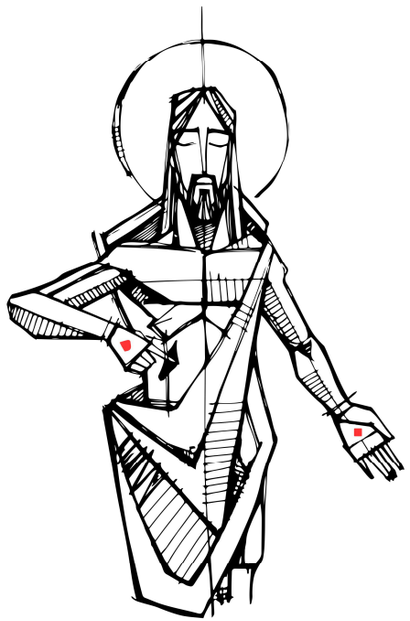

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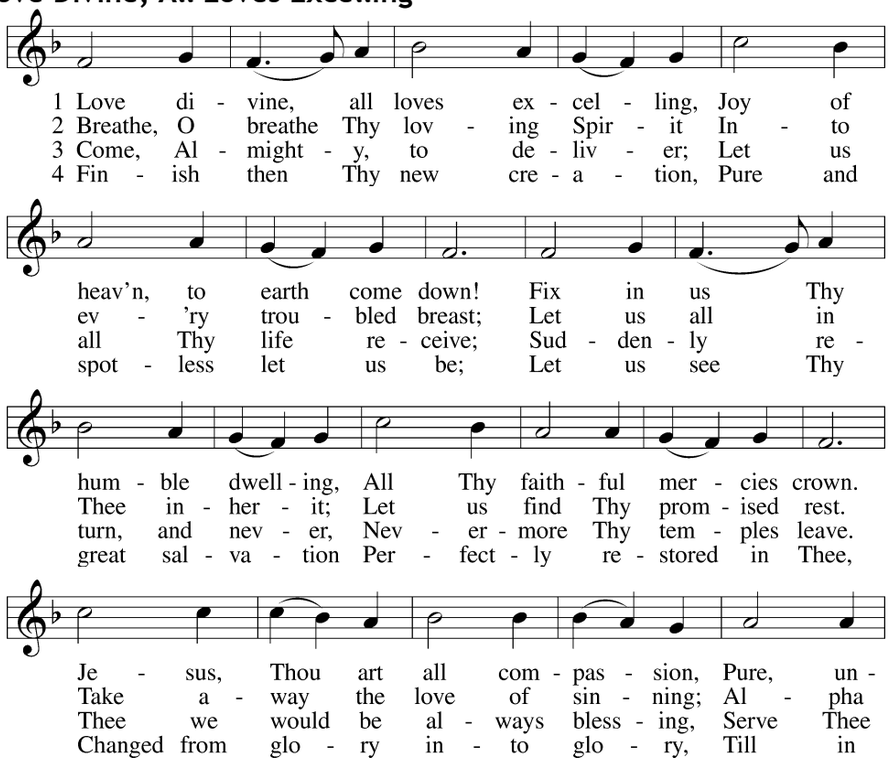
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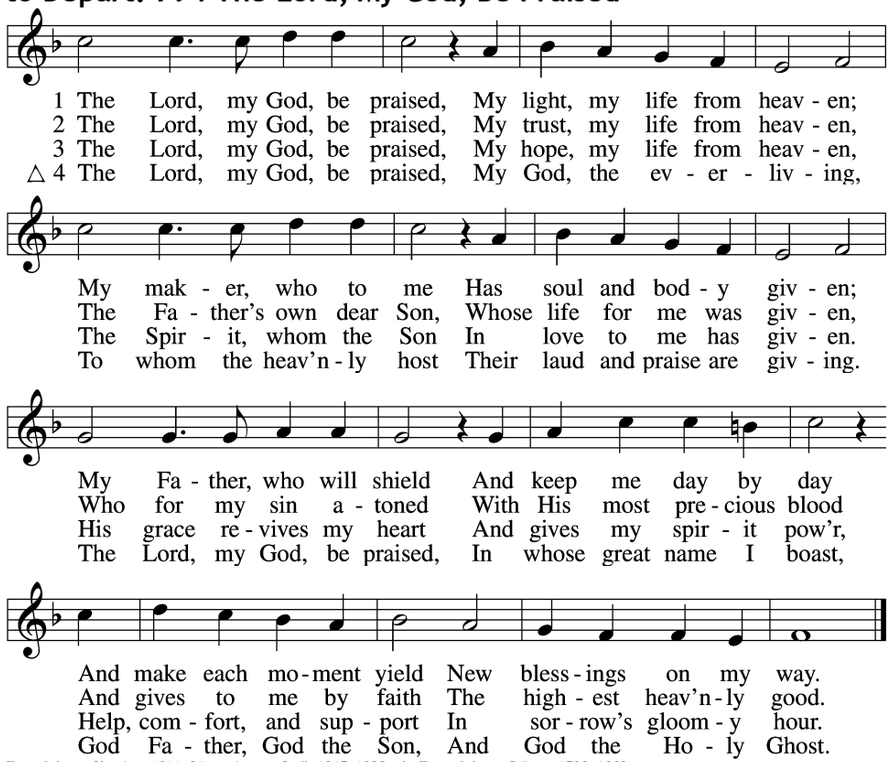
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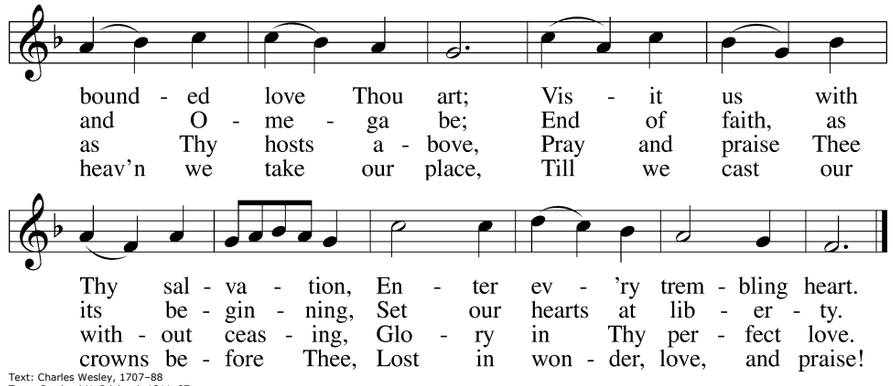

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For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
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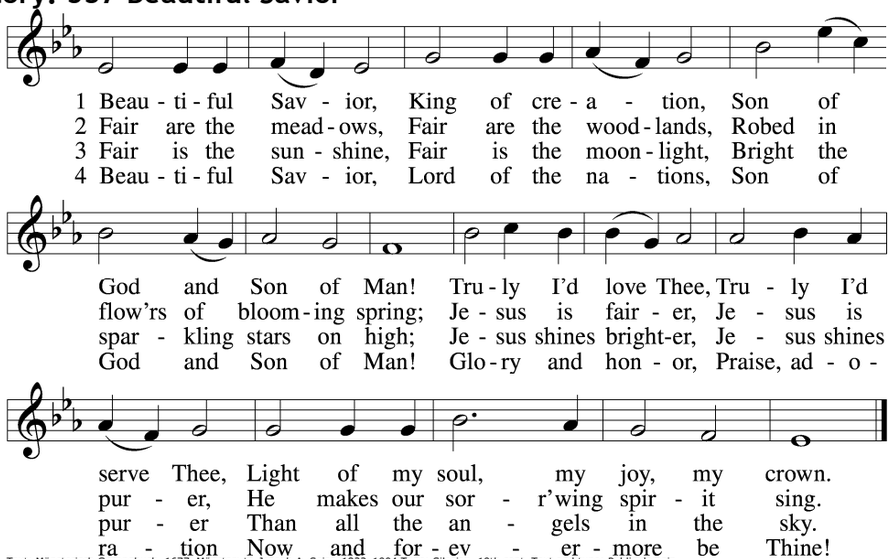

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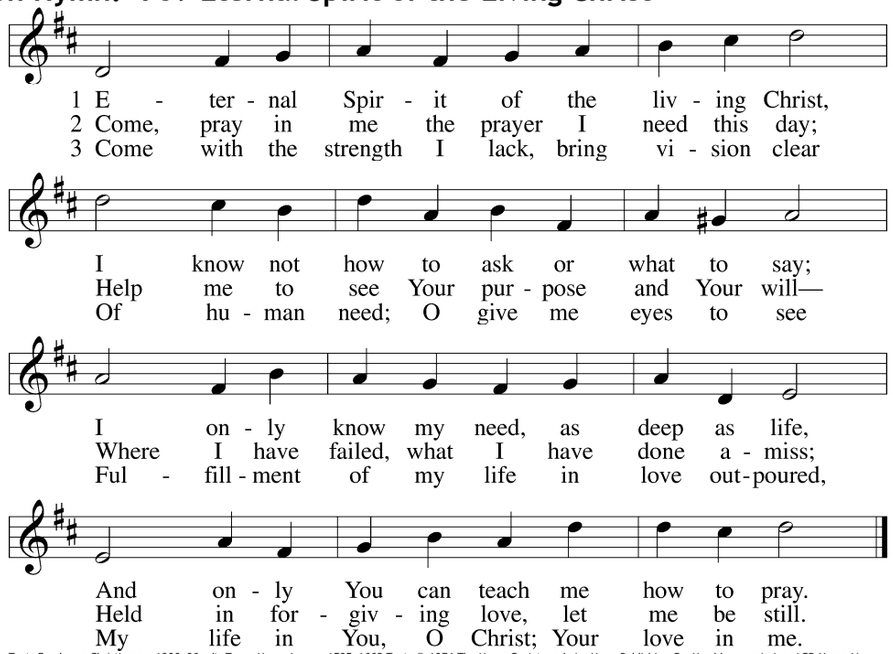
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LWML

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.

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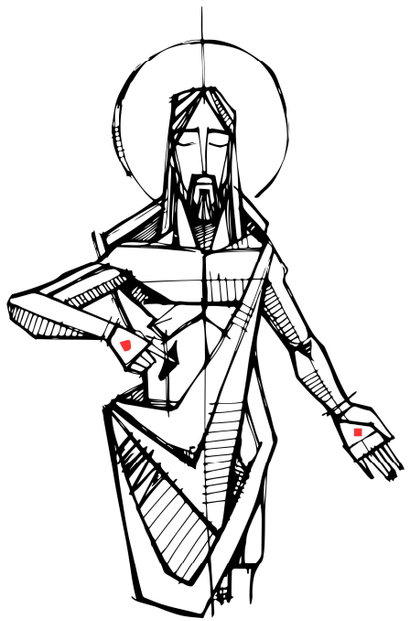

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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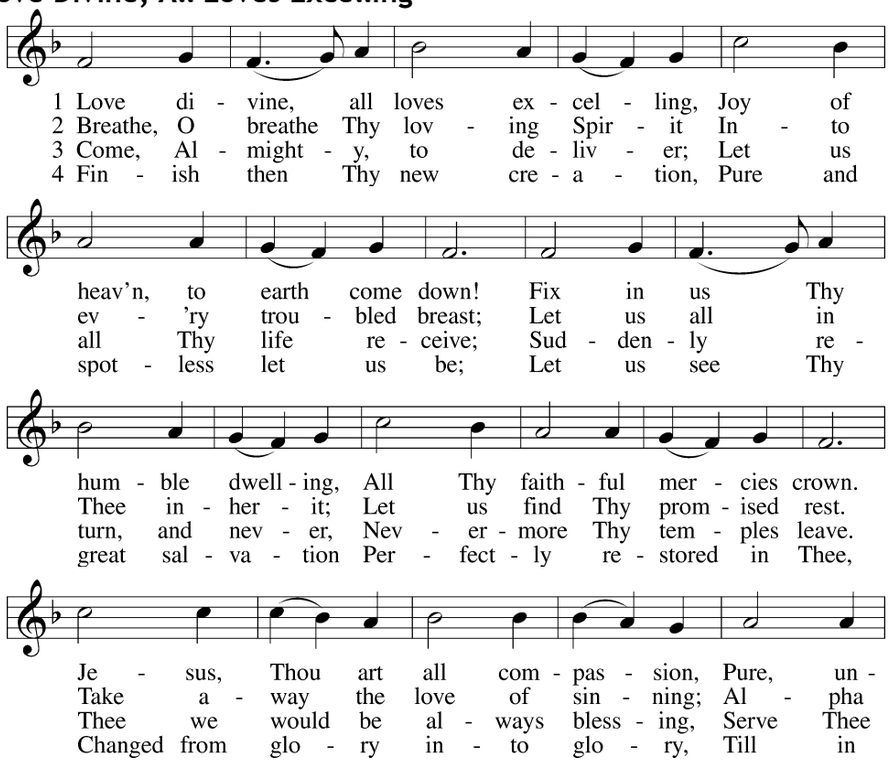
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Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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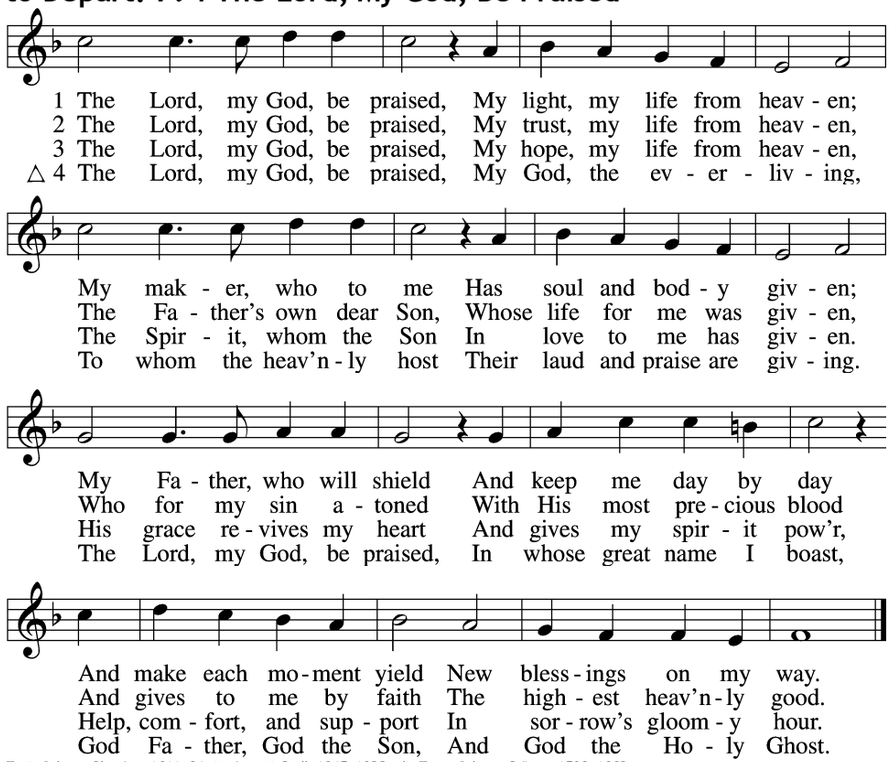
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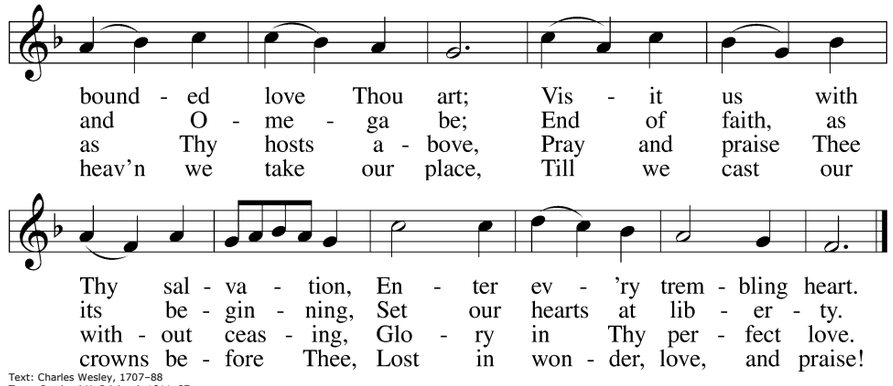

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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

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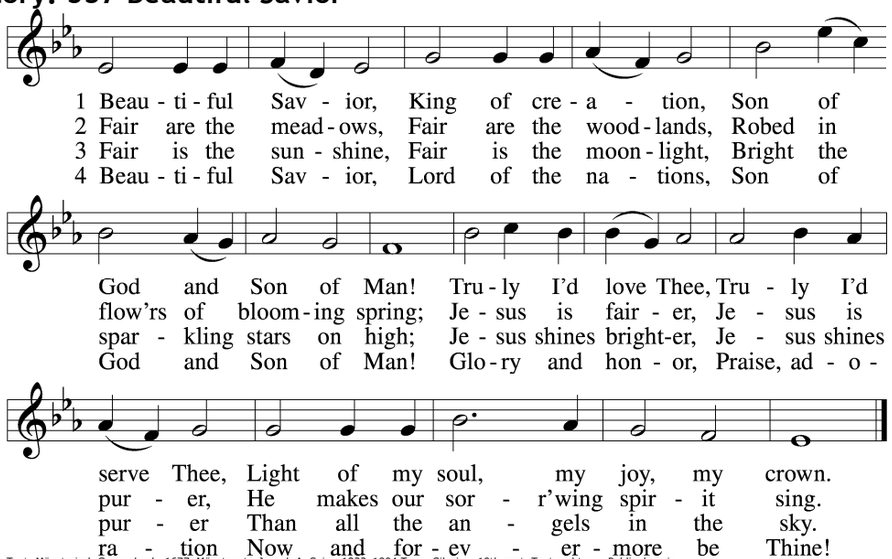

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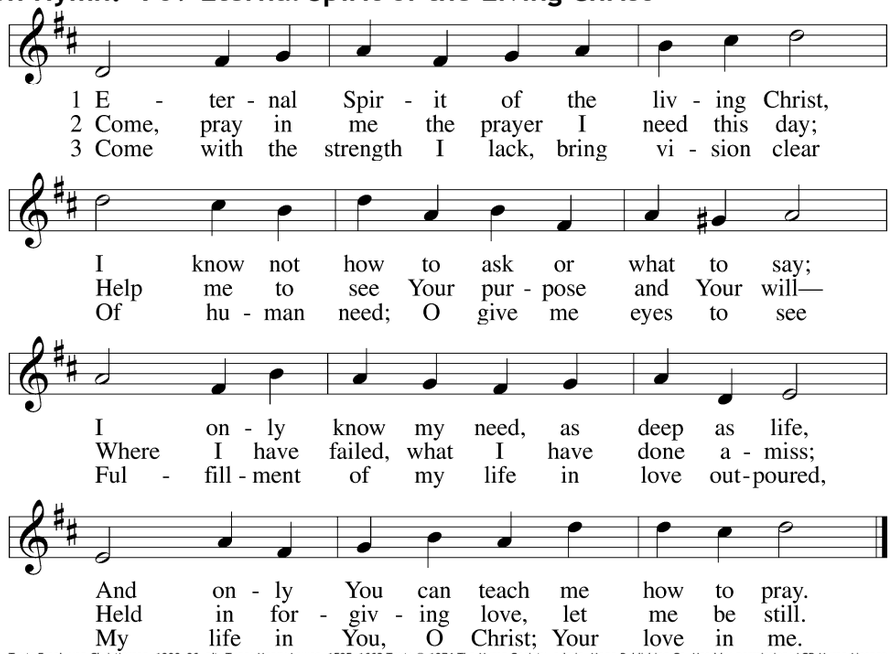
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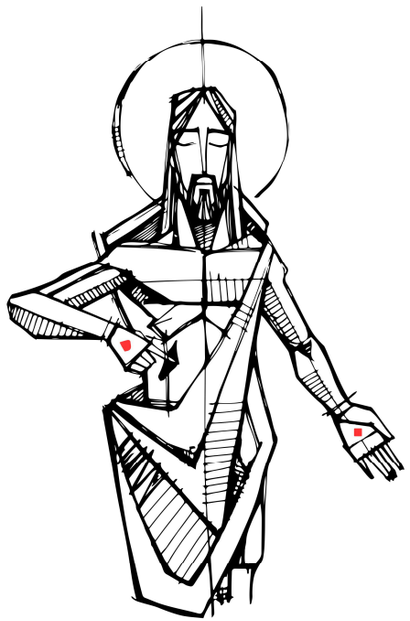

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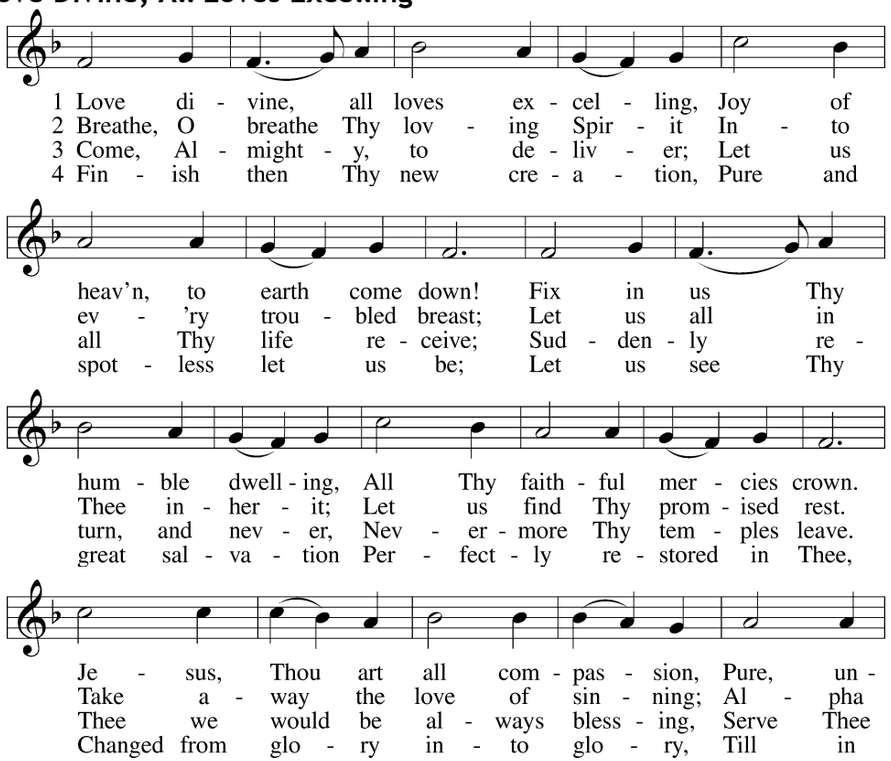
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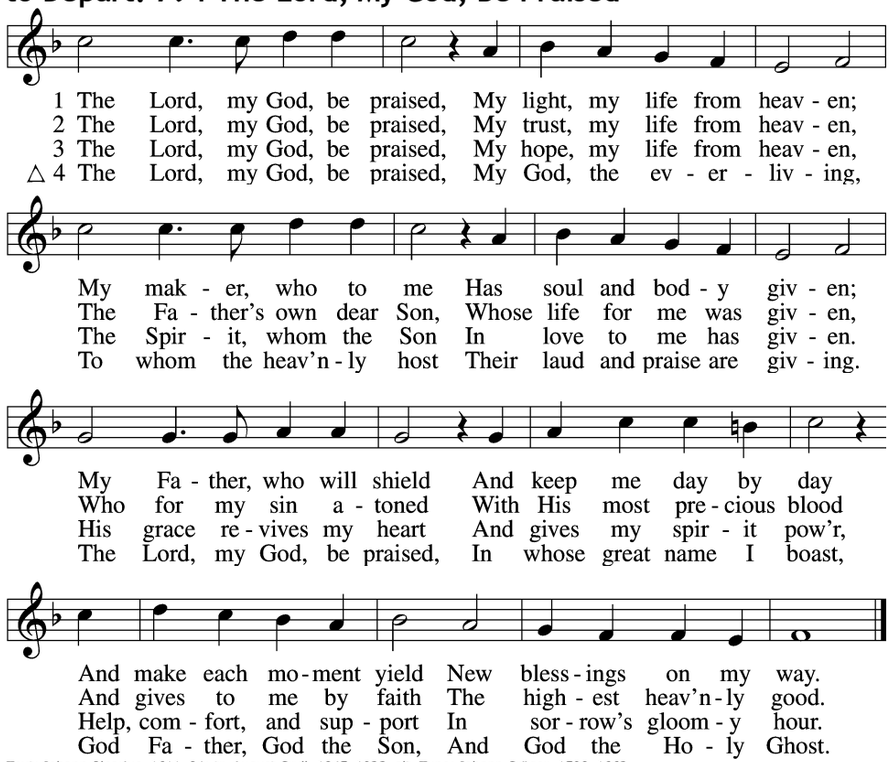
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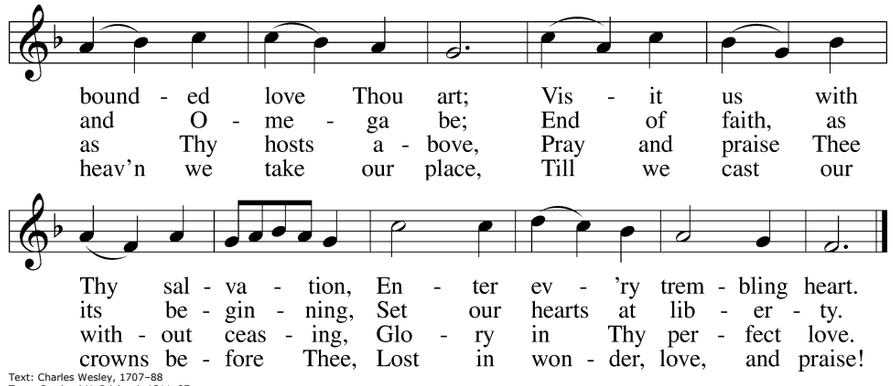

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For great is your steadfast | love toward me;*
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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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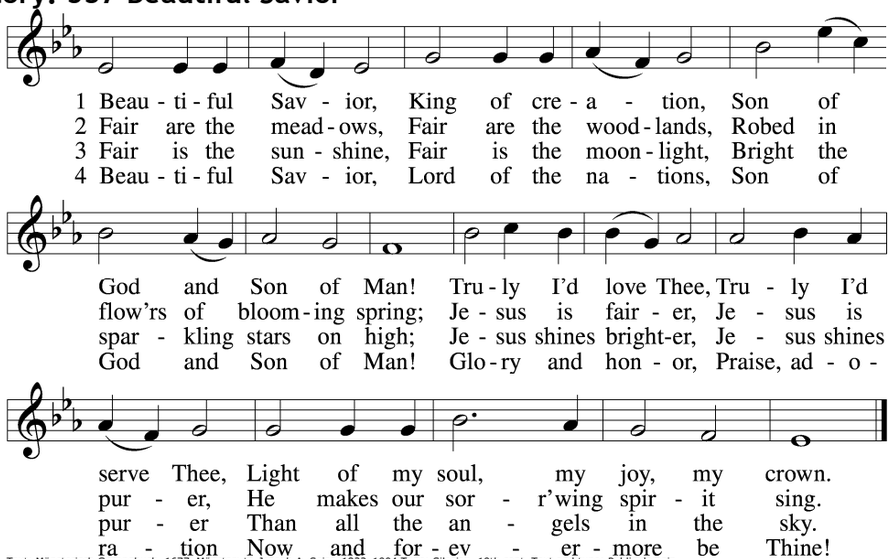
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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P For all who suffer physically, especially those among us: [*name particular prayers*]; that healing would find them and their hope in Christ would never waver, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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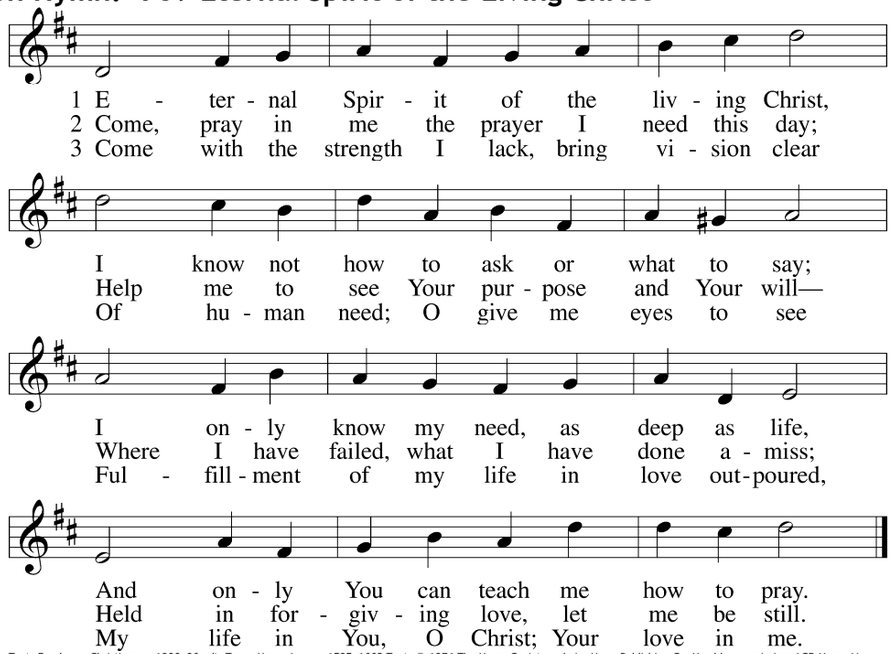
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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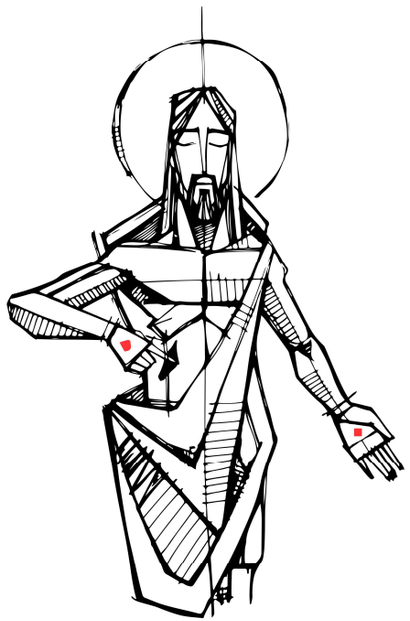

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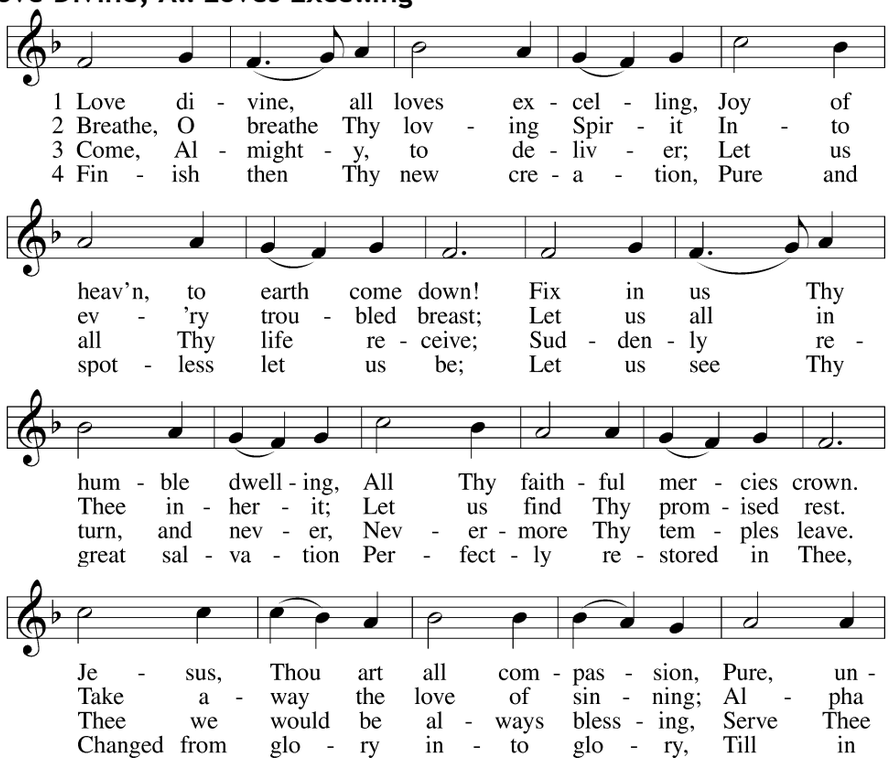
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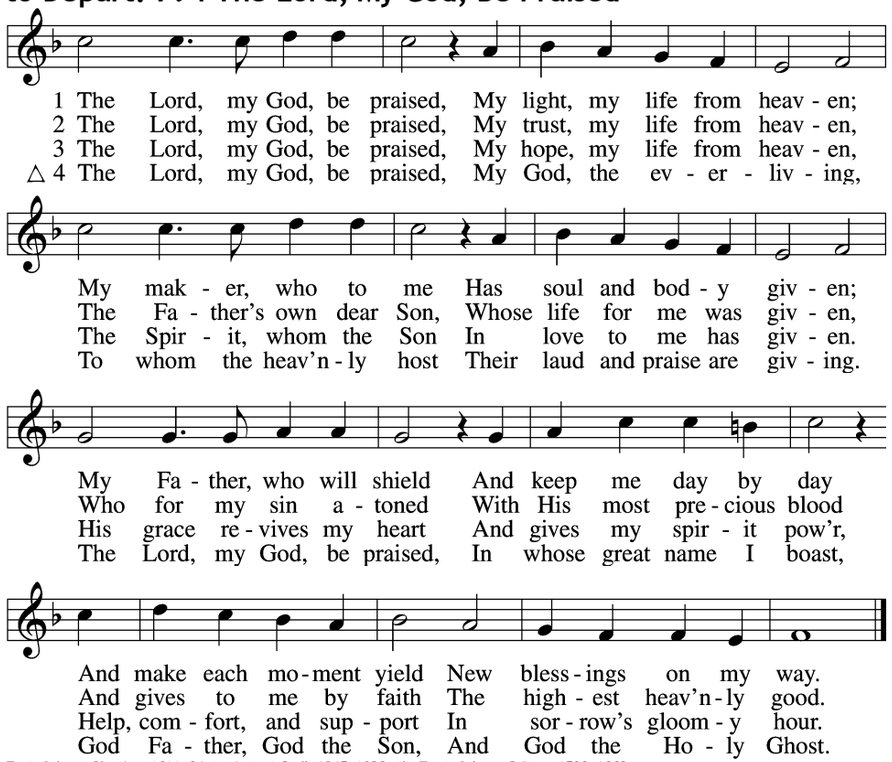
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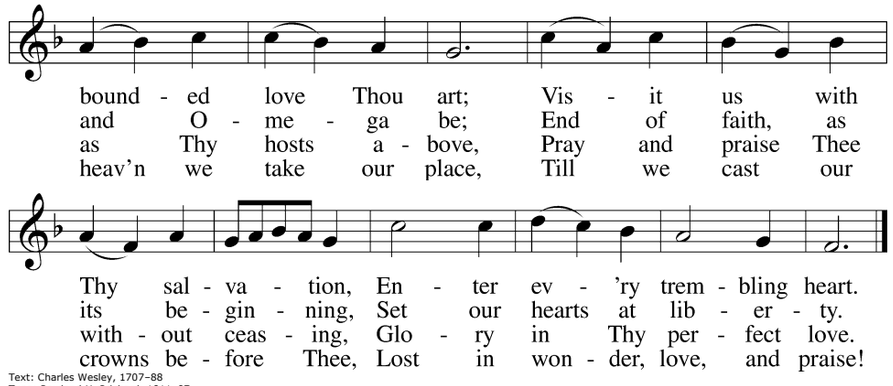

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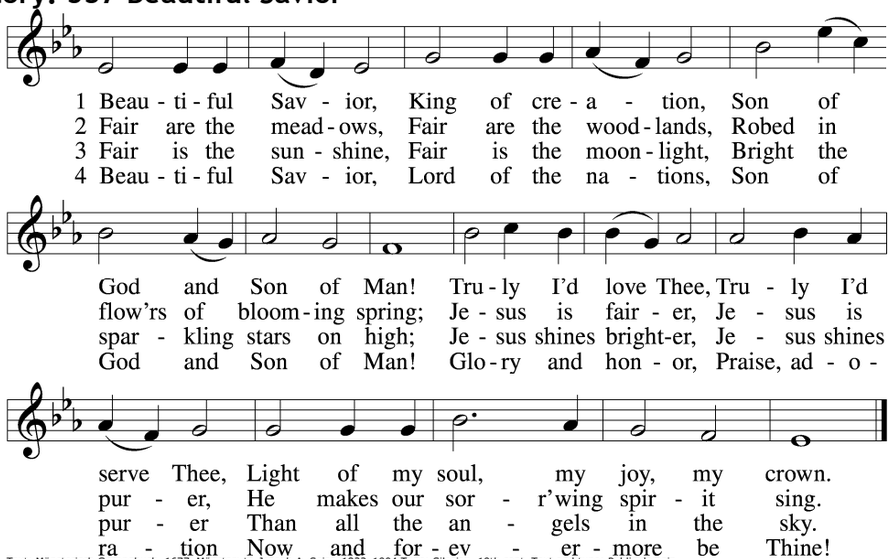

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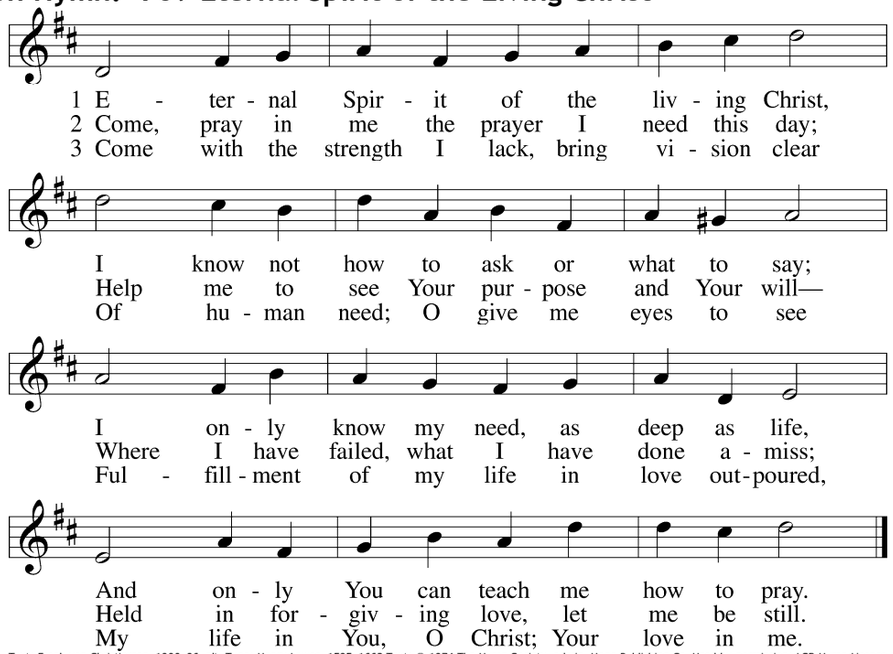
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LWML

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.

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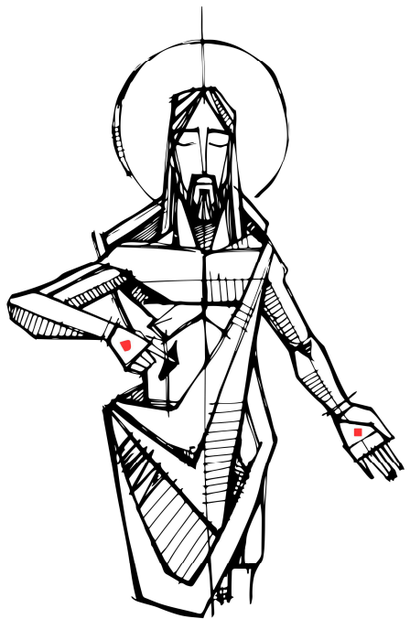

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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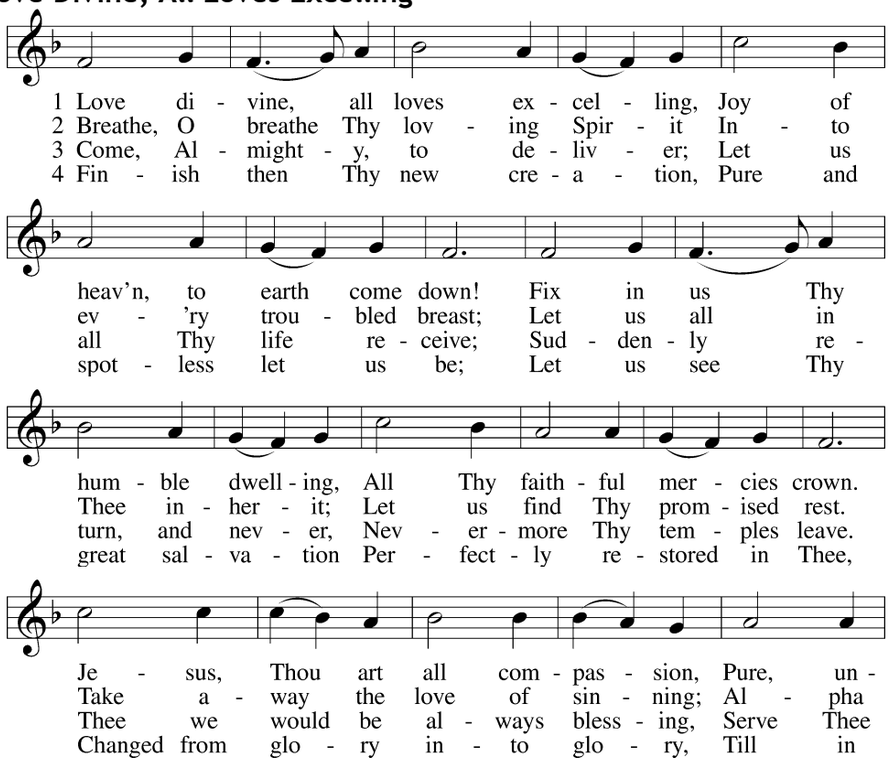
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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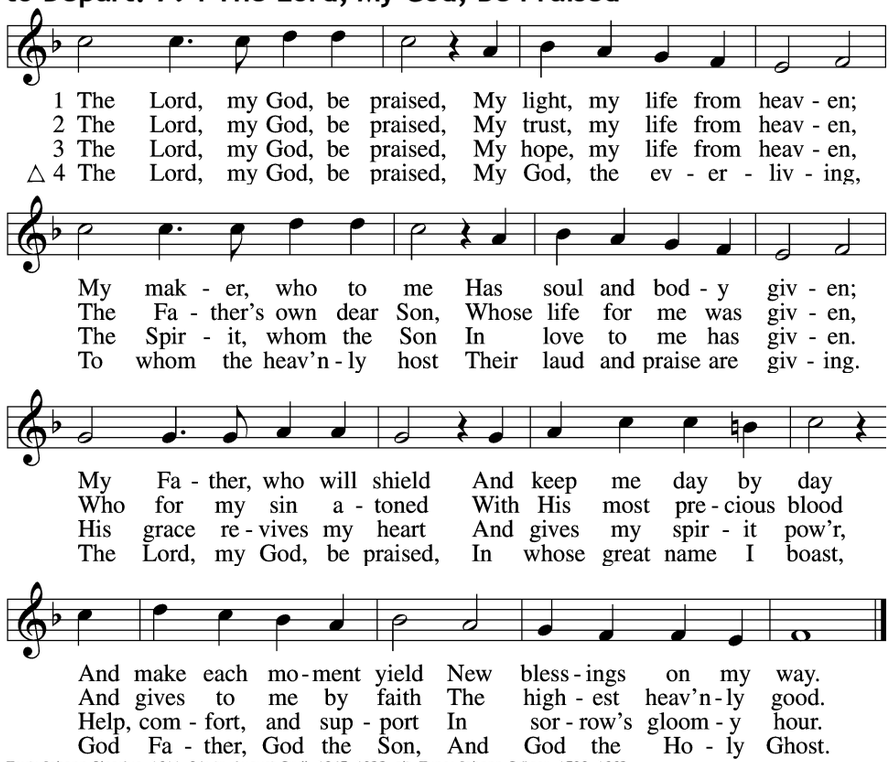
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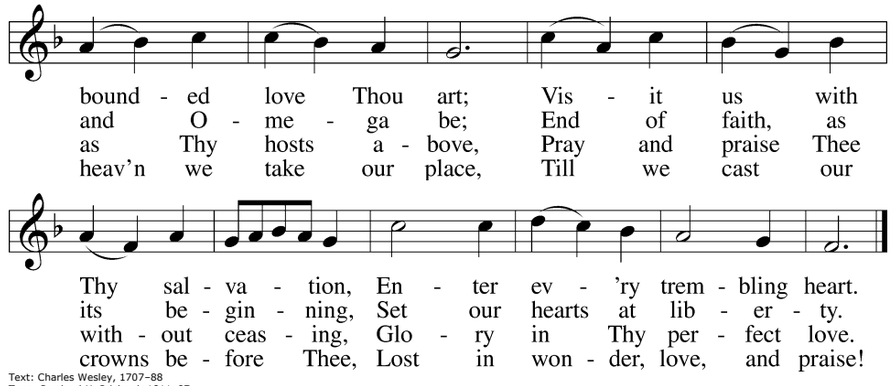

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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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.

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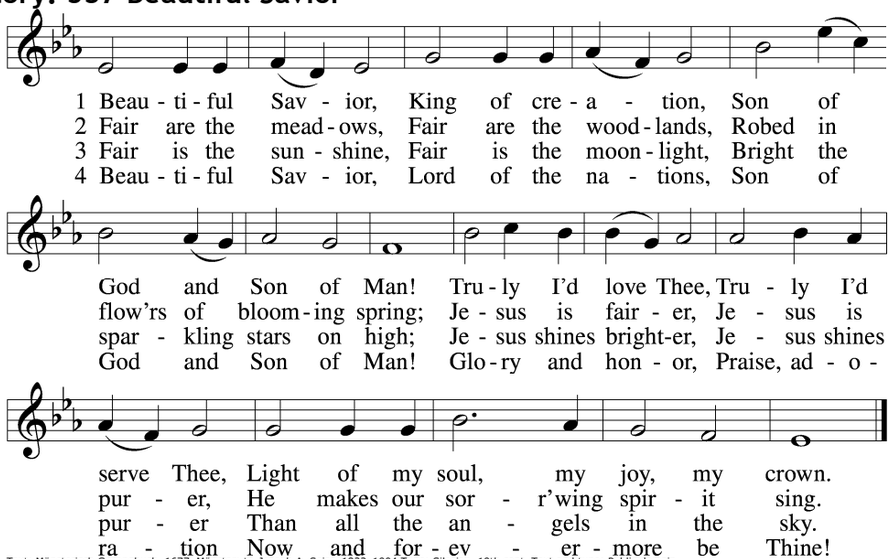

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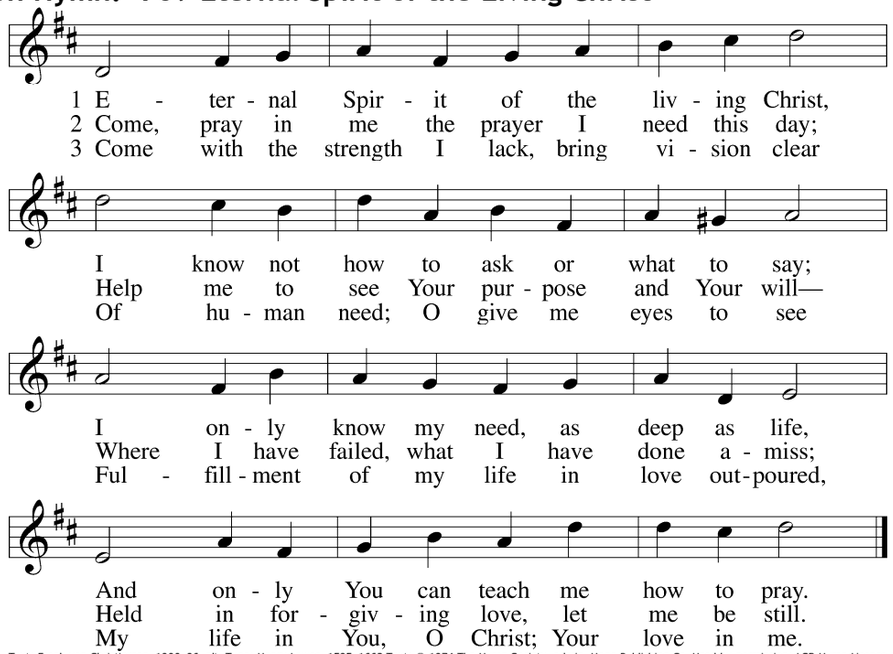
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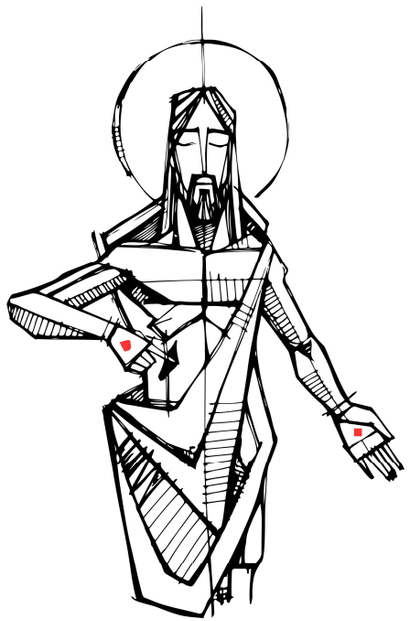

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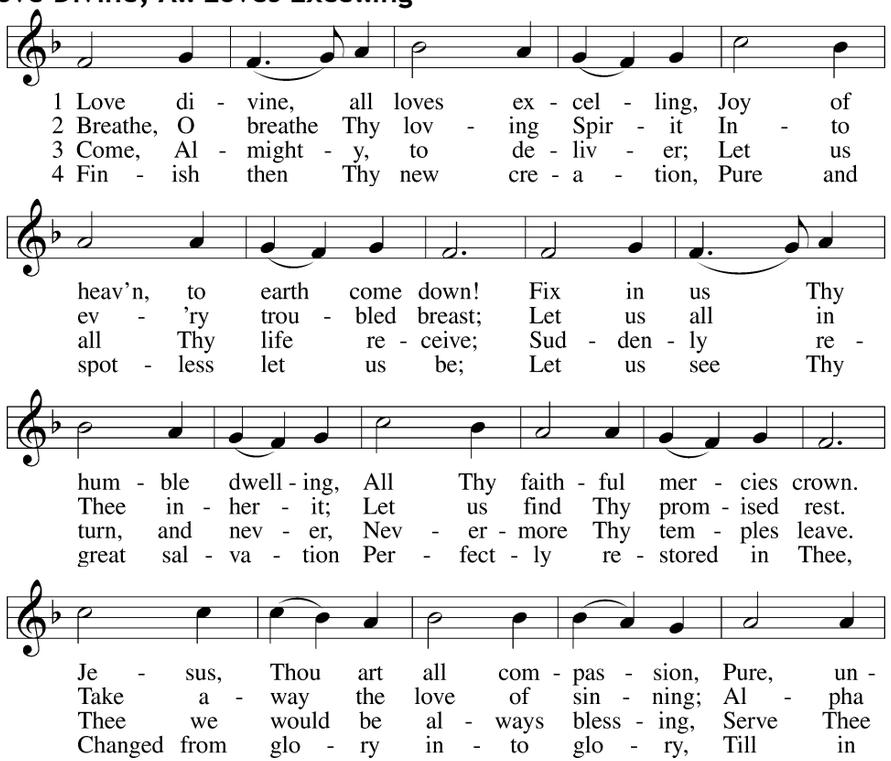
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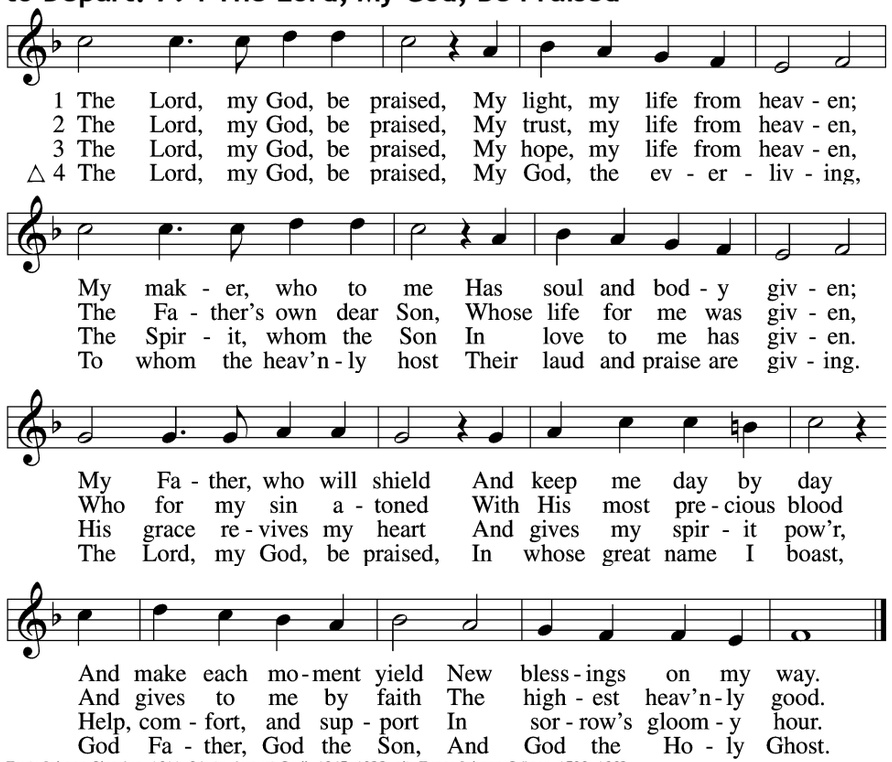
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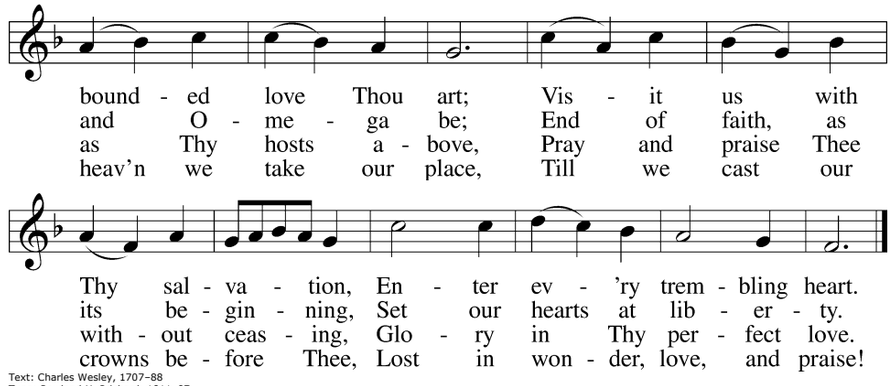

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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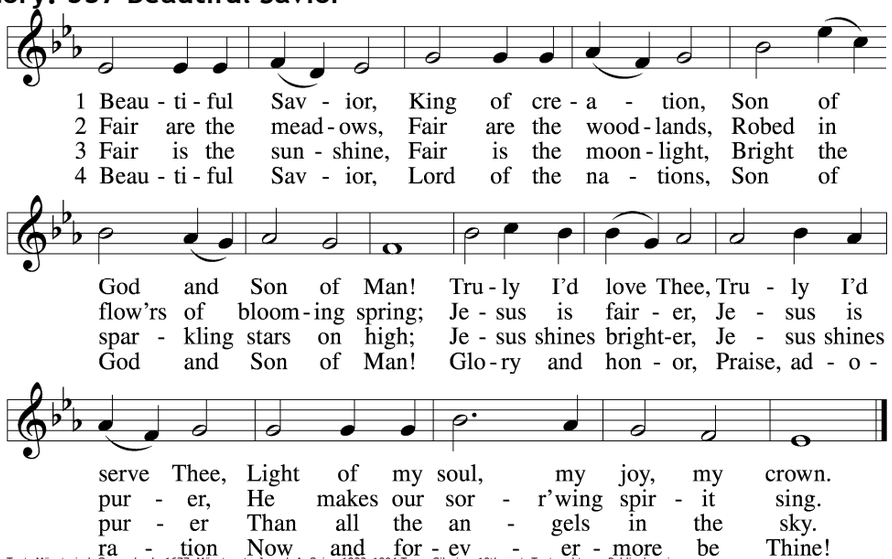
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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,
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and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

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C **Lord, have mercy.**

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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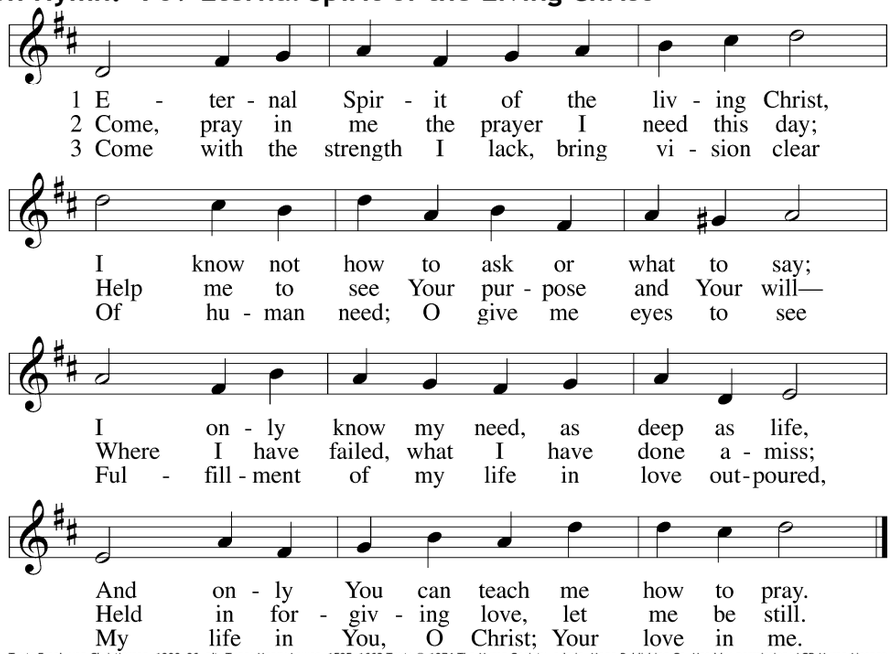
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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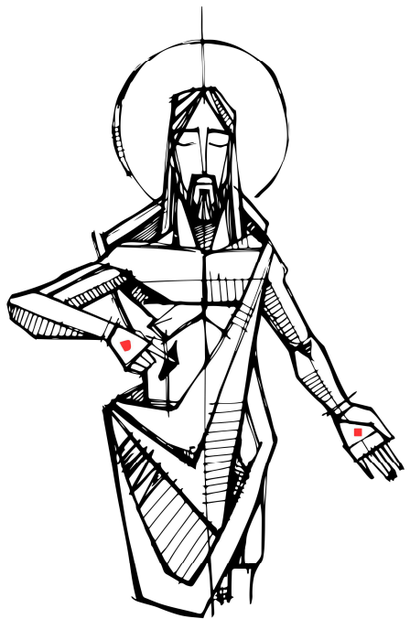

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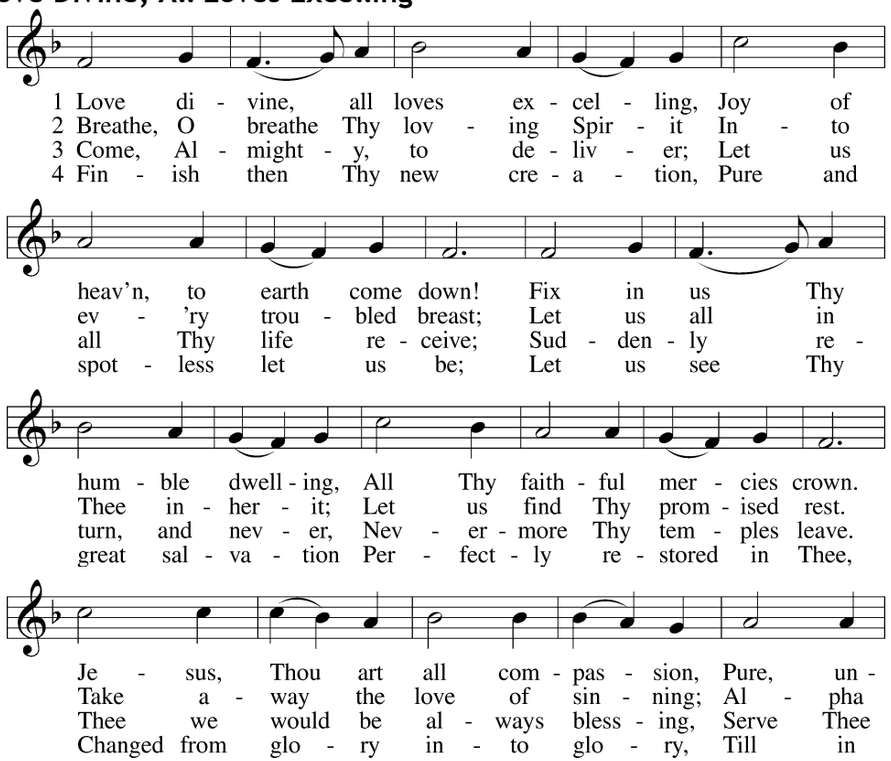
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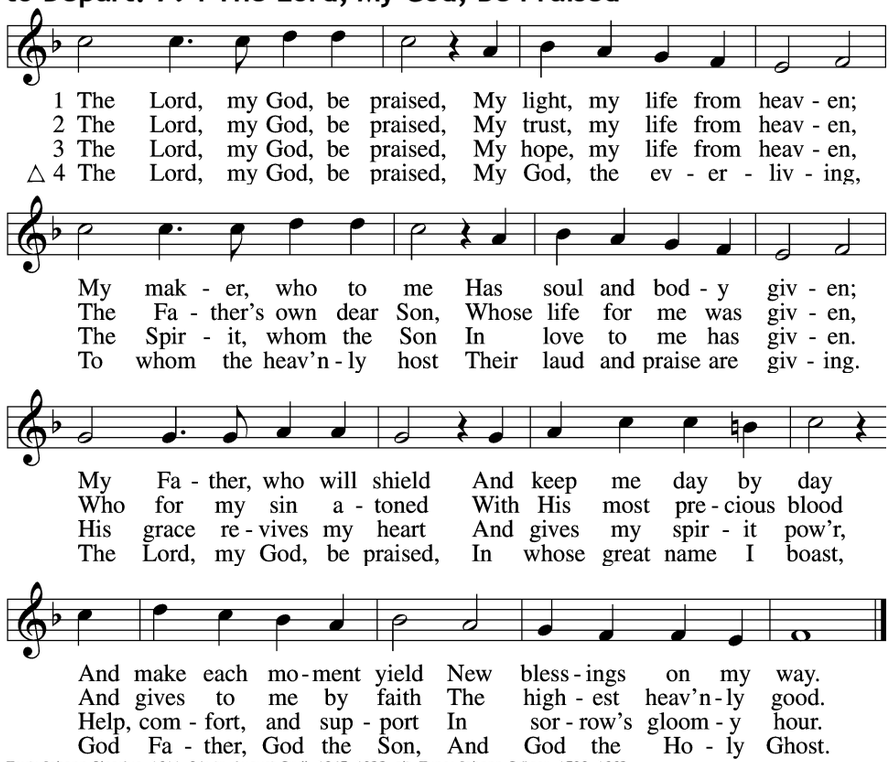
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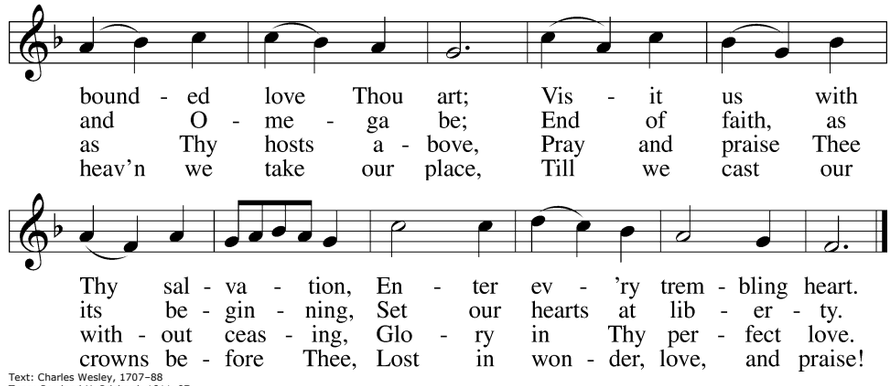

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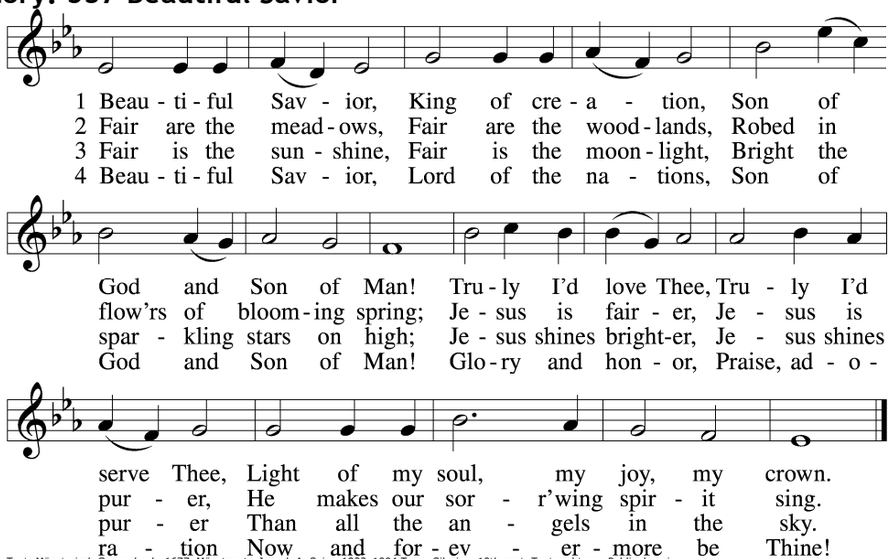

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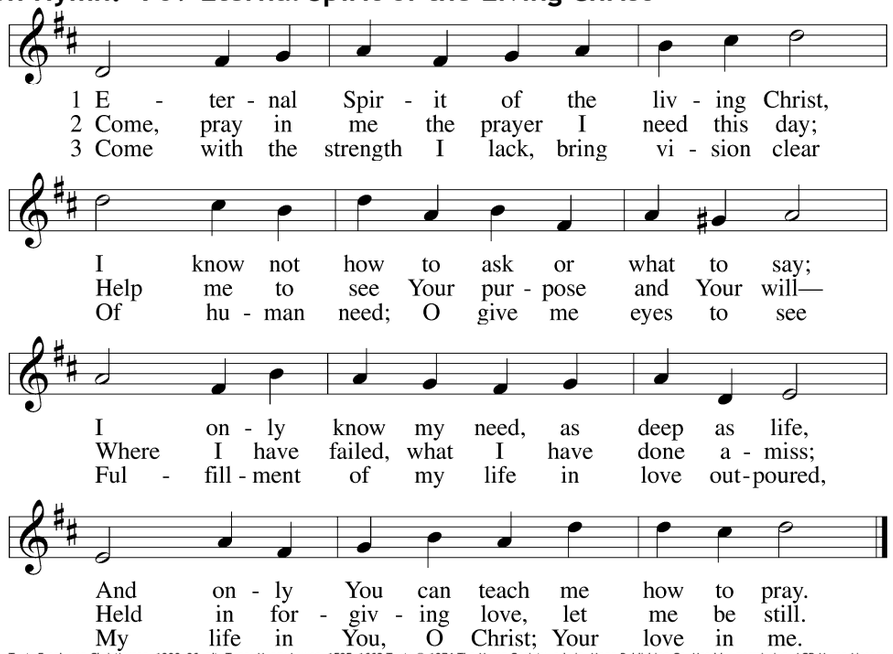
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Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and talk 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.

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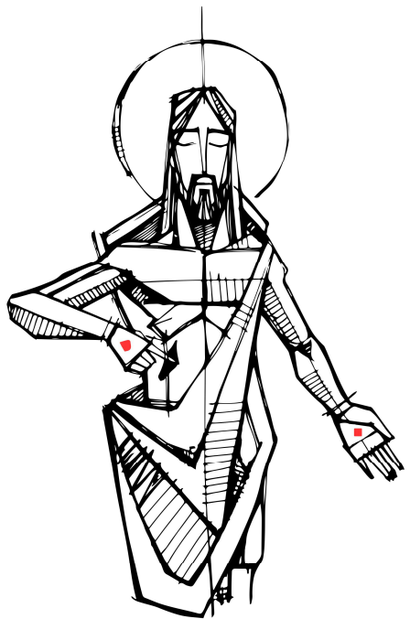

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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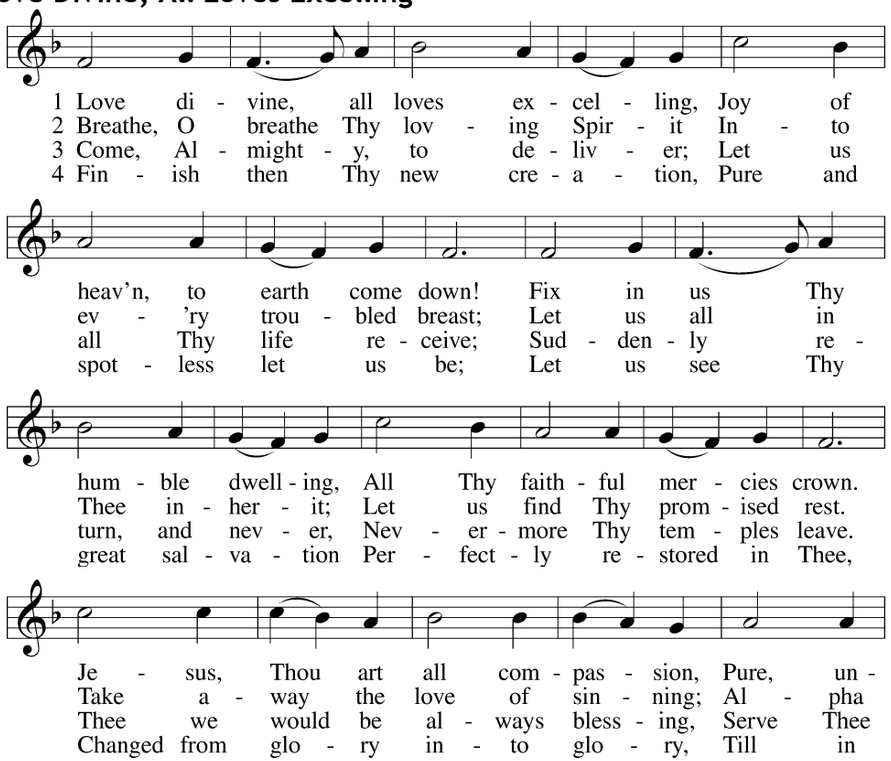
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Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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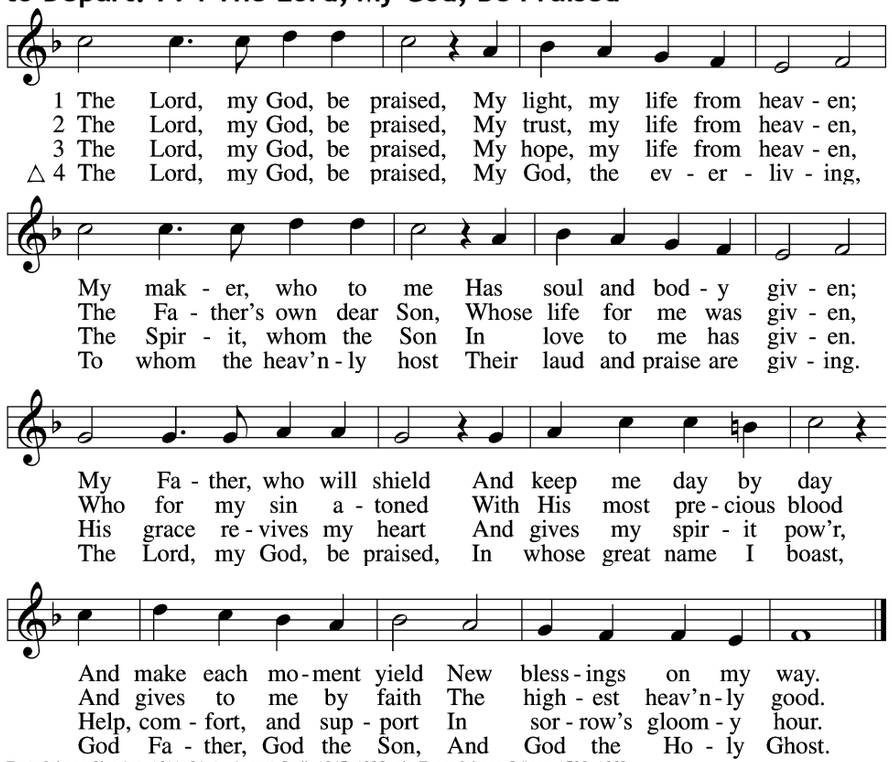
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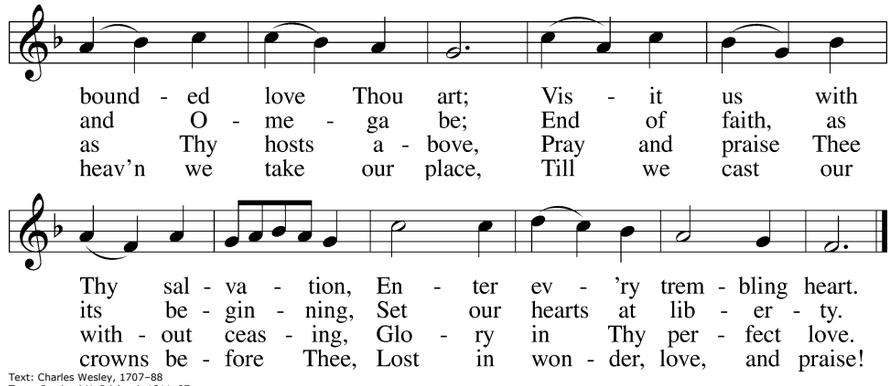

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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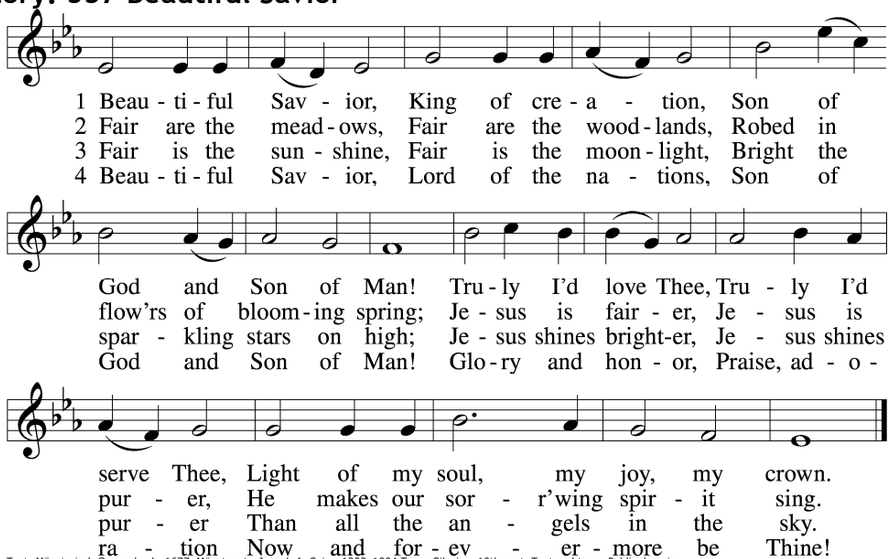

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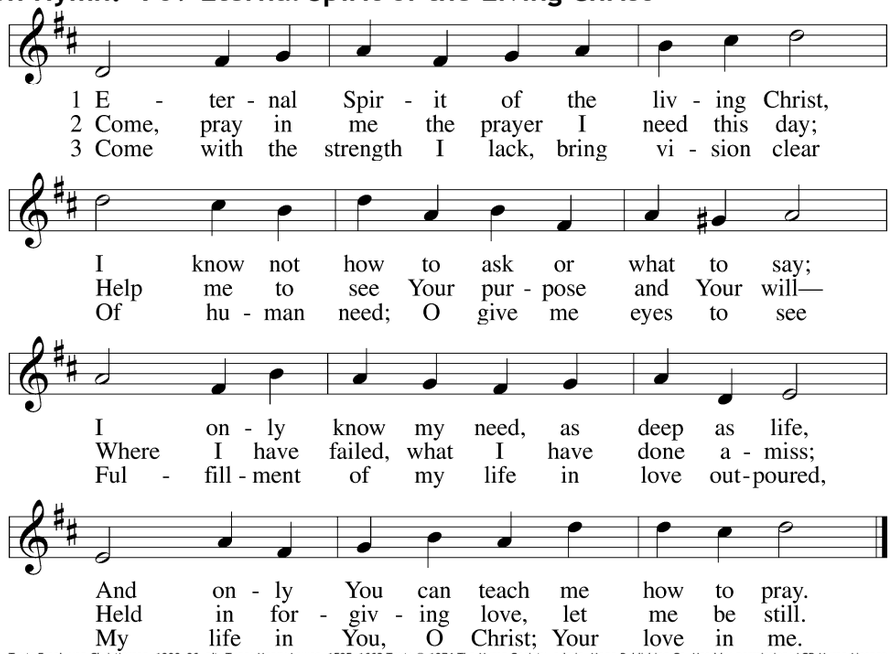
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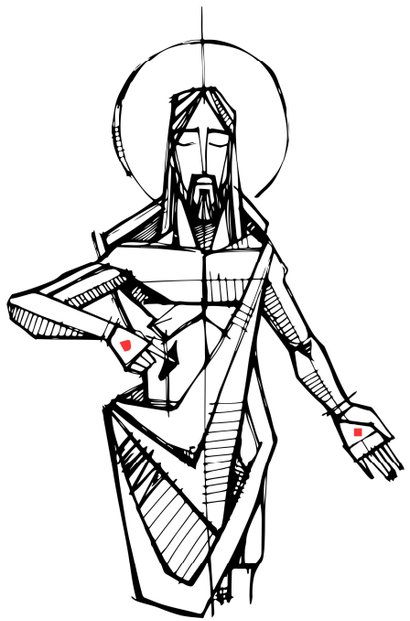

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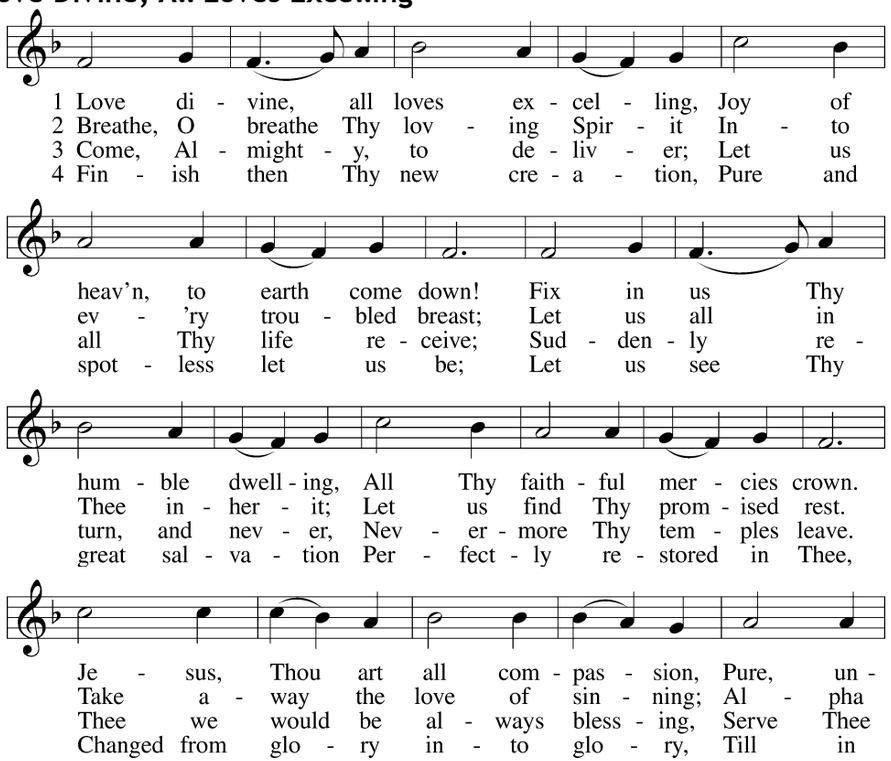
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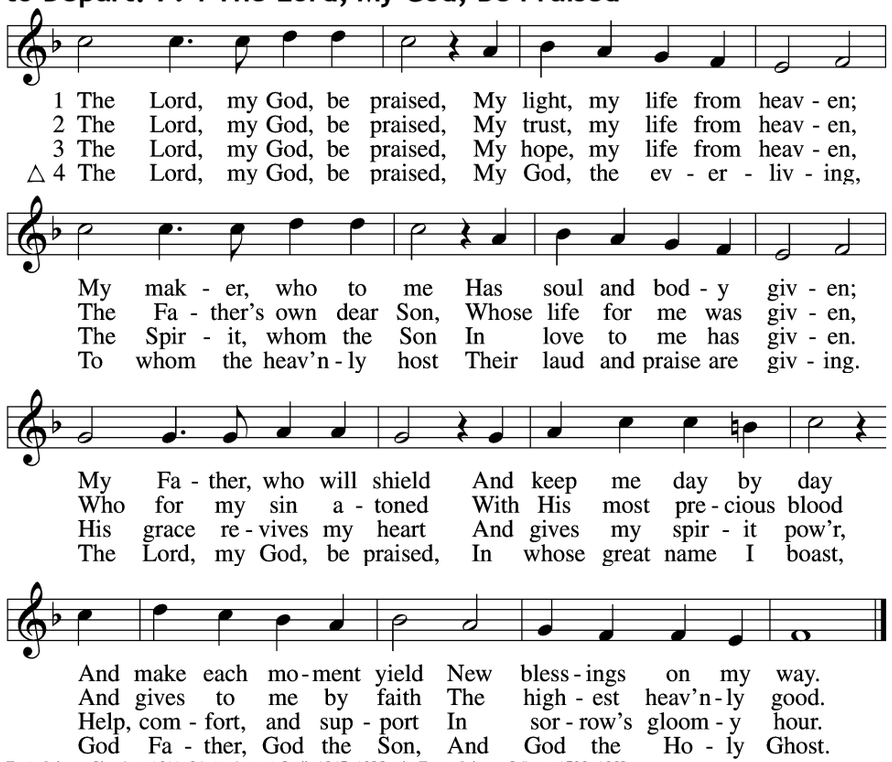
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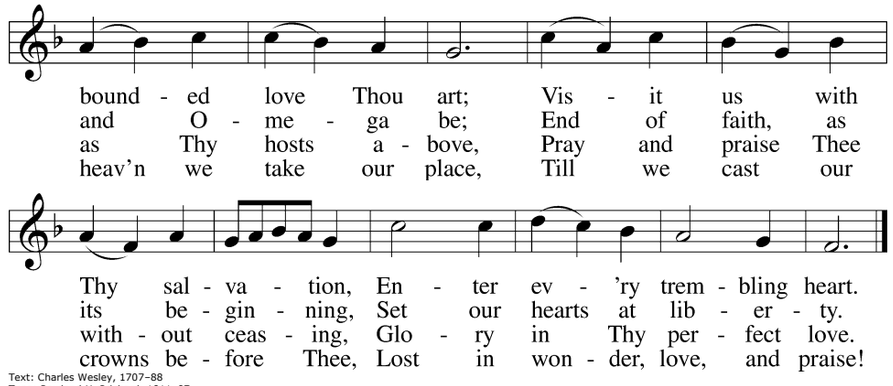

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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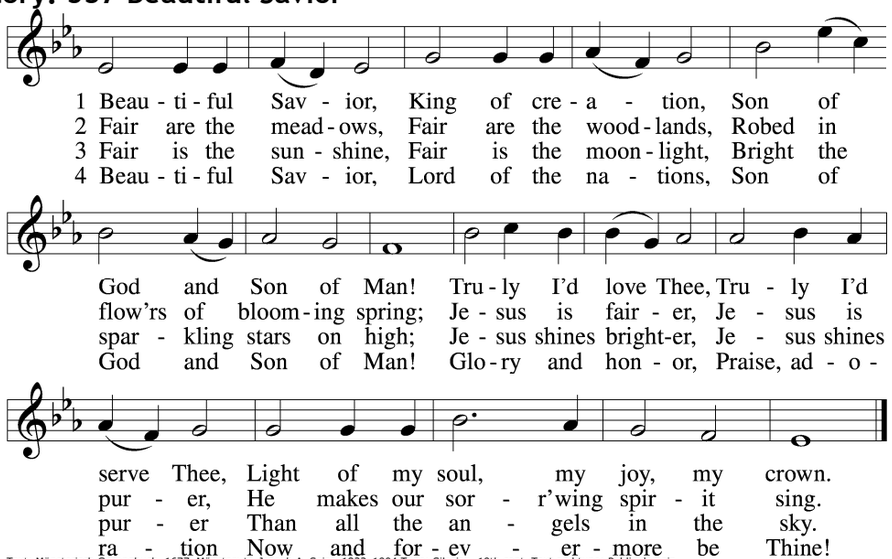
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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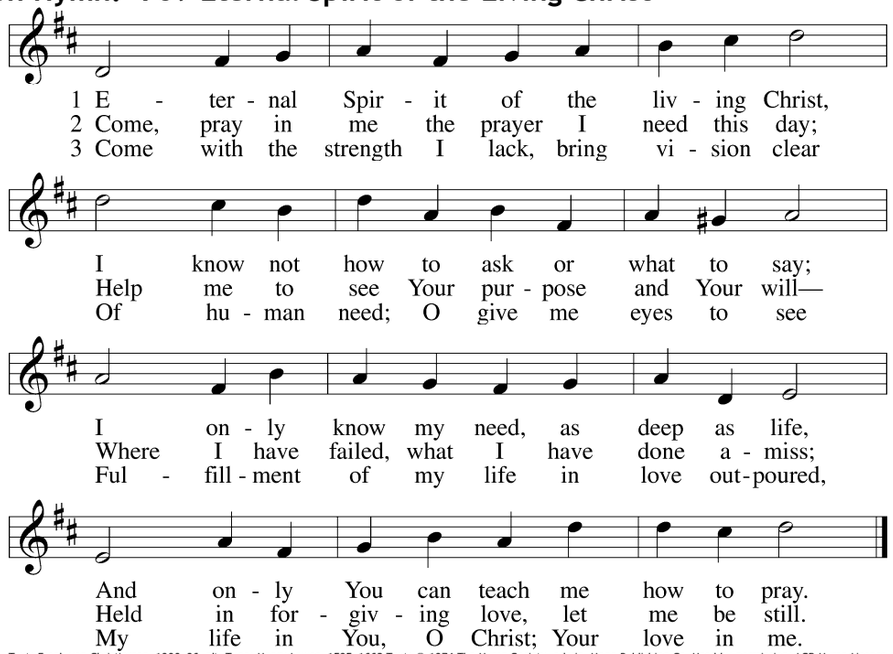
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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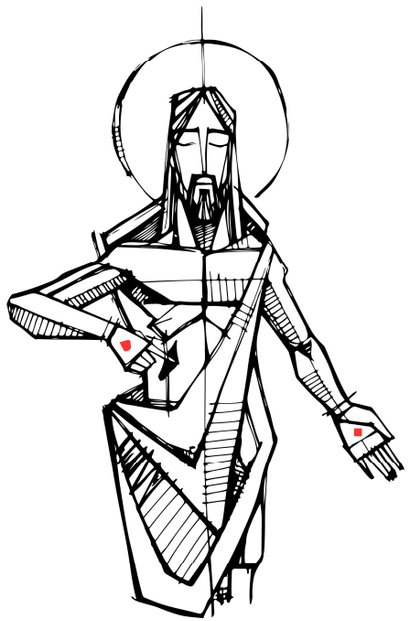

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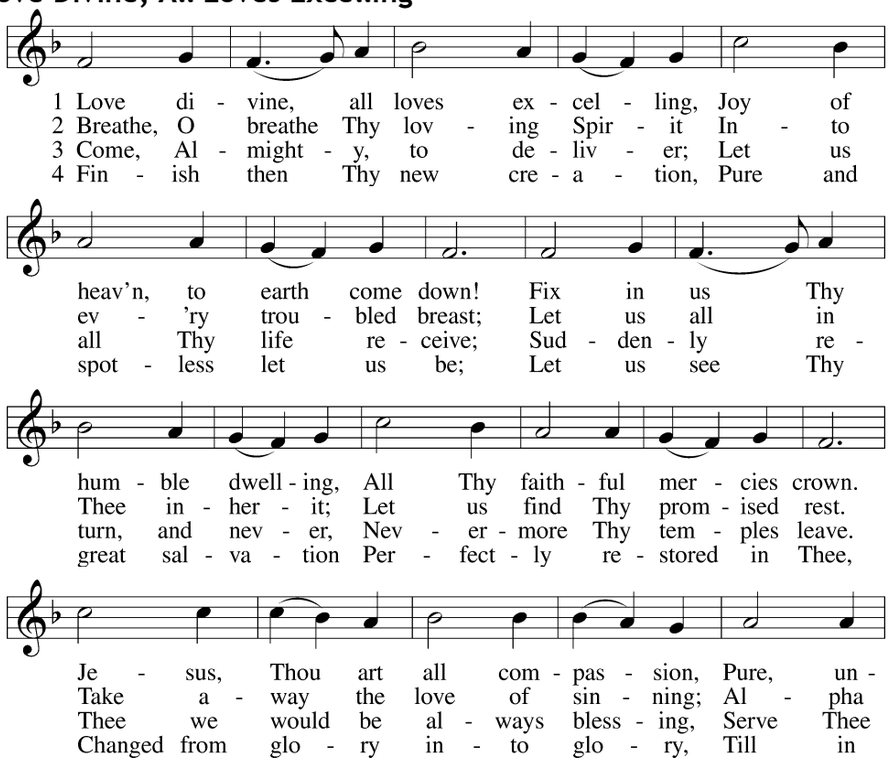
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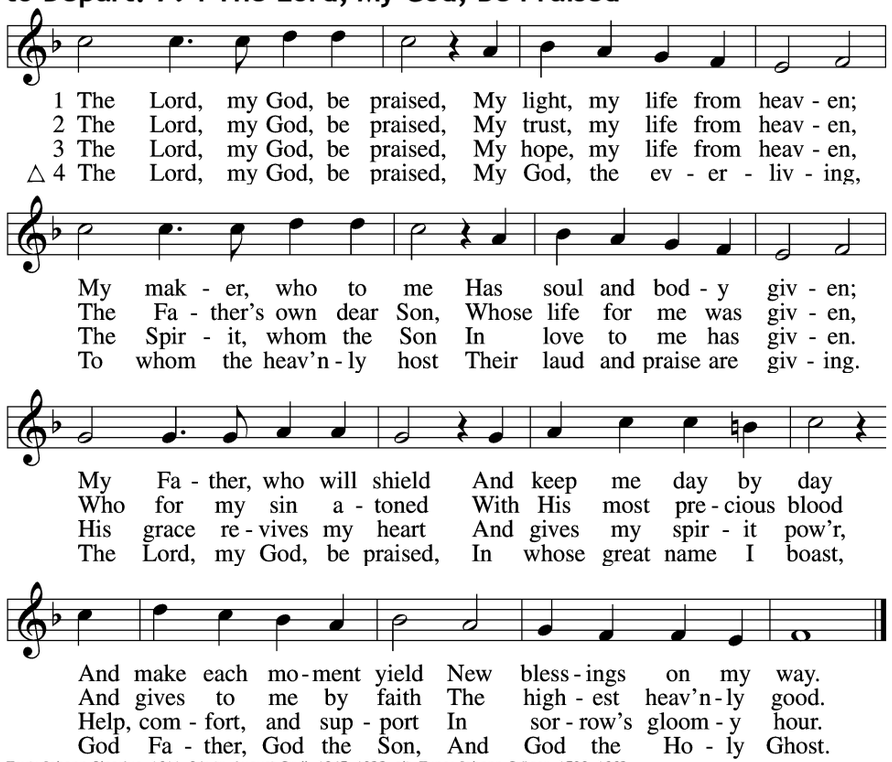
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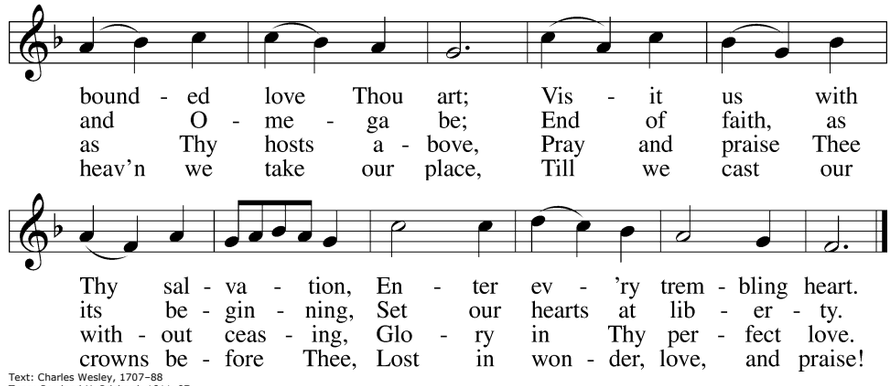

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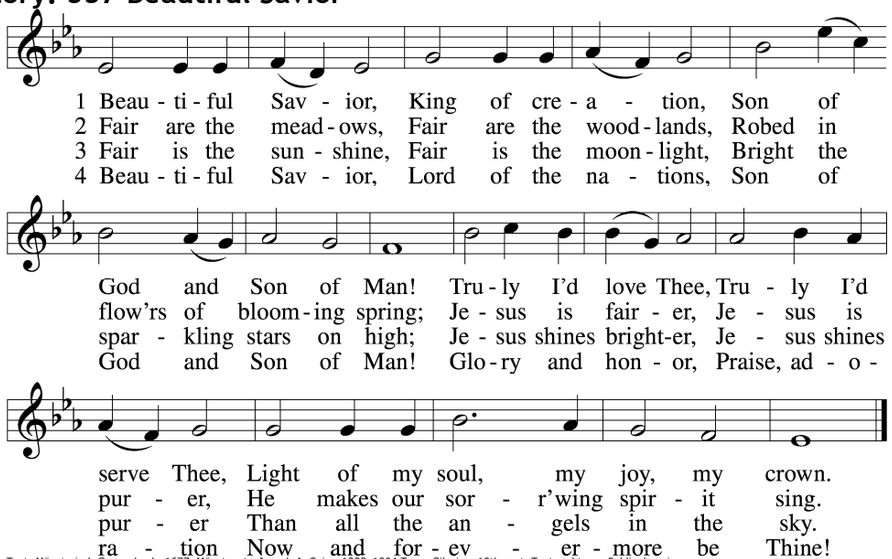

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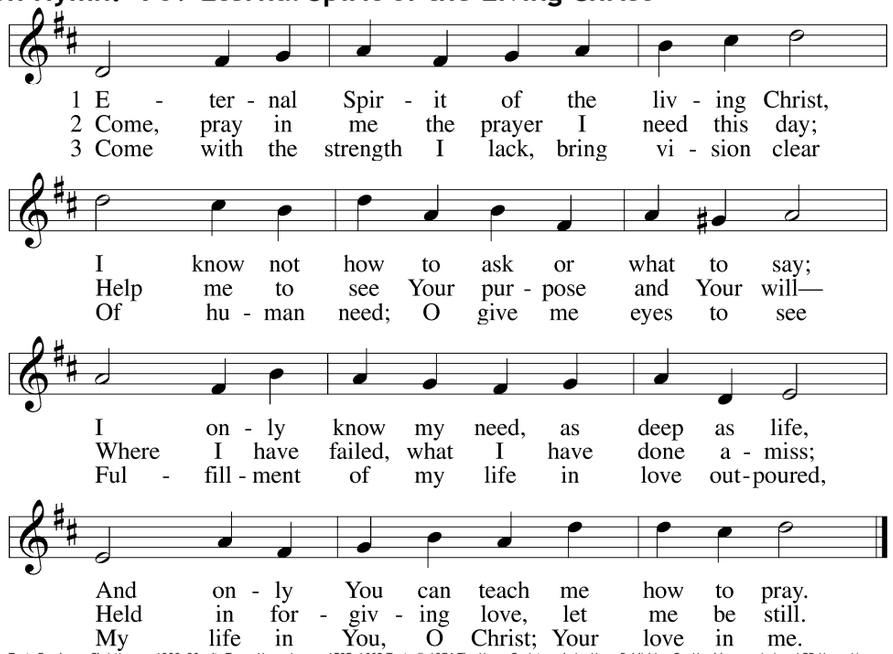
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Reach out to our neighbors with love and prayer on the second Wednesday of each month. Would you consider volunteering for an upcoming month as we pre-plan to cover this meaningful ministry opportunity? A team of 3 people is needed to greet and talk 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.

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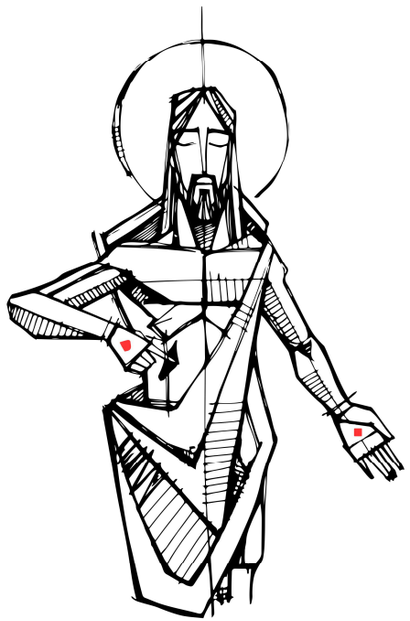

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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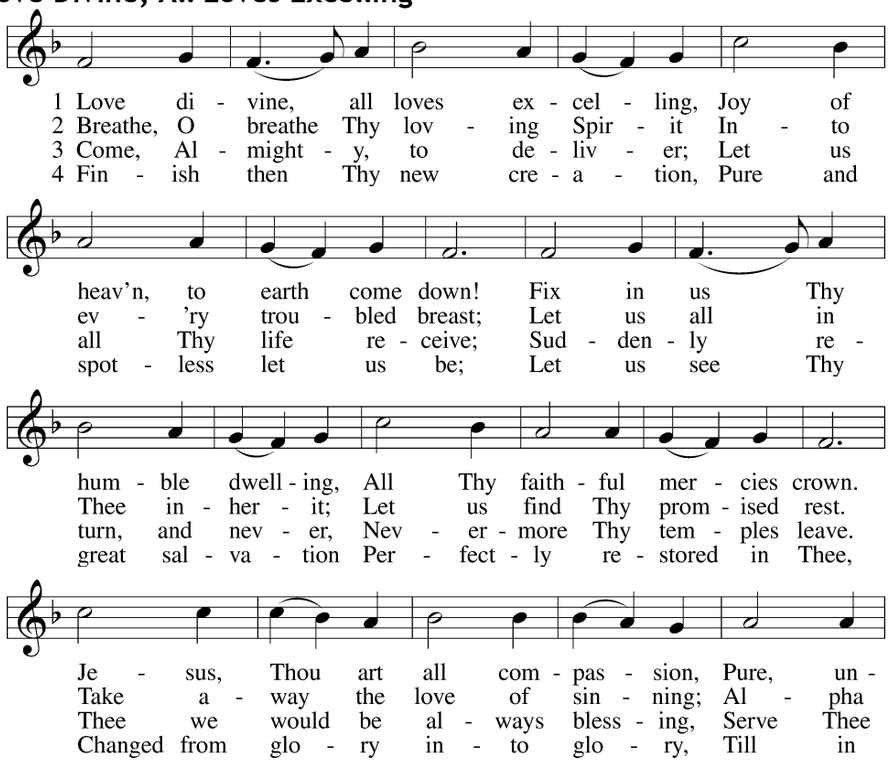
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Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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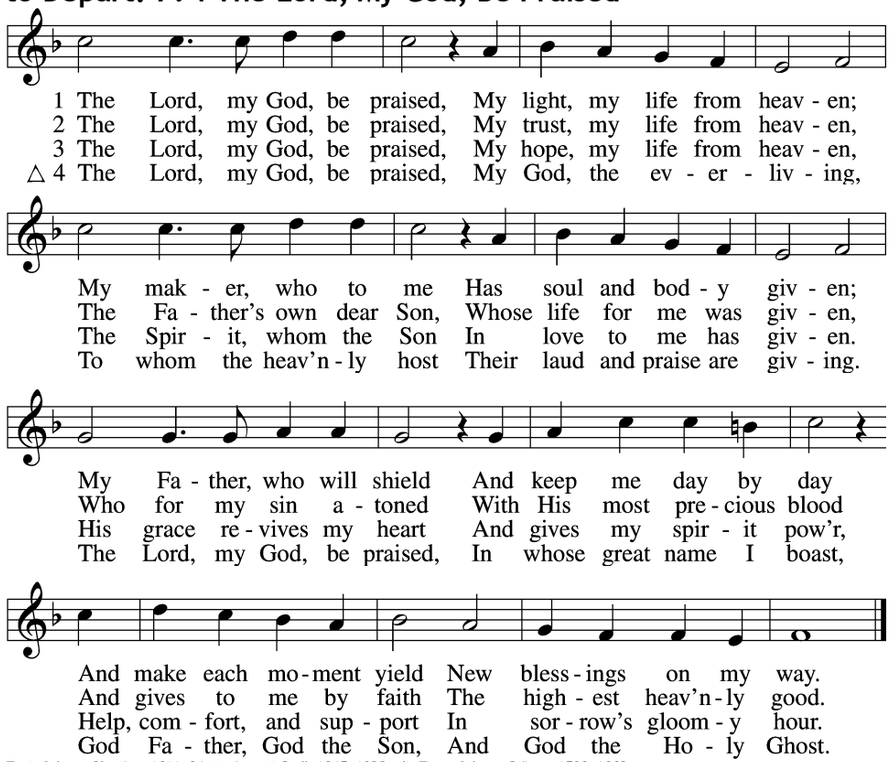
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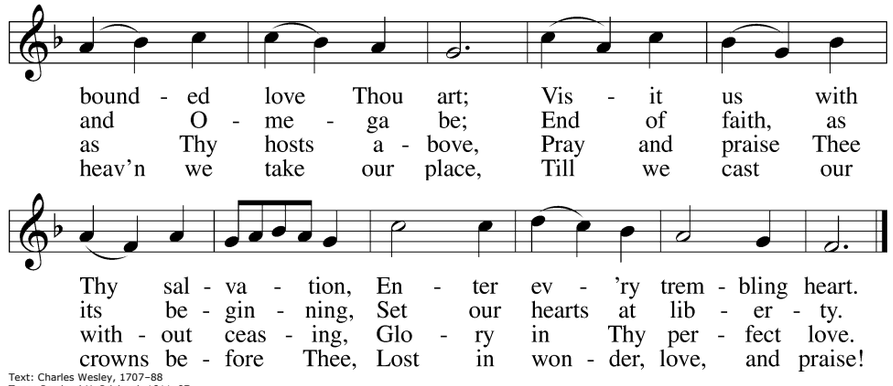

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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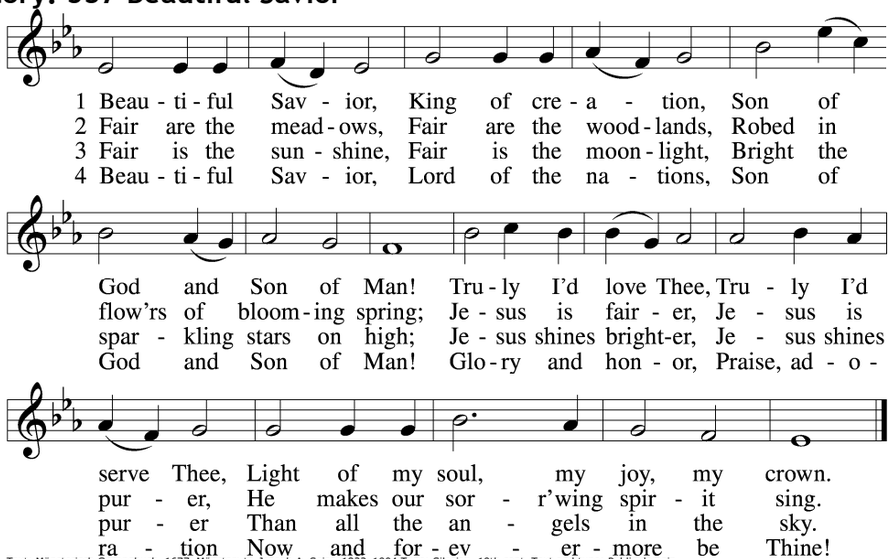

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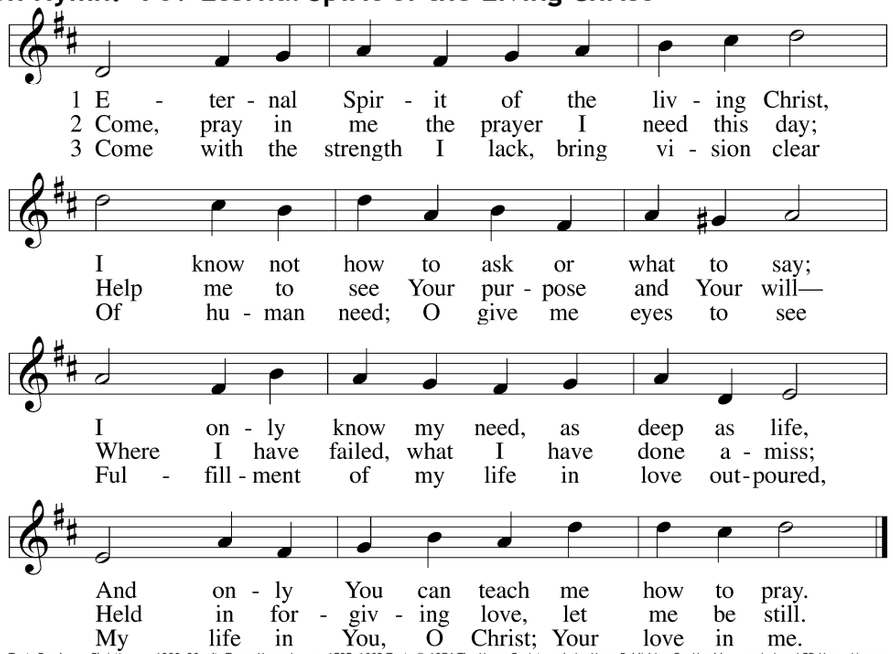
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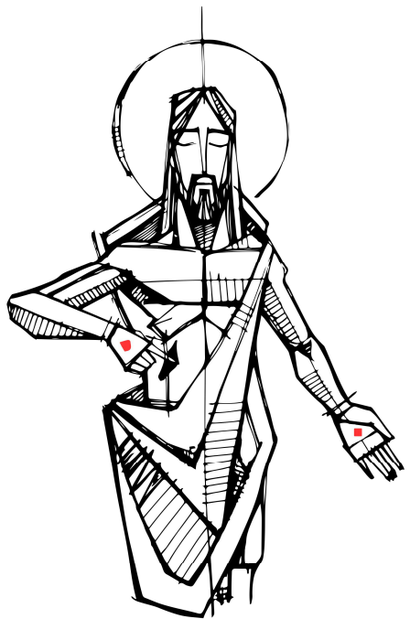

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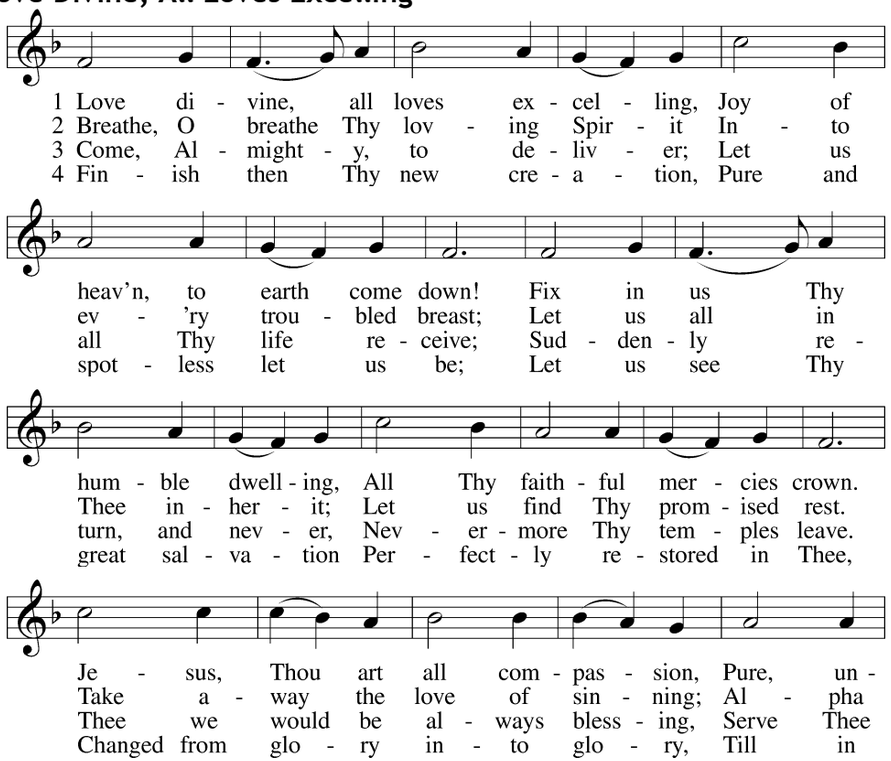
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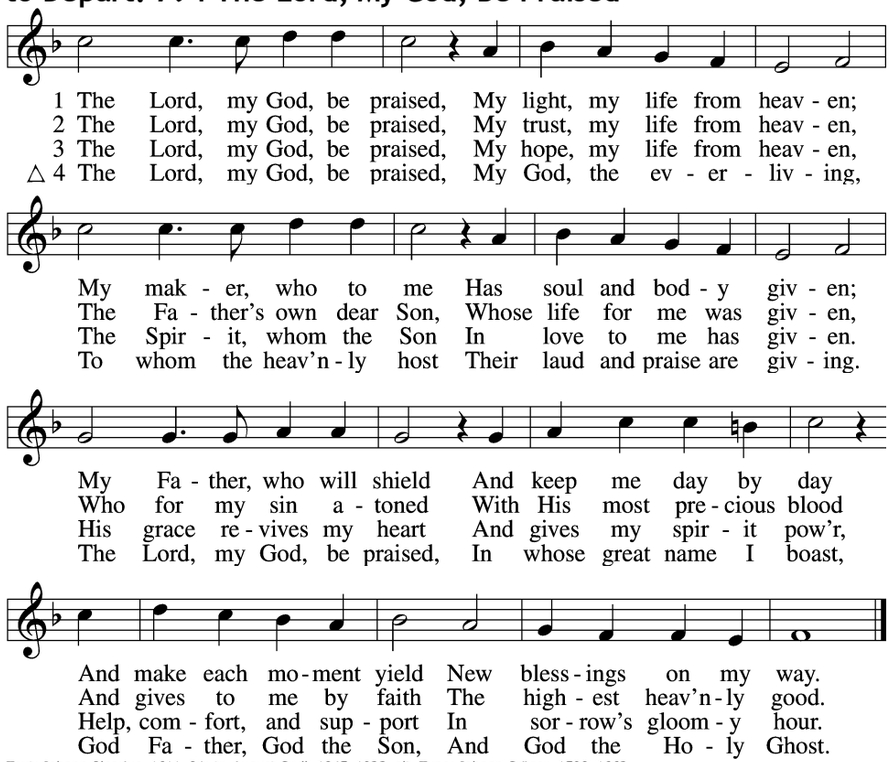
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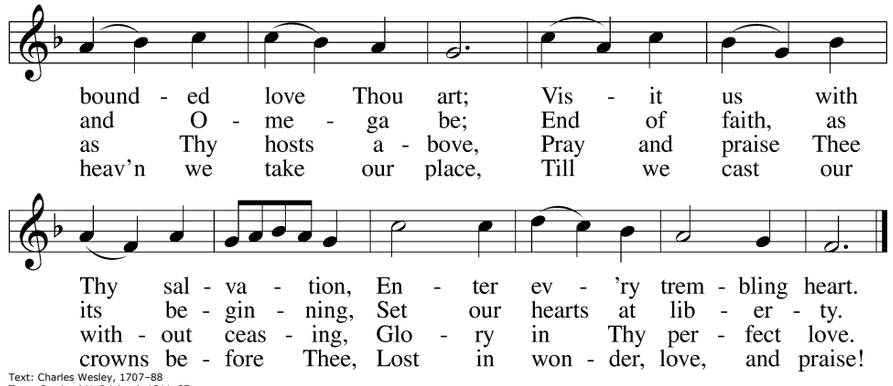

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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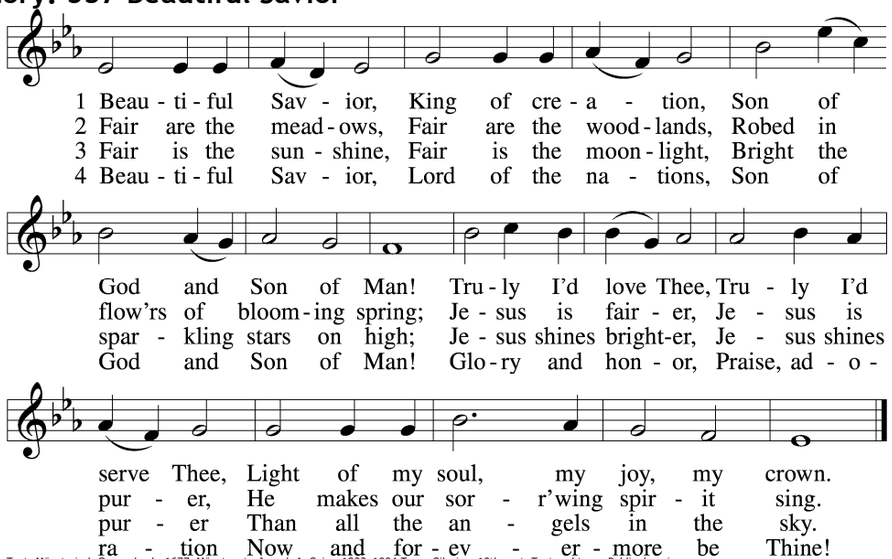
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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listen to my | plea for grace.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

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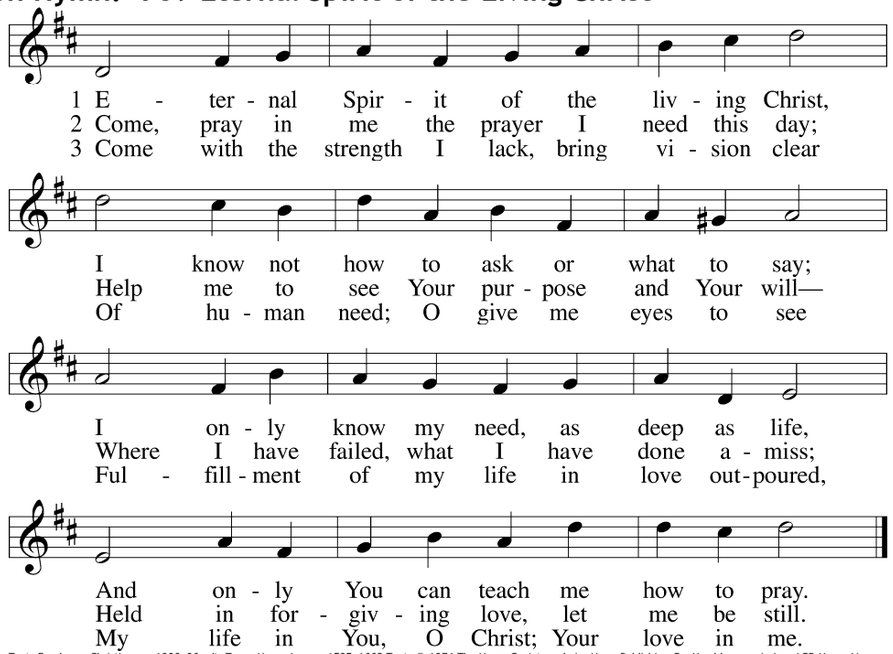
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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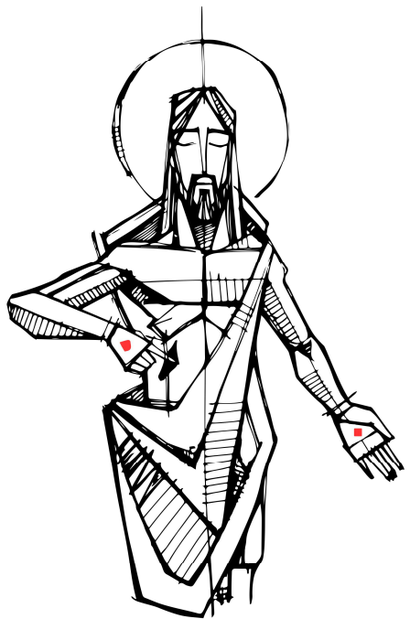

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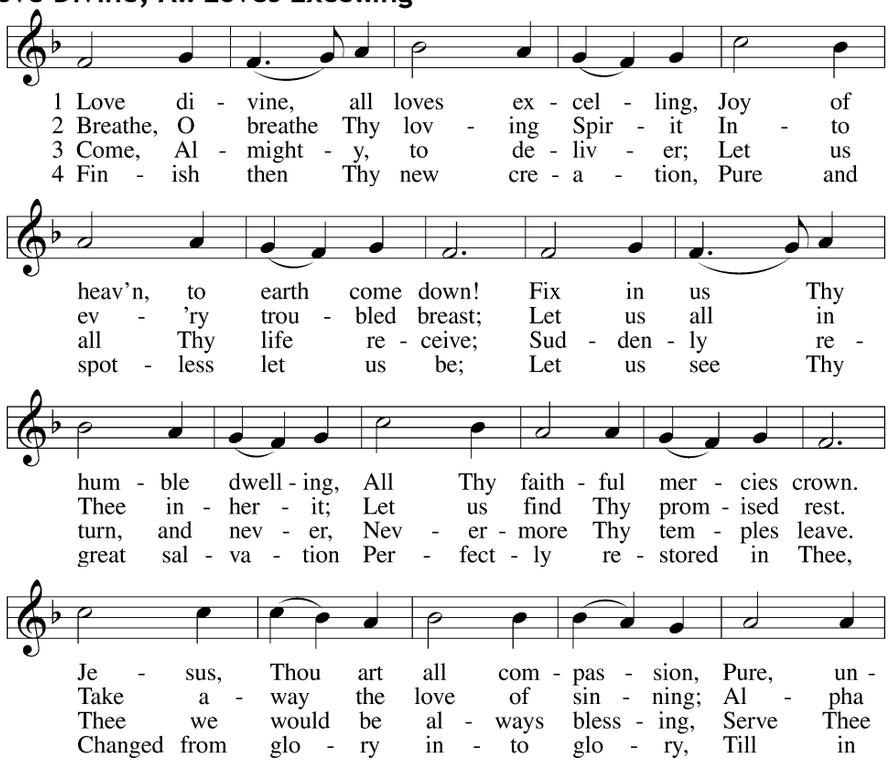
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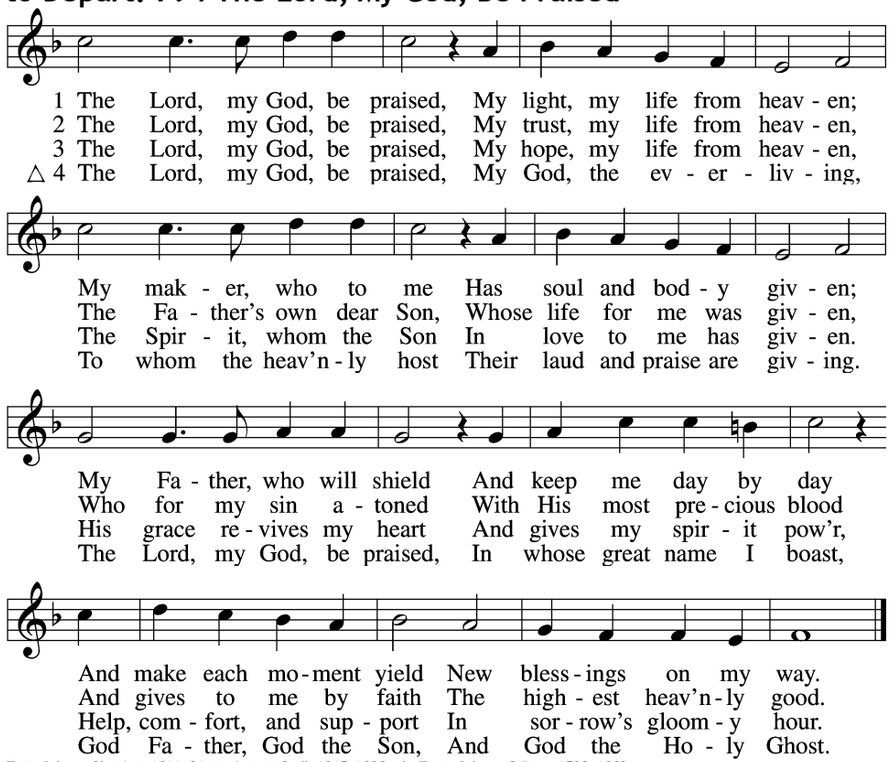
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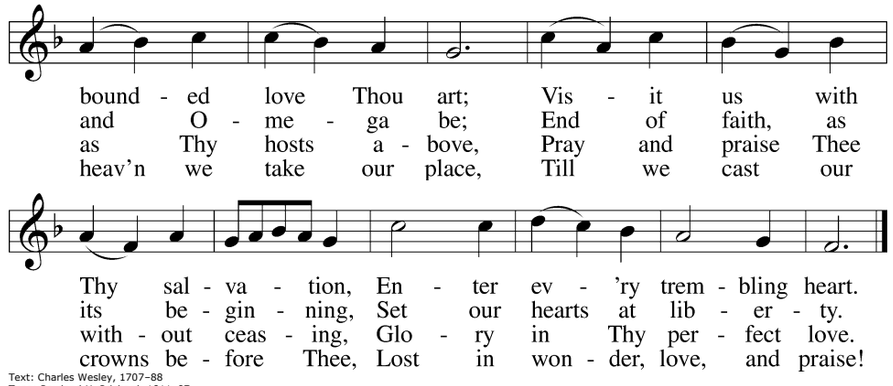

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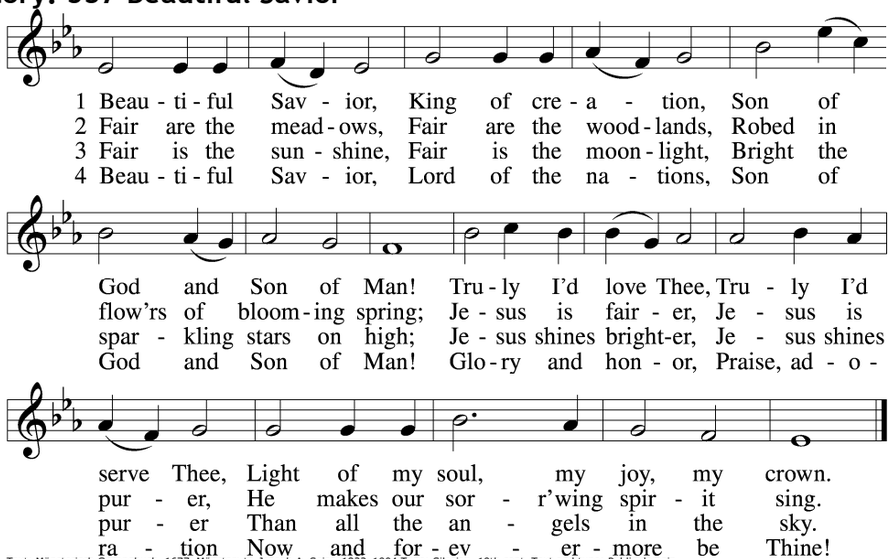

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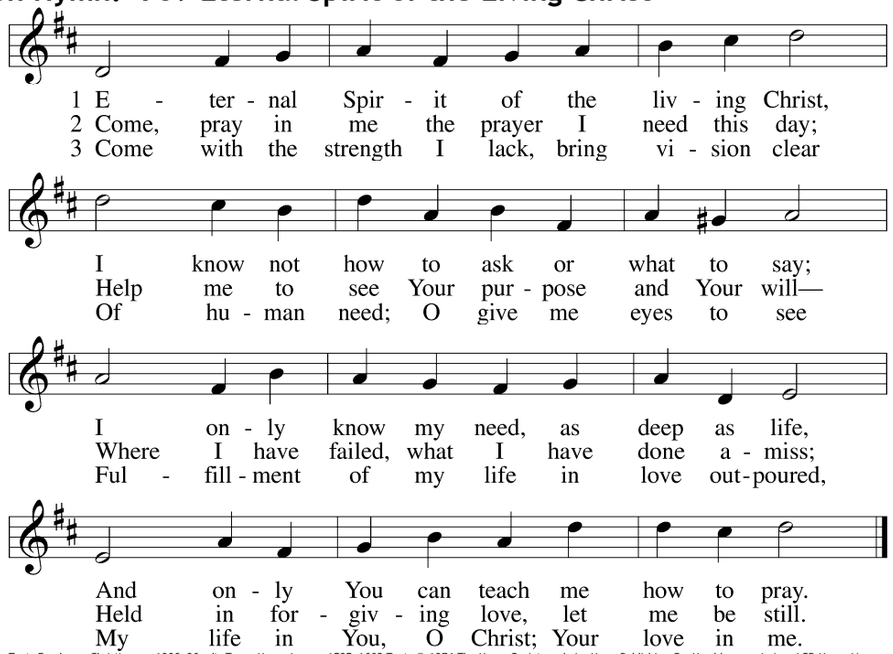
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LWML

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.

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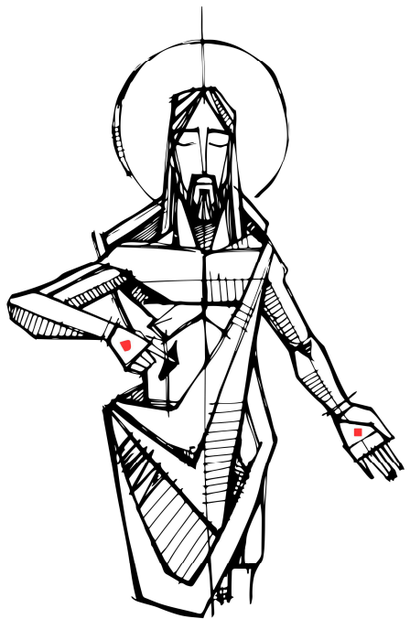

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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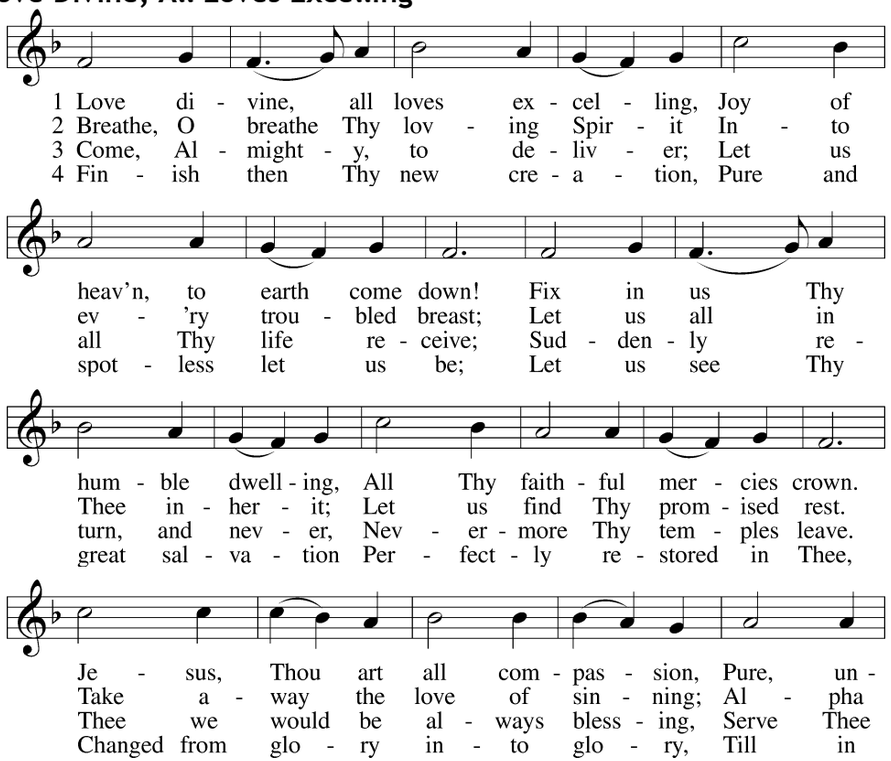
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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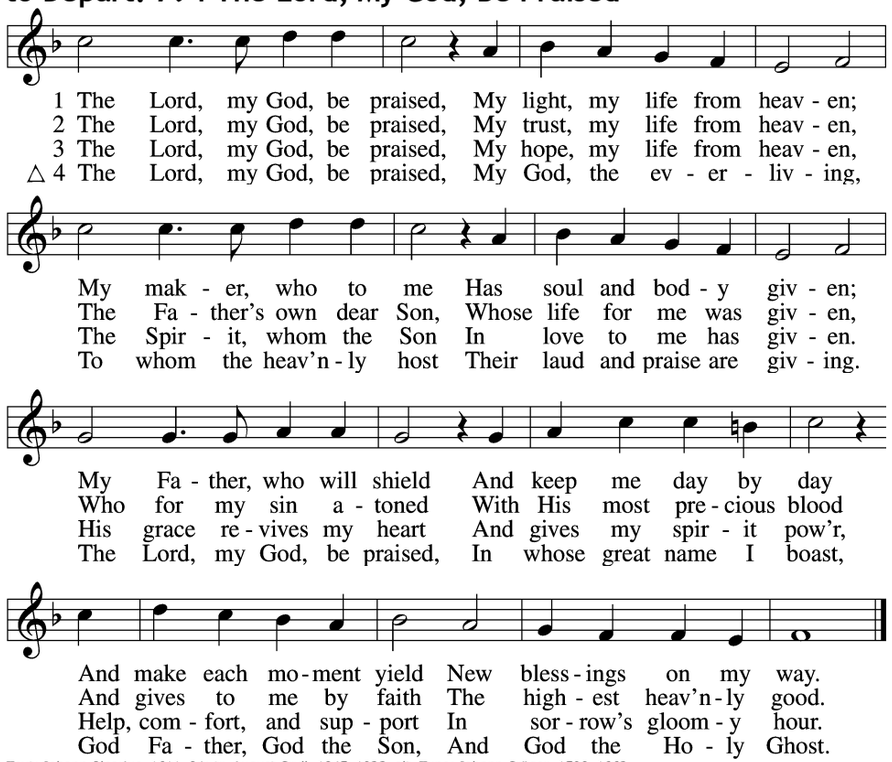
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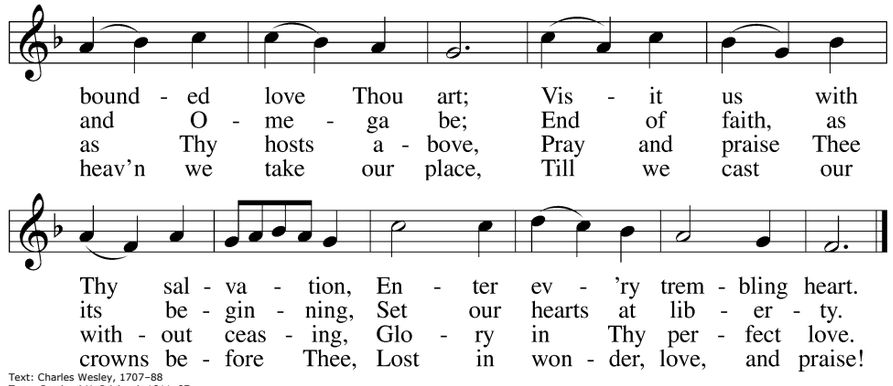

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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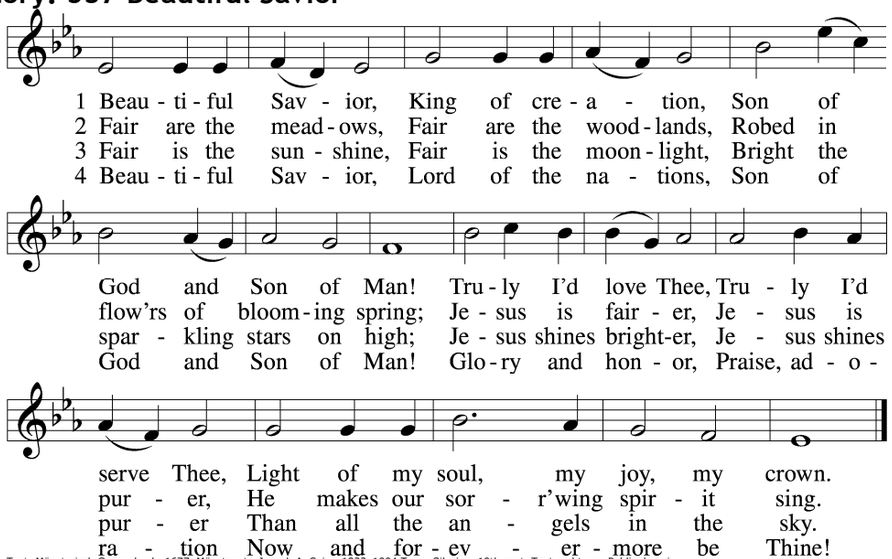

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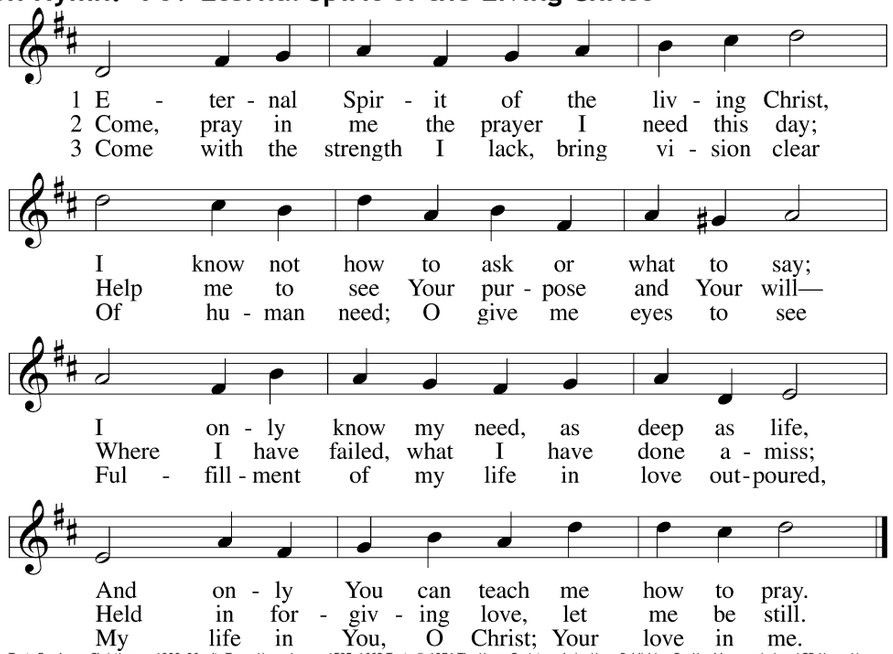
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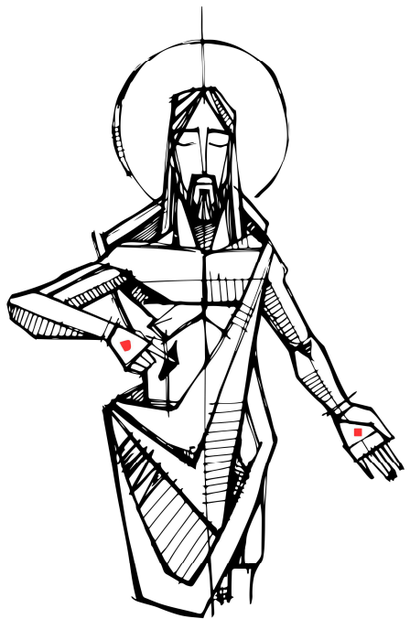

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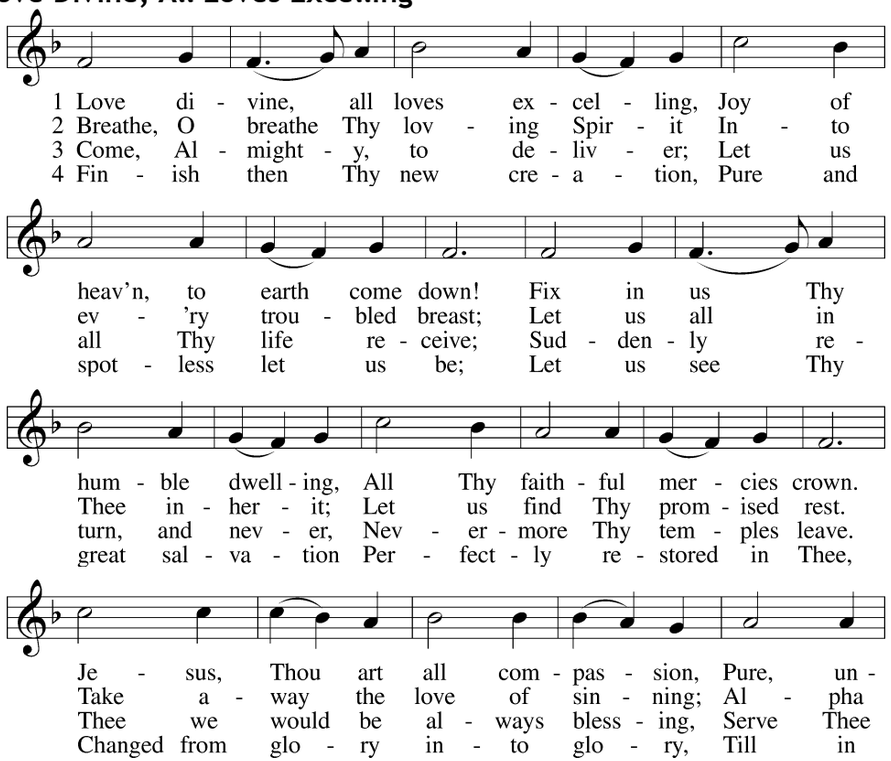
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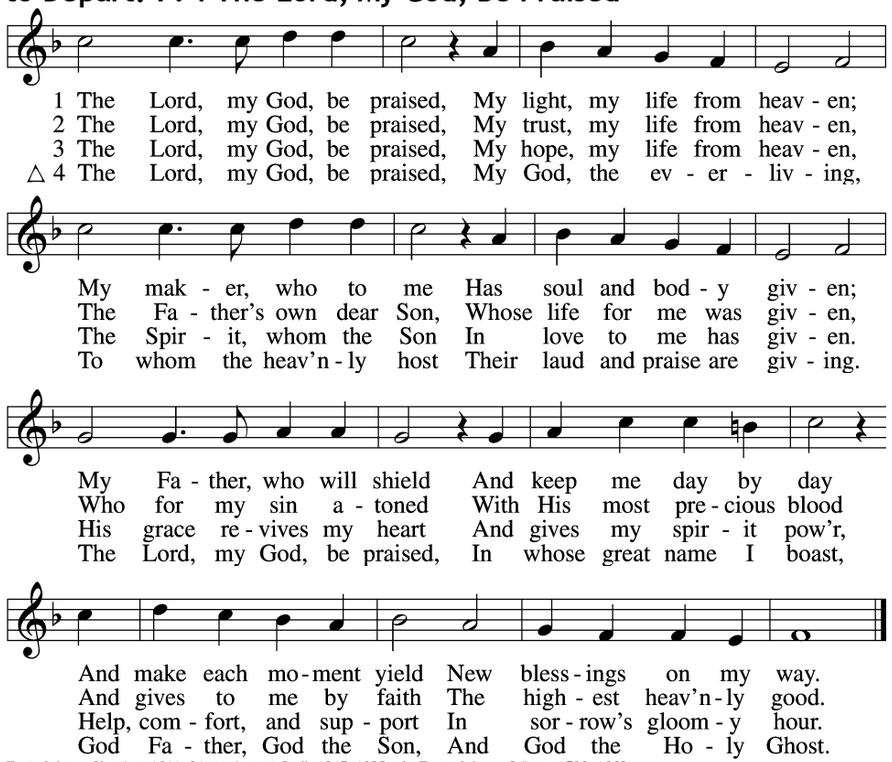
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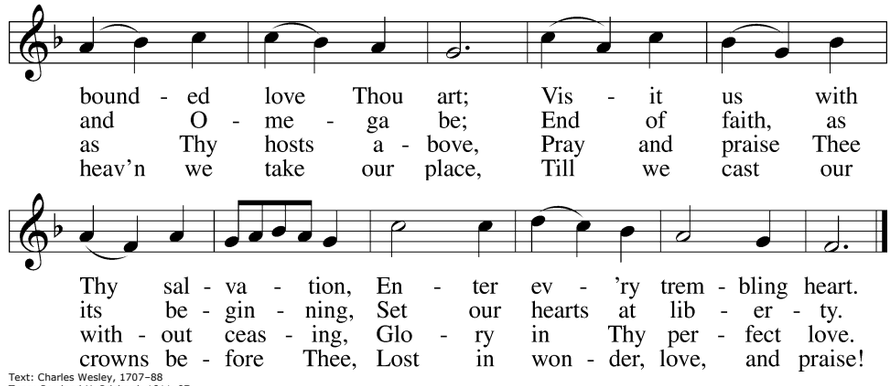

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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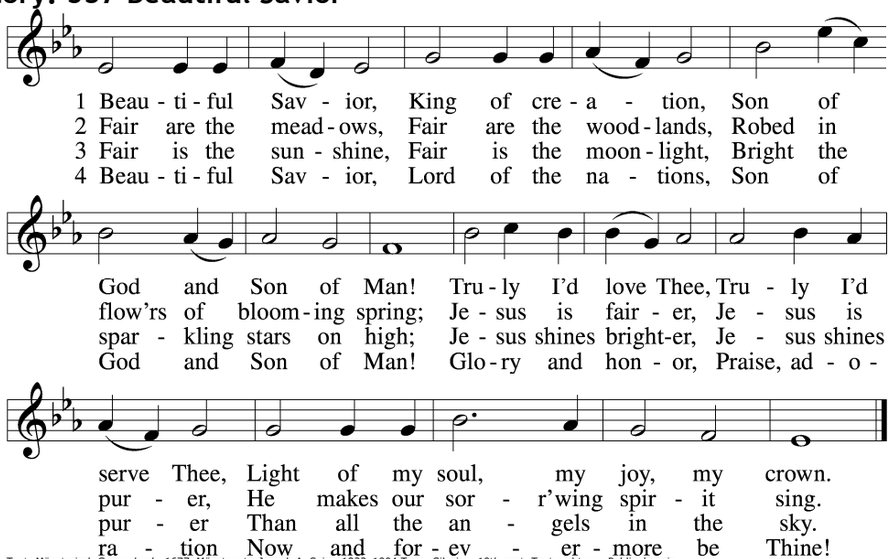
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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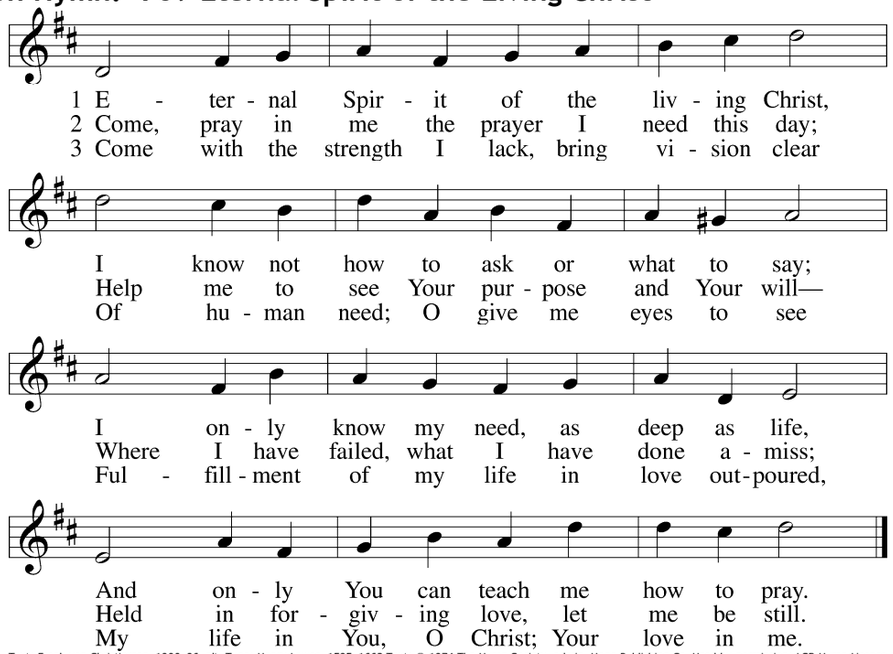
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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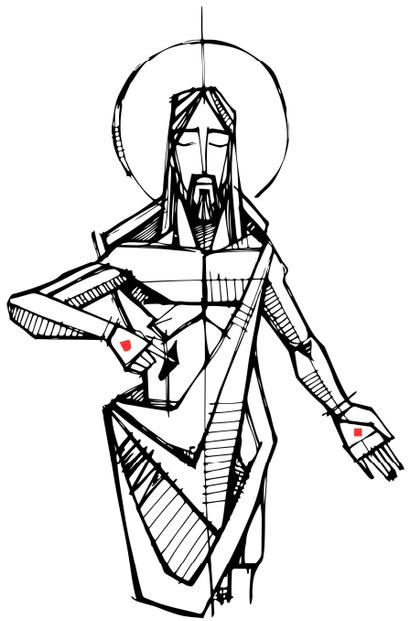

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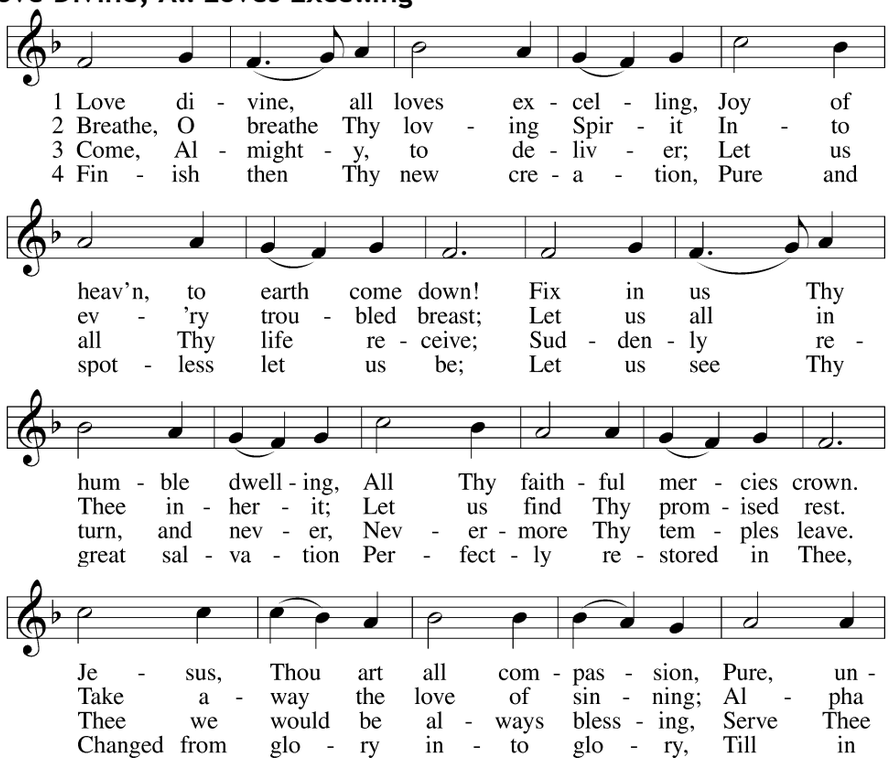
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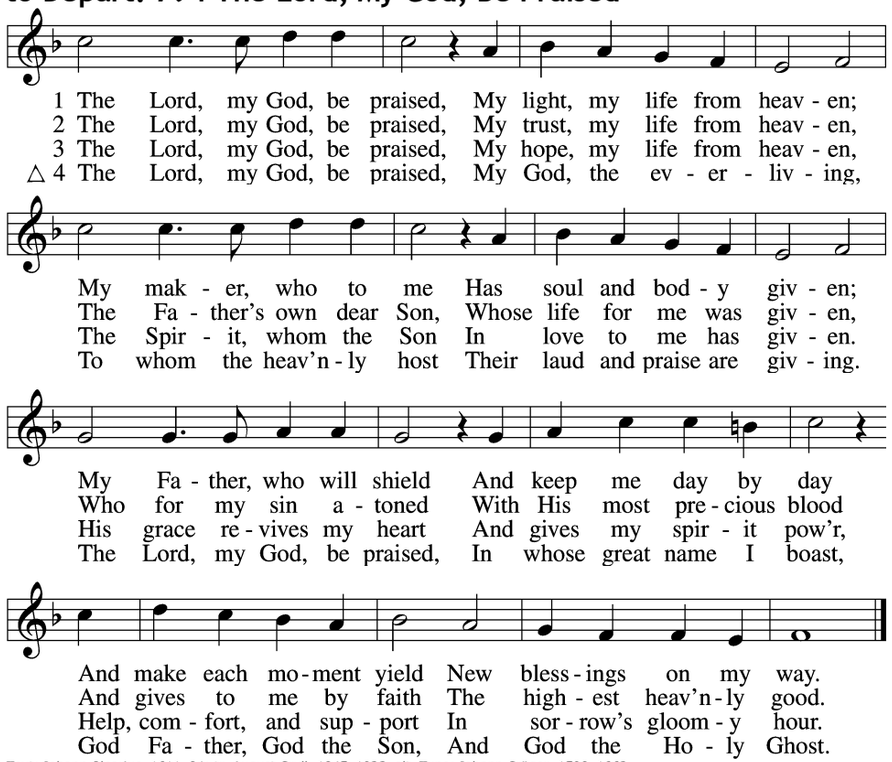
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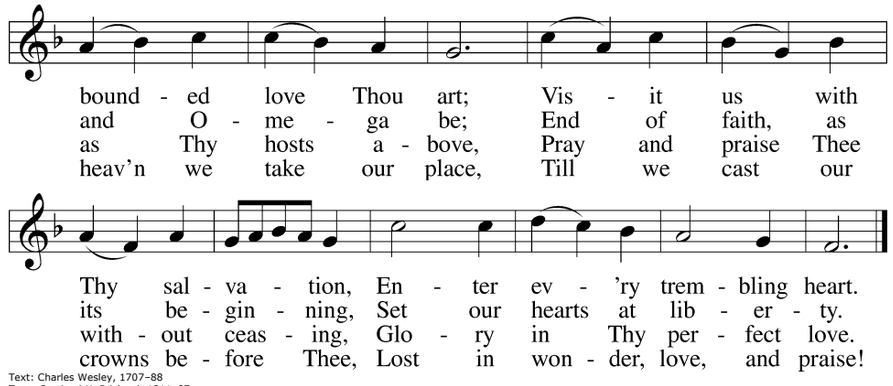

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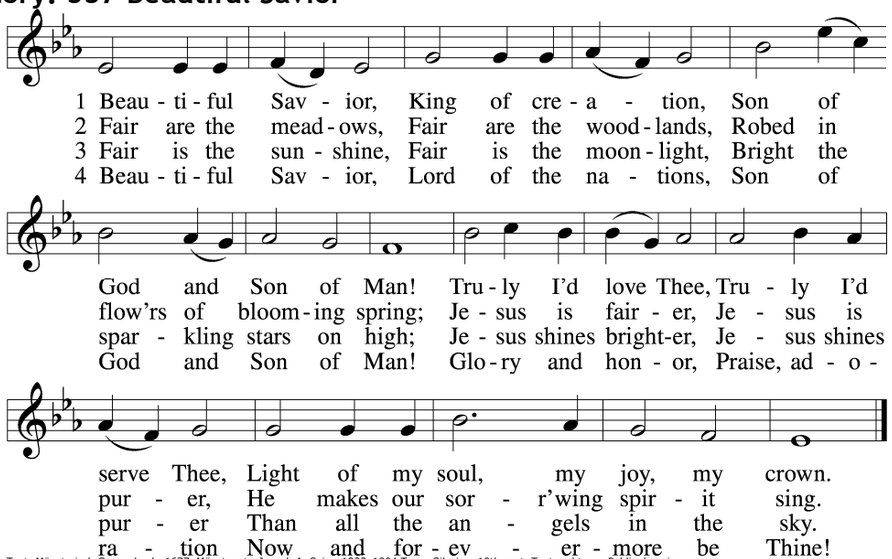

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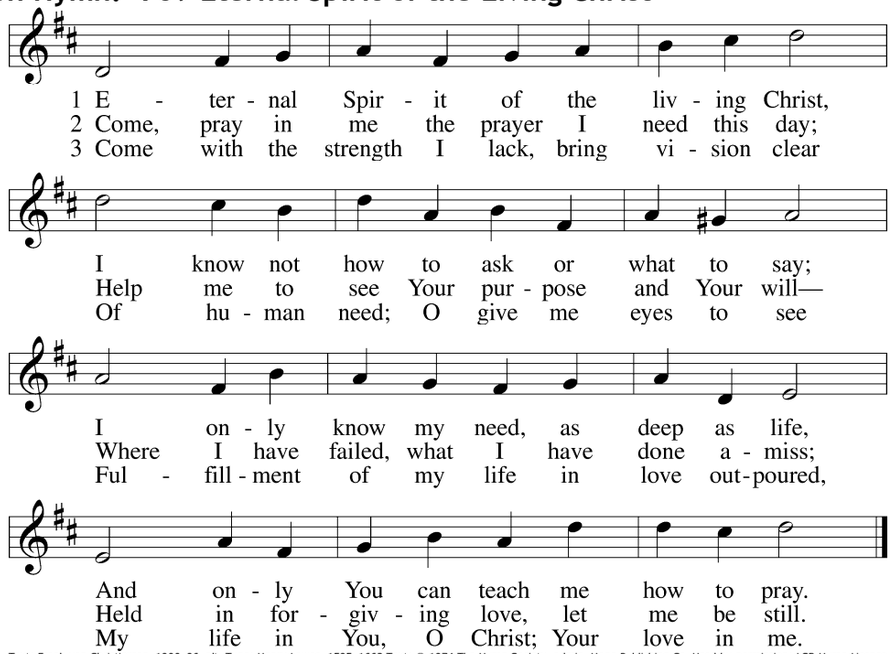
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LWML

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.

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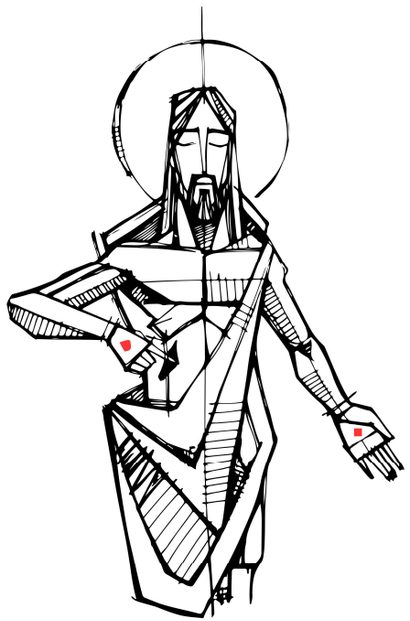

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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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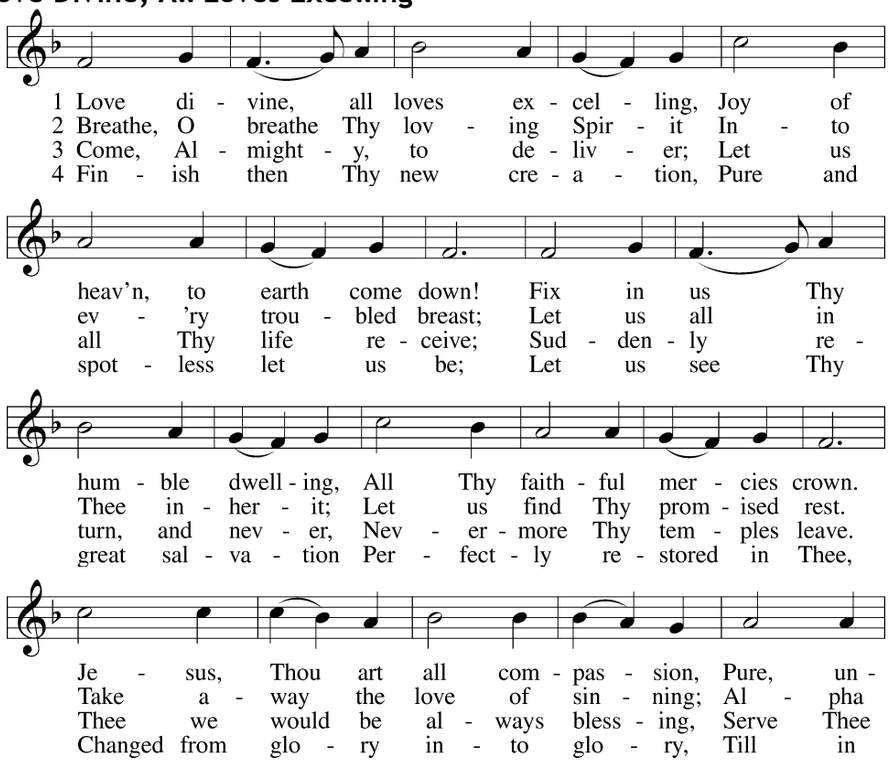
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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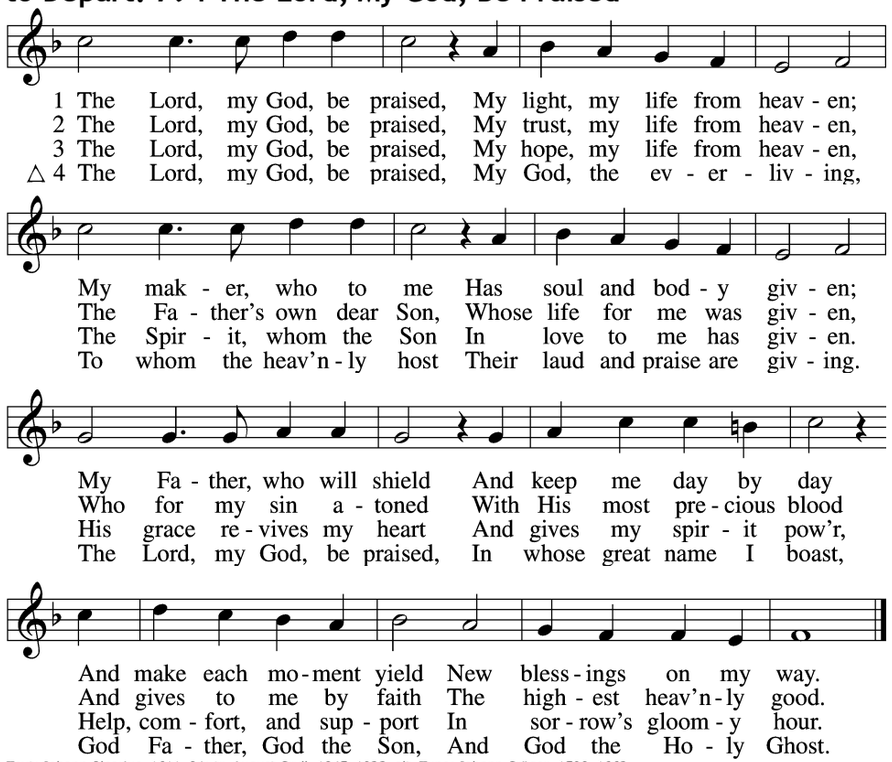
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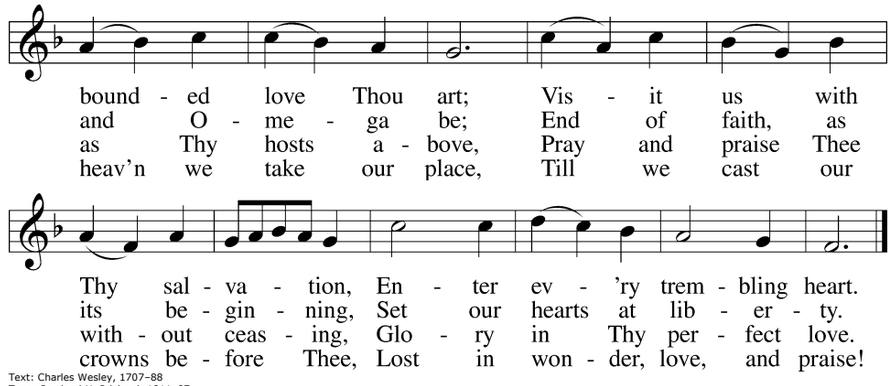

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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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.

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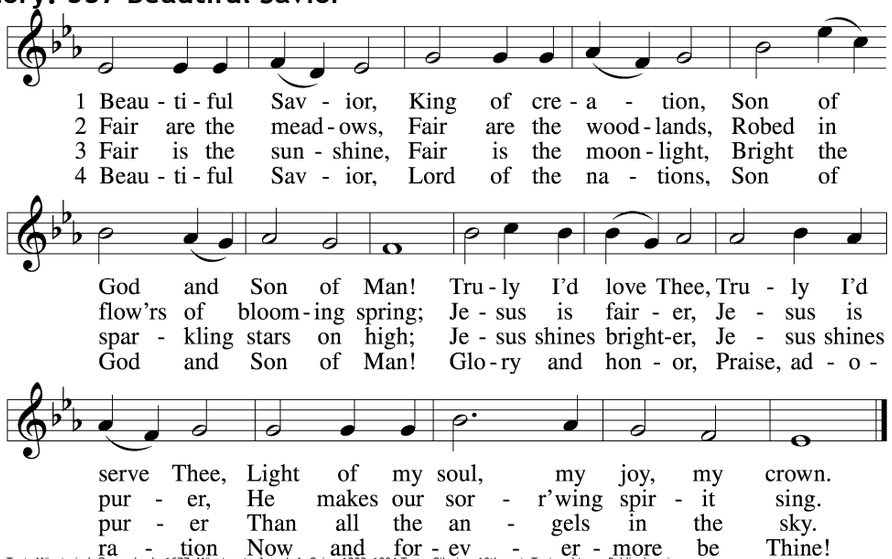

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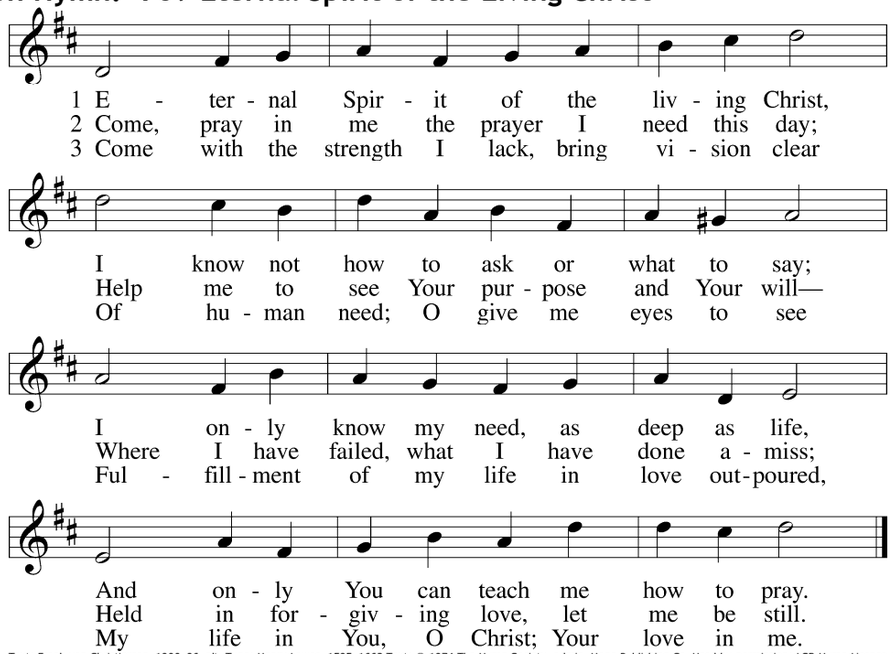
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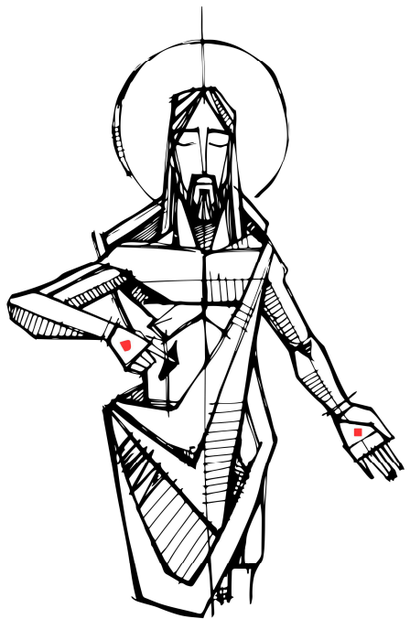

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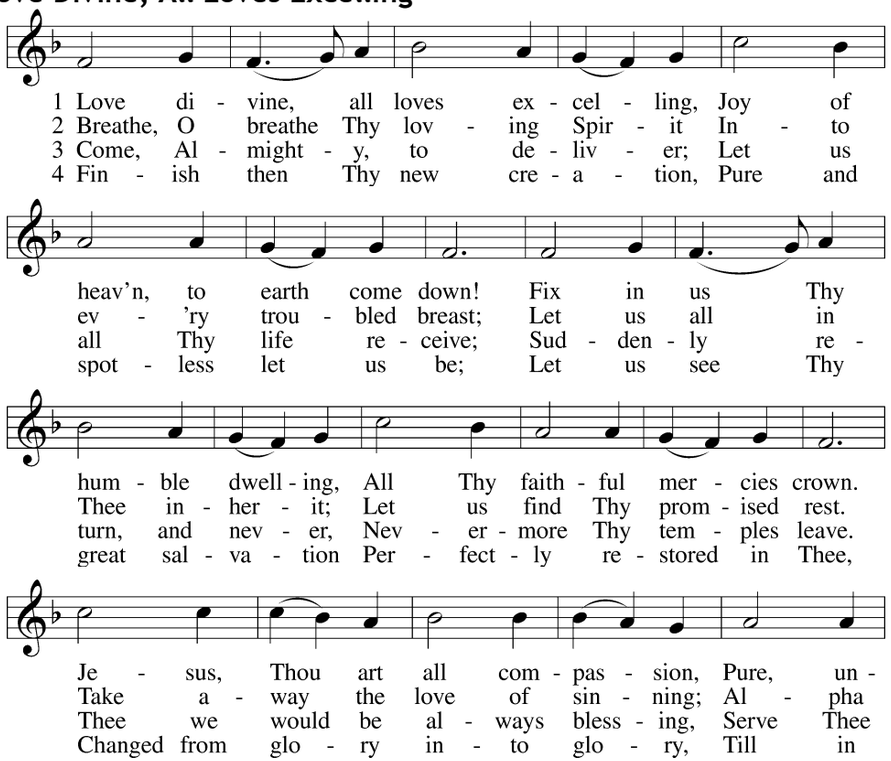
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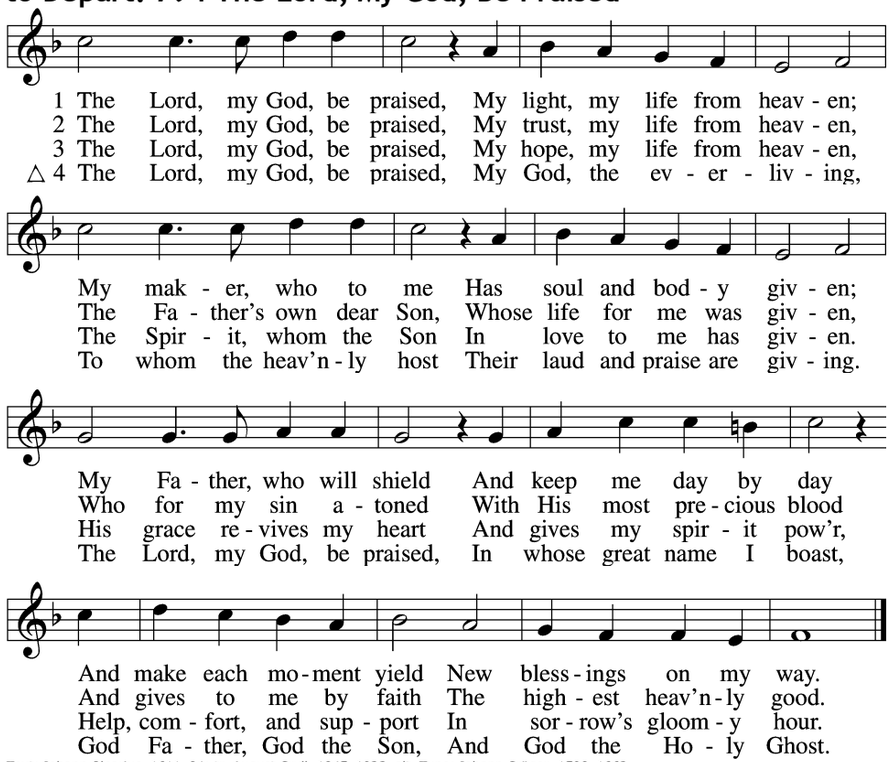
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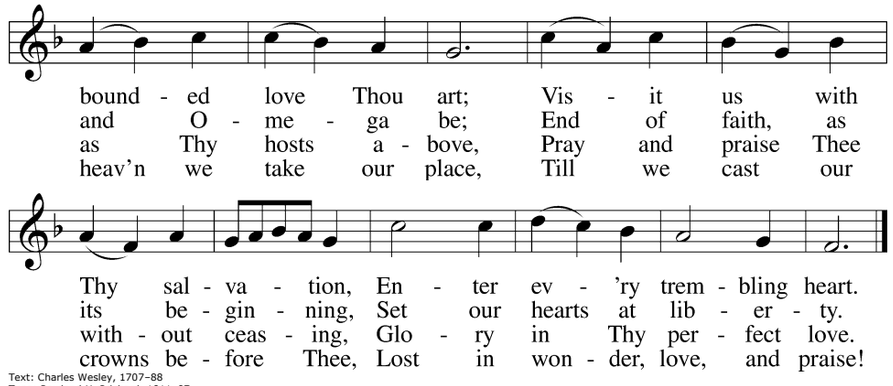

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as it was in the be- | ginning,*
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P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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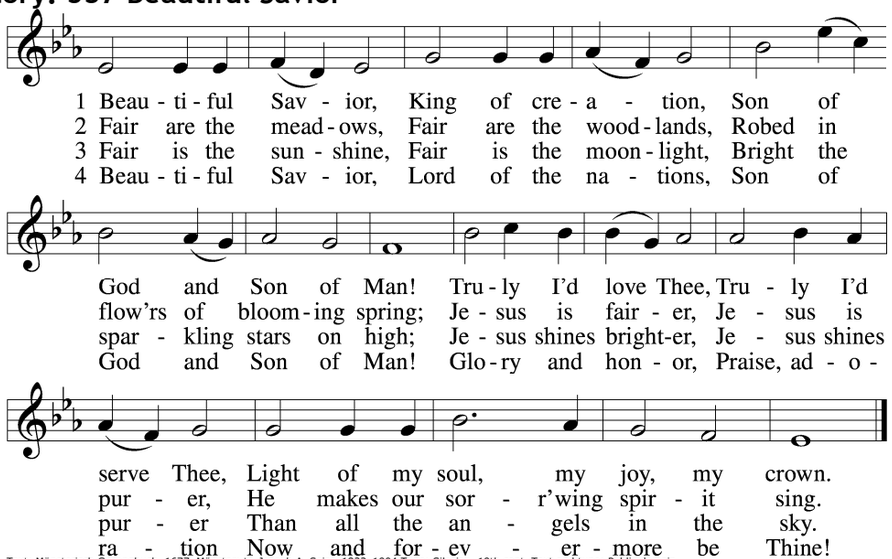
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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,
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and the life ☩ everlasting. Amen.

Prayer of the Church

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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

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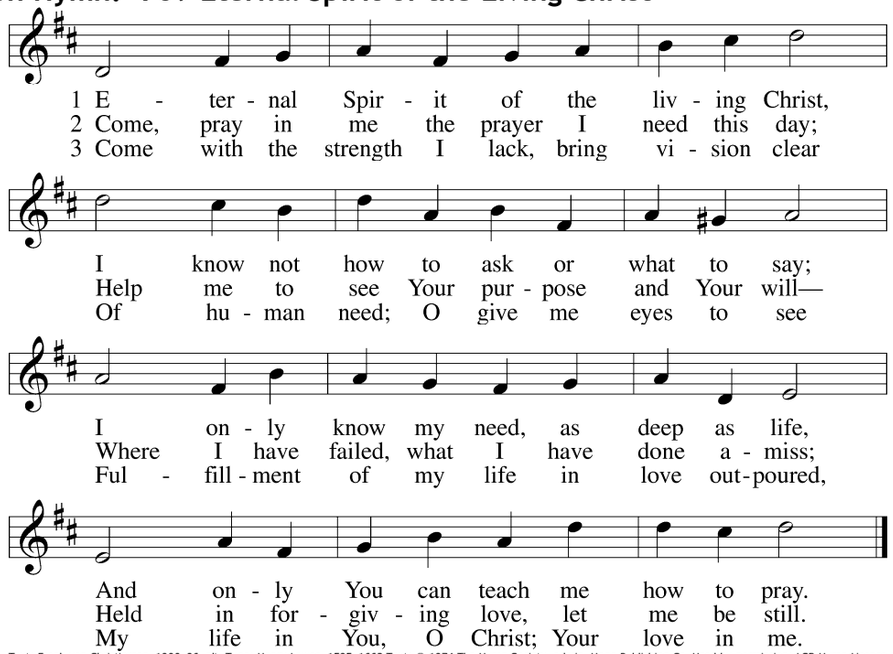
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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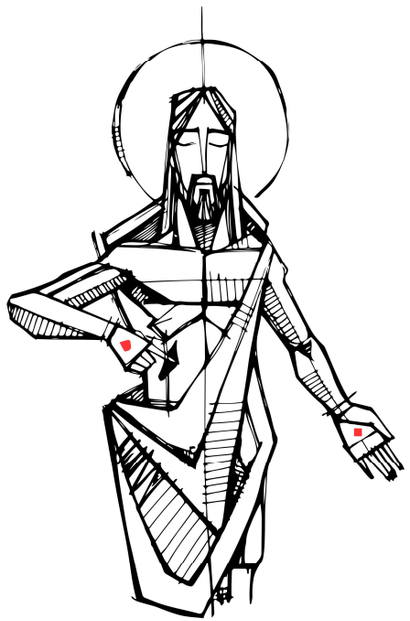

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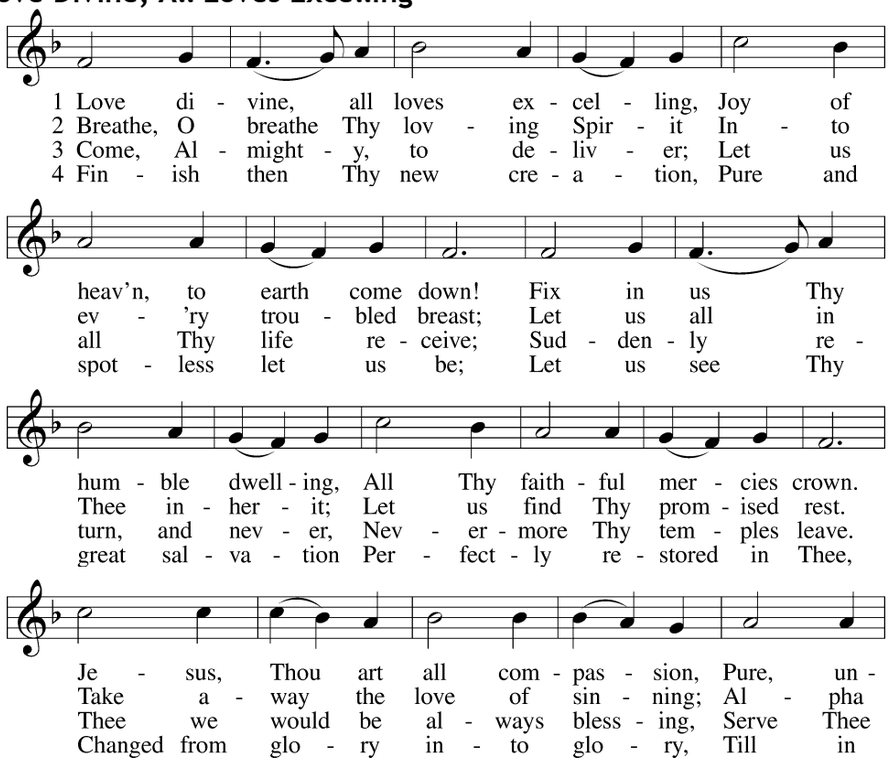
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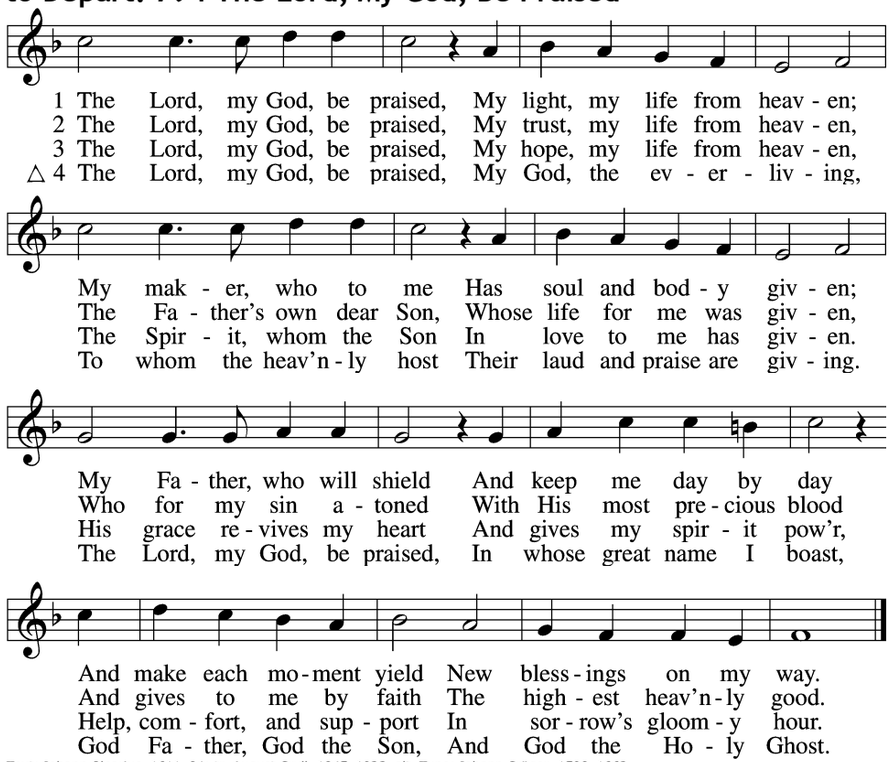
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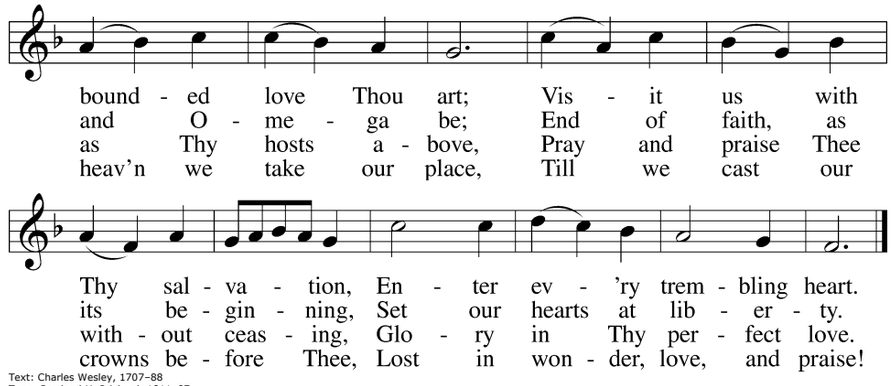

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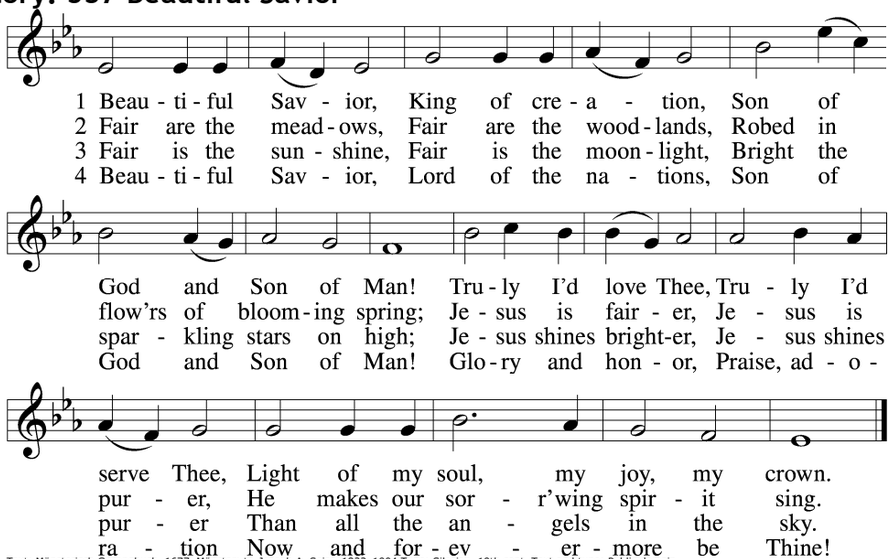

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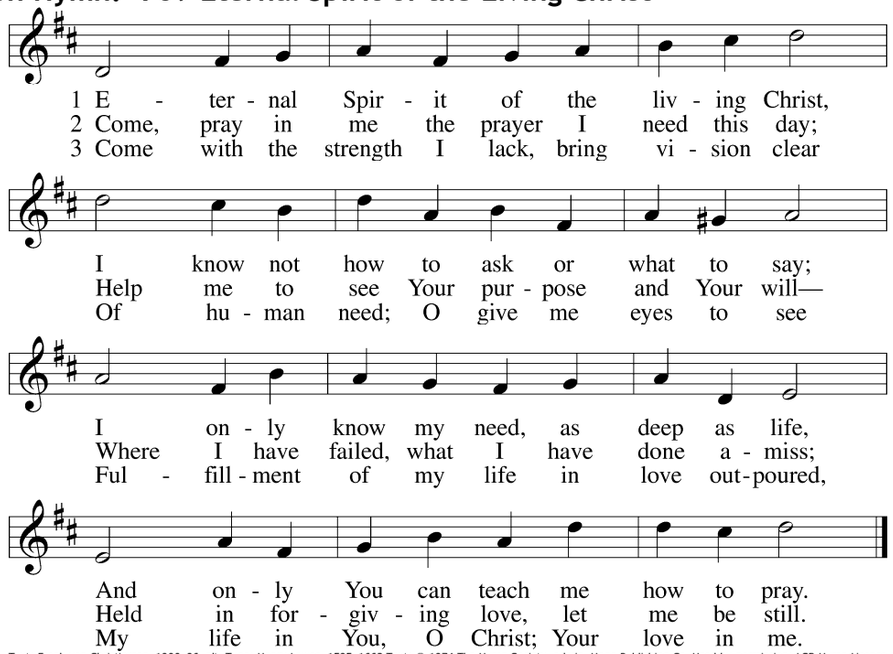
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LWML

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.

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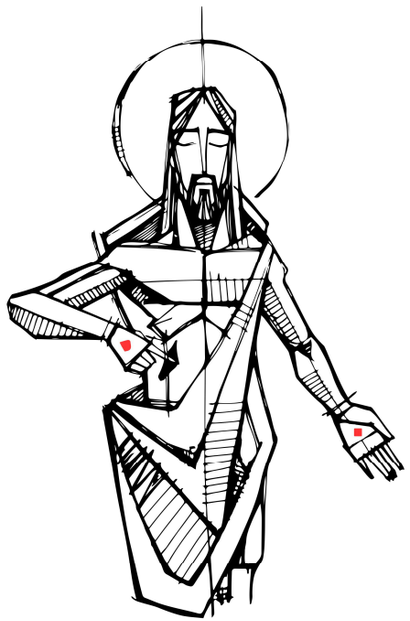

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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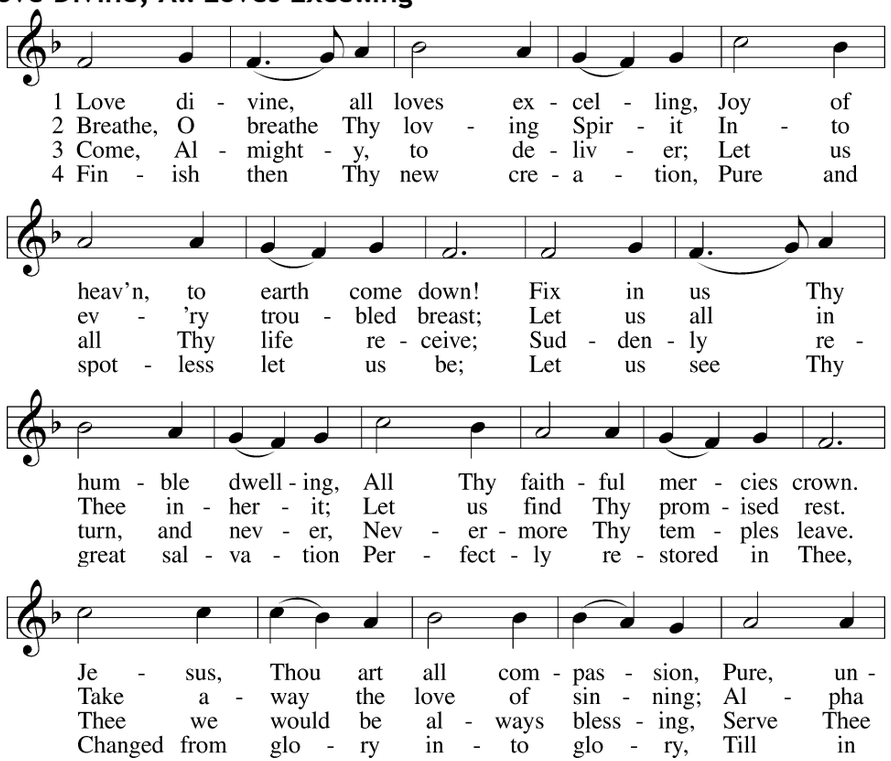
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Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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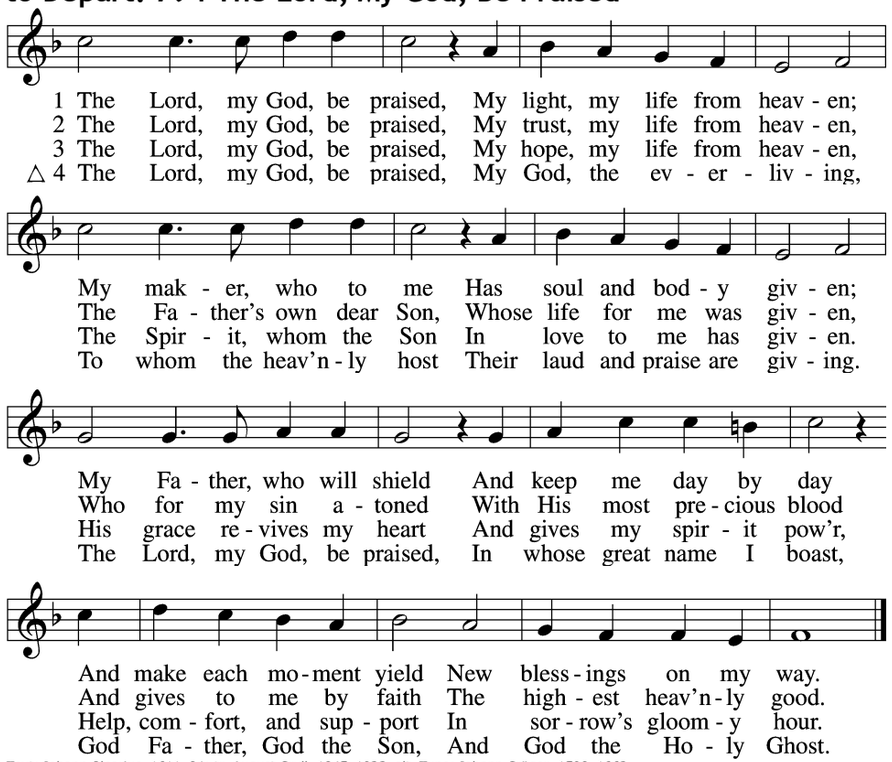
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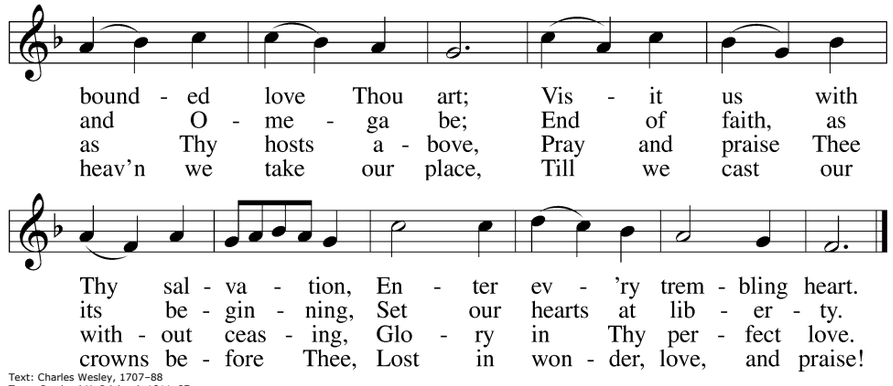

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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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.

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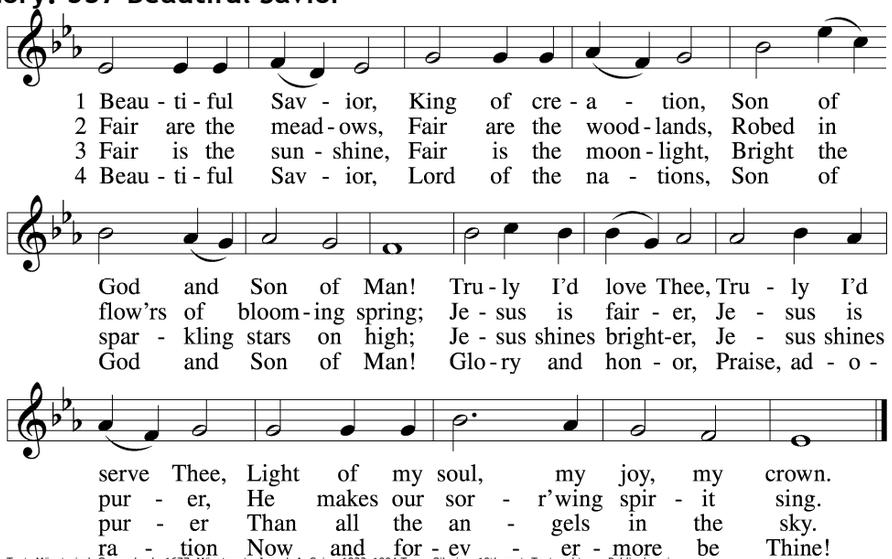

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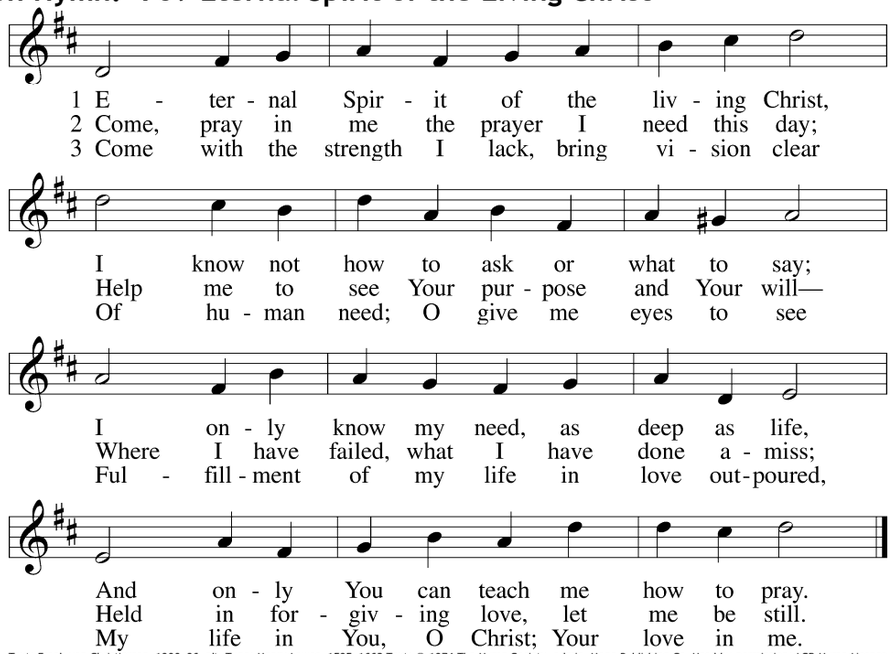
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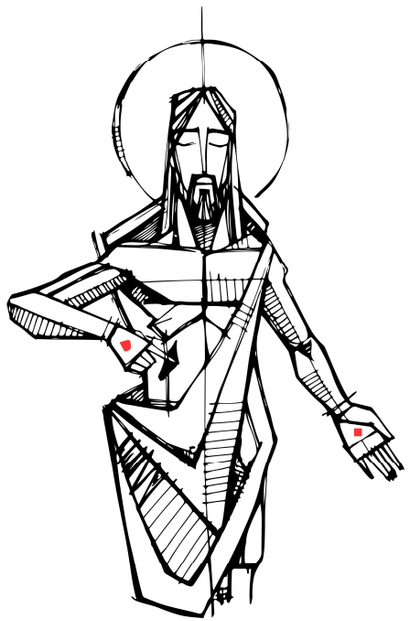

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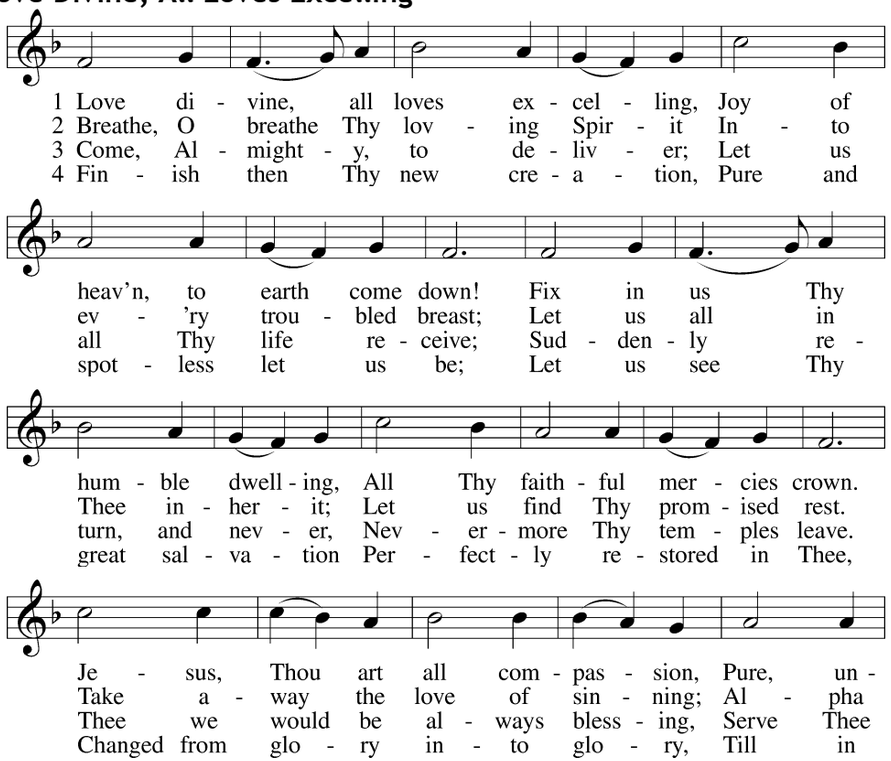
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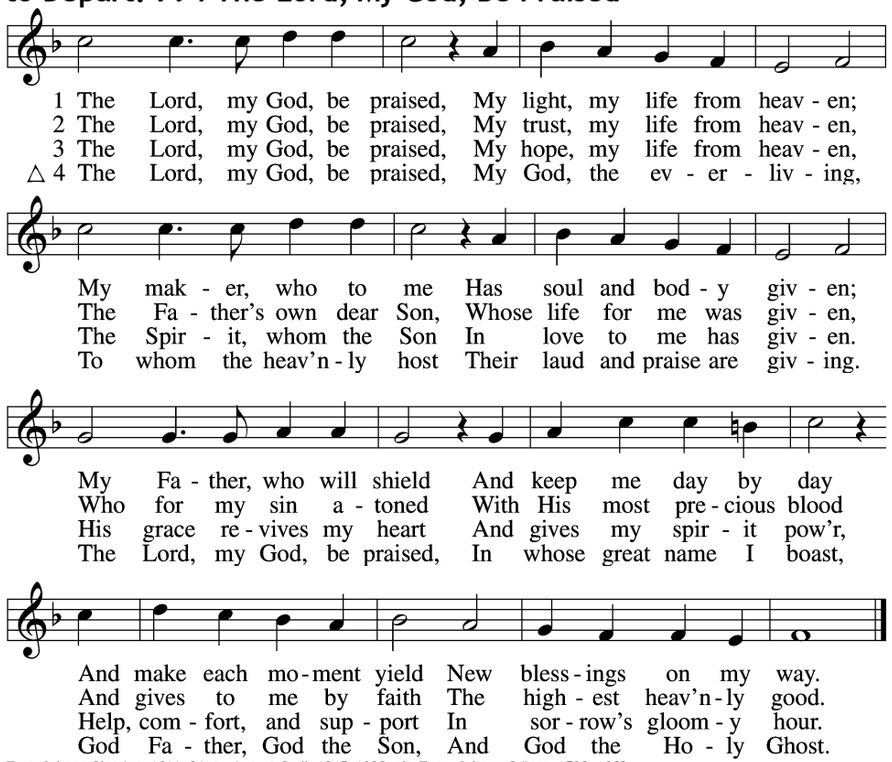
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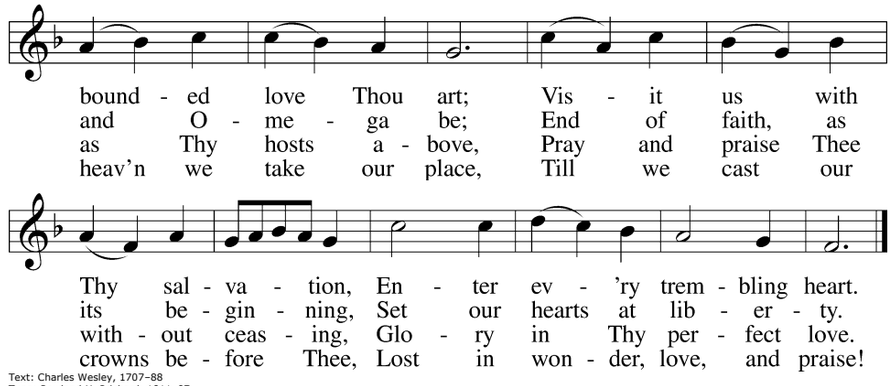

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and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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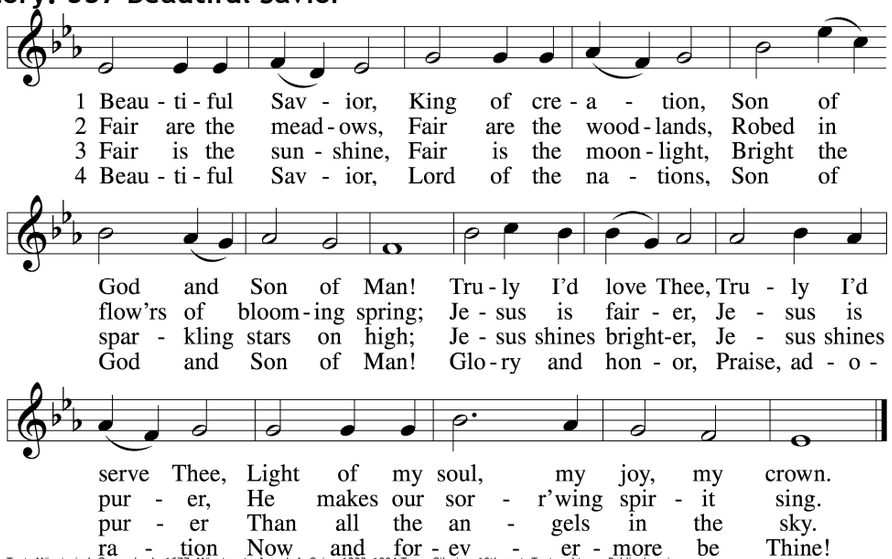
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.

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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For Your church around the world, fractured by ignorance, error, and pride, that the Bride of Christ might be united in truth and active in love, let us pray to the Lord:

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listen to my | plea for grace.

Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; 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 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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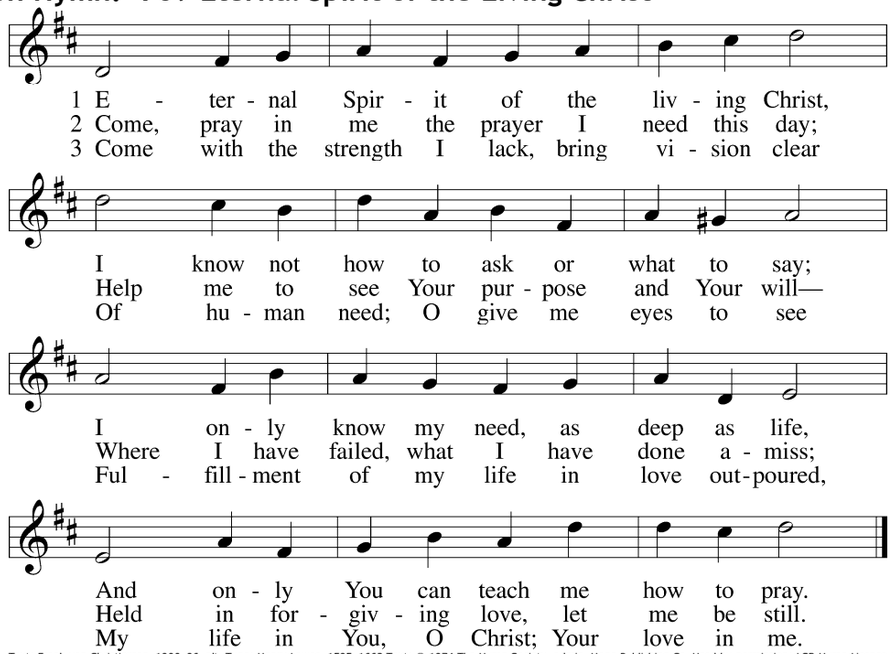
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,**
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And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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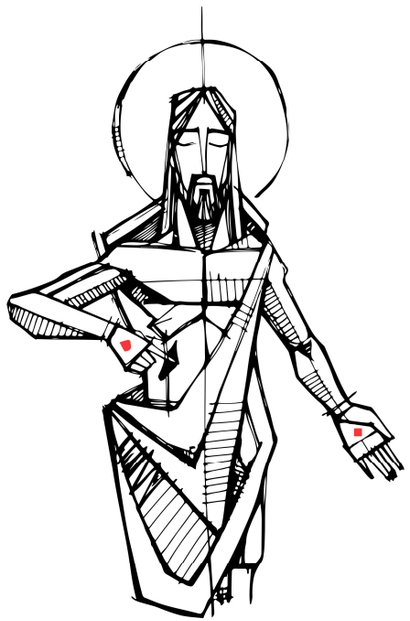

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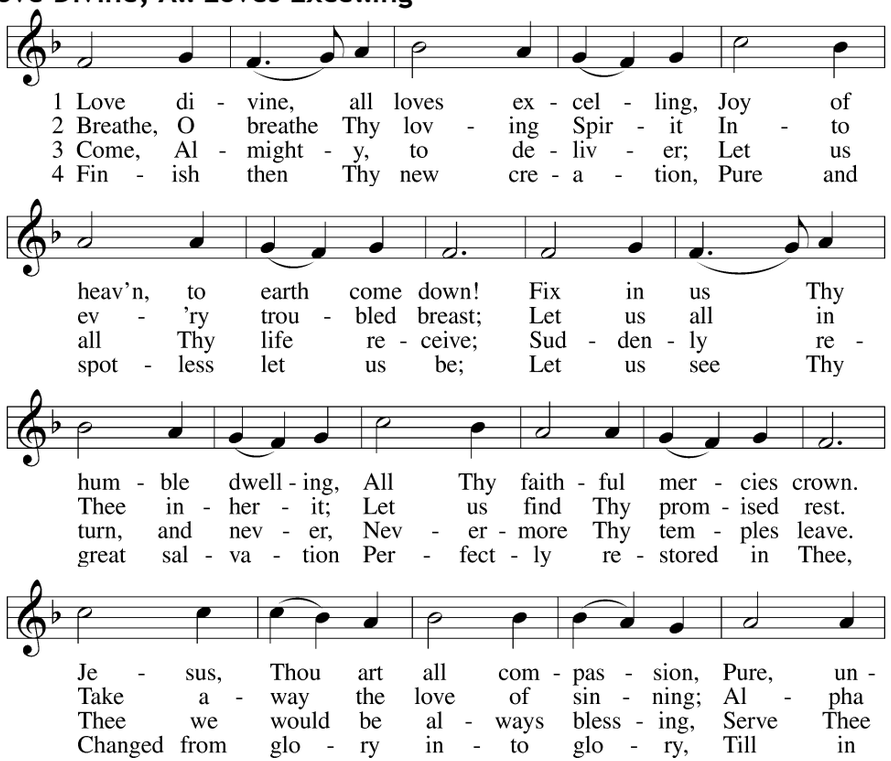
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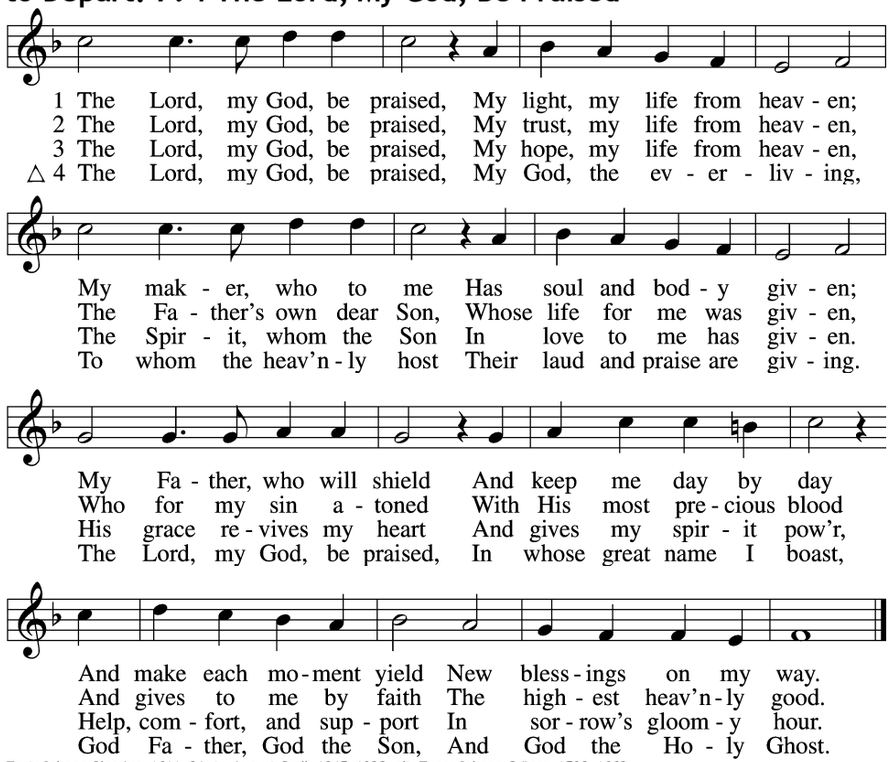
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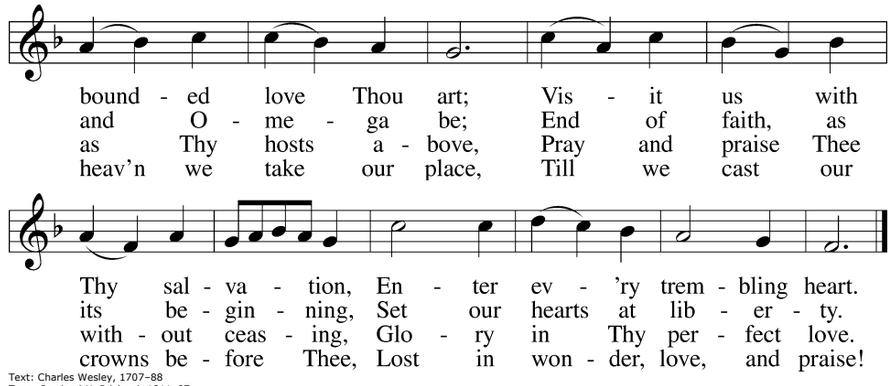

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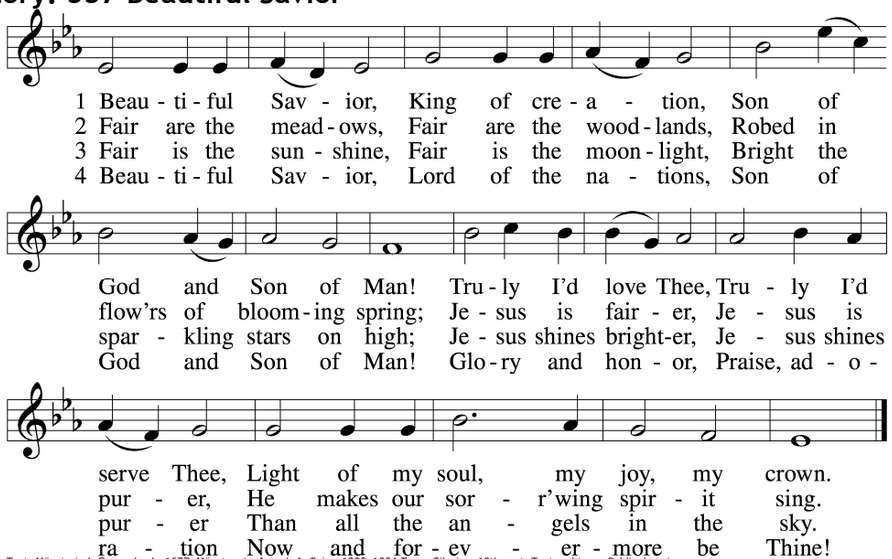

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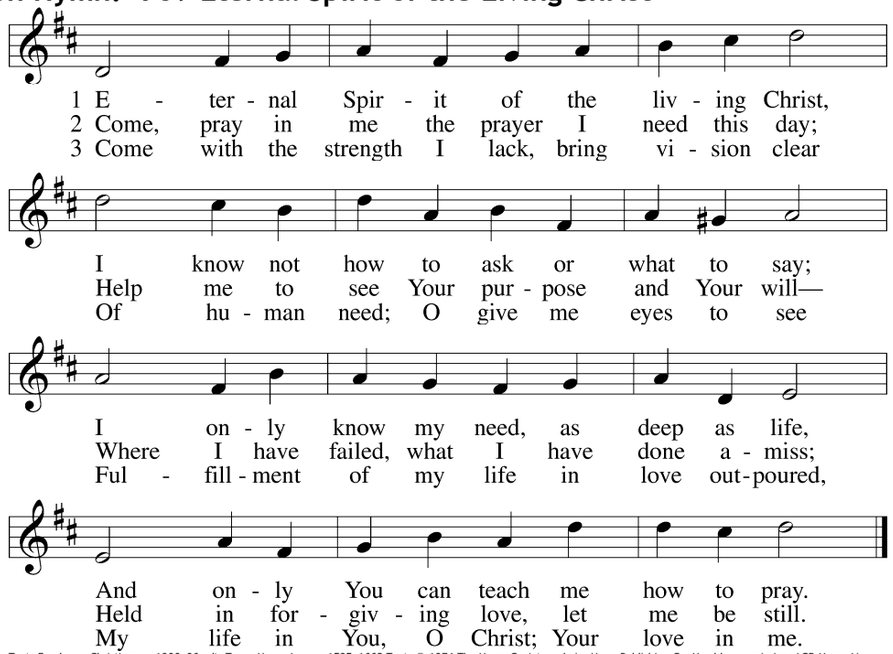
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LWML

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.

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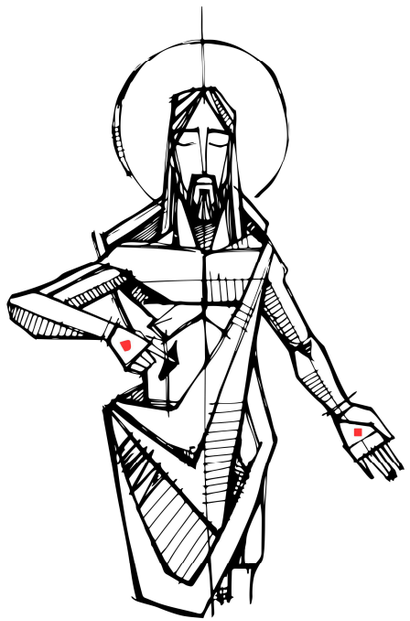

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Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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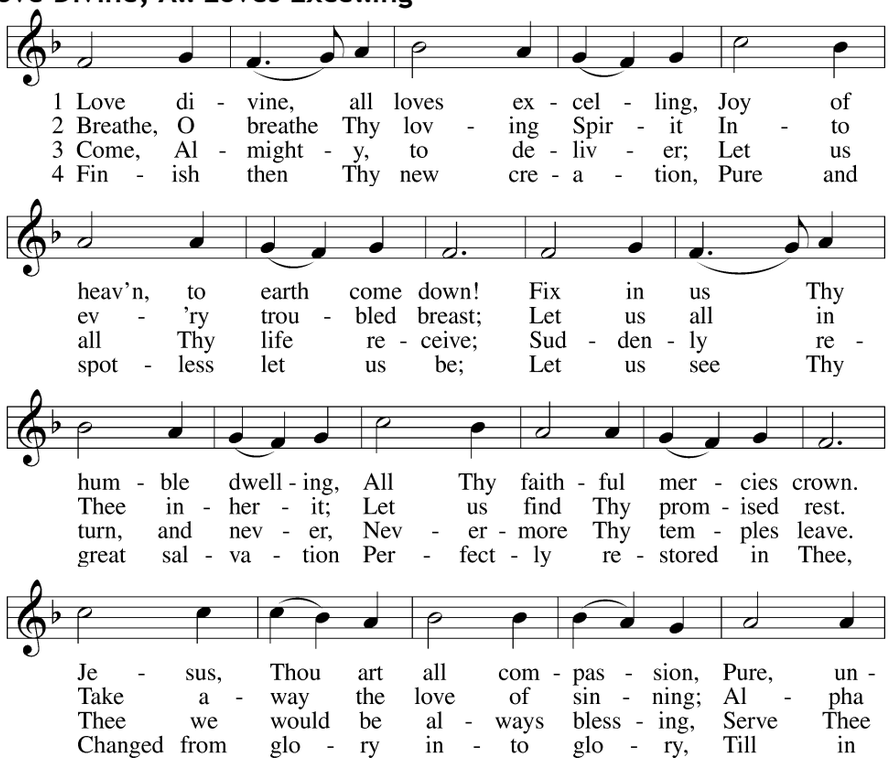
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Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
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CONNECT

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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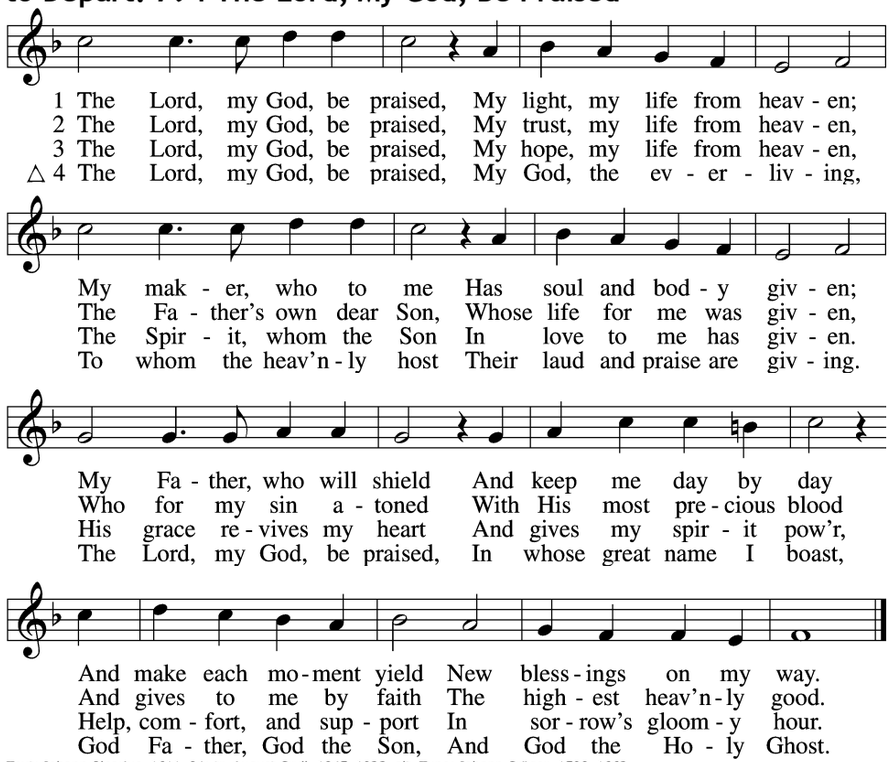
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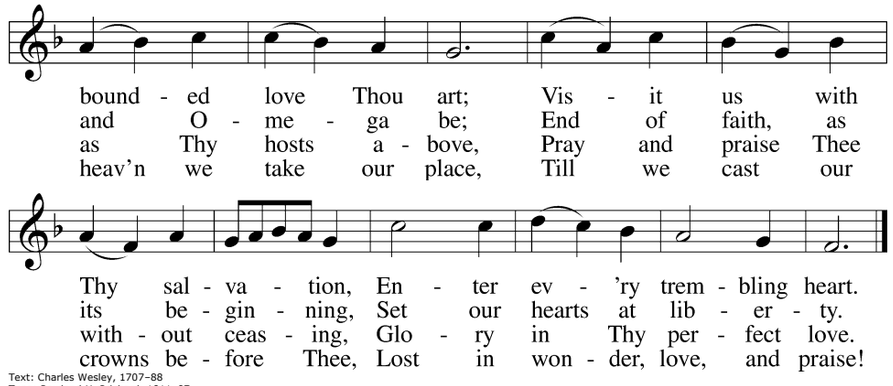

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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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.

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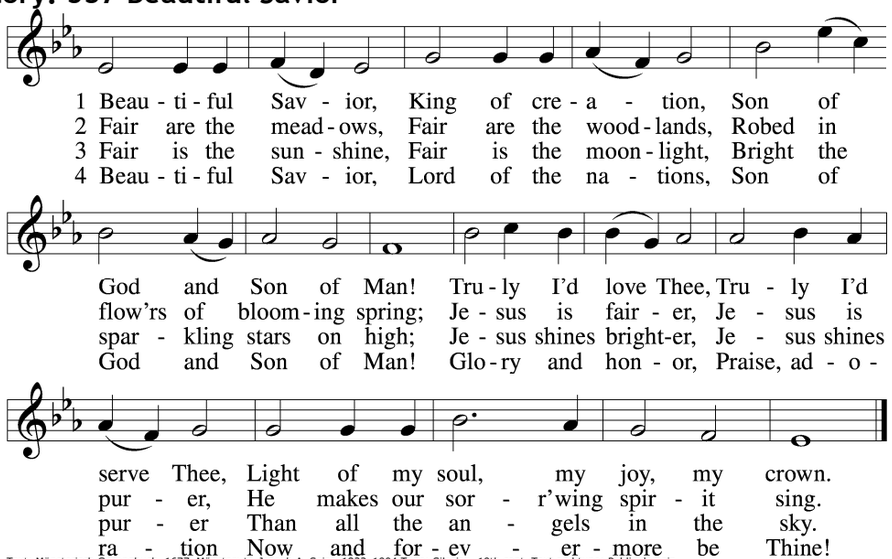

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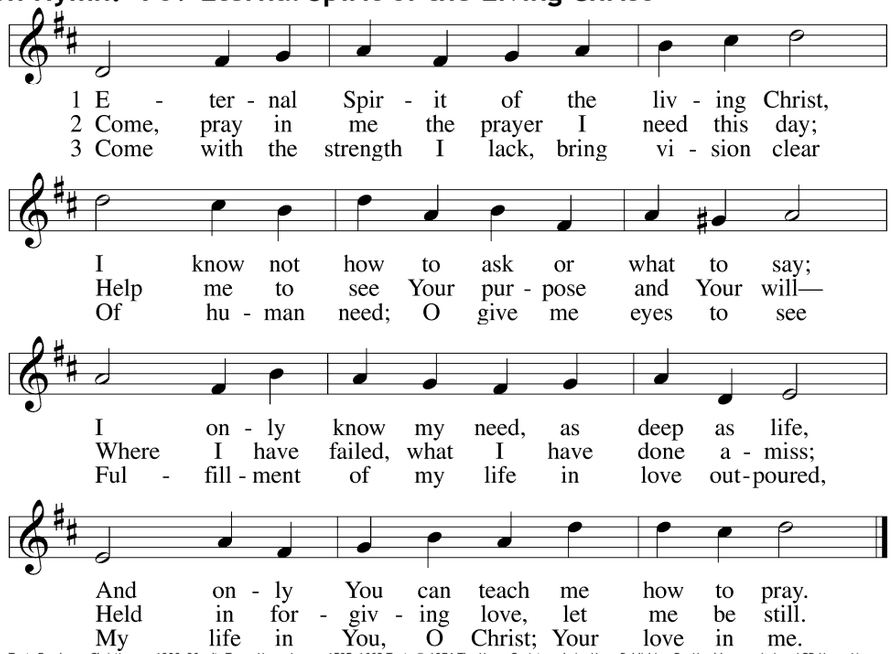
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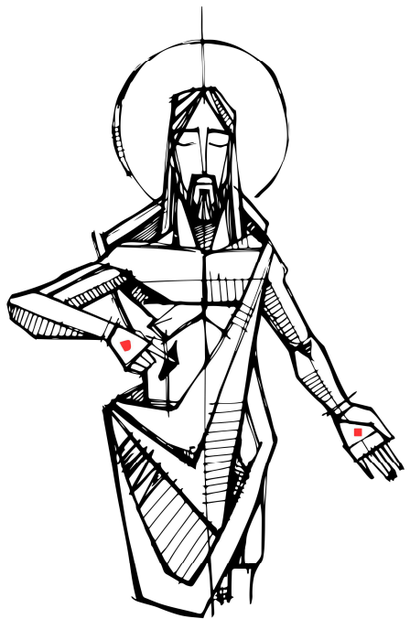

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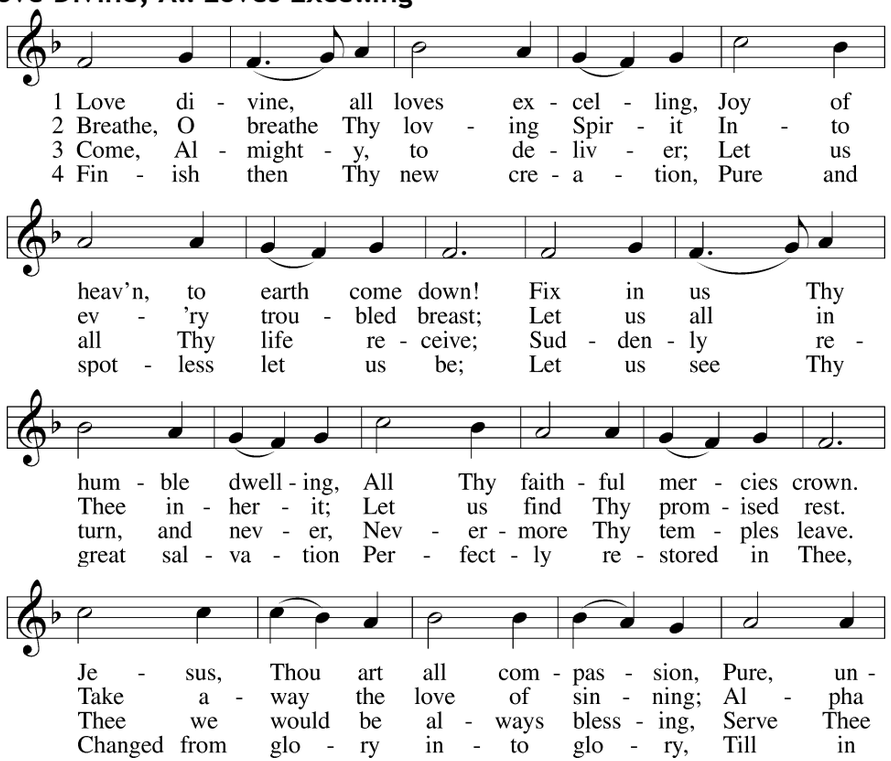
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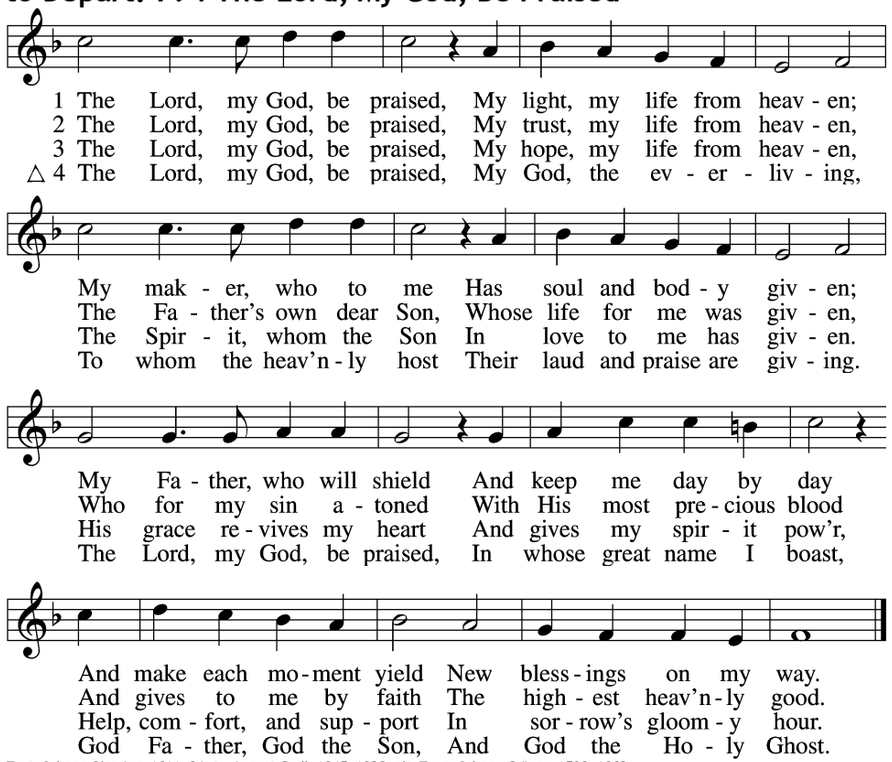
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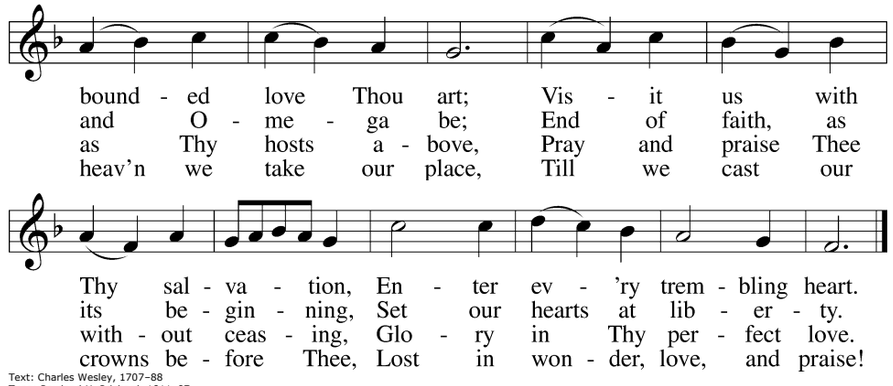

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Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

P O Holy Spirit, we trust You to perfect the prayers we have spoken and our unspoken prayers too deep for words. Search our hearts, assure us of Your constant presence, and remind us that God's gracious will toward His saints shall be done in Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Father, one God, now and forever.

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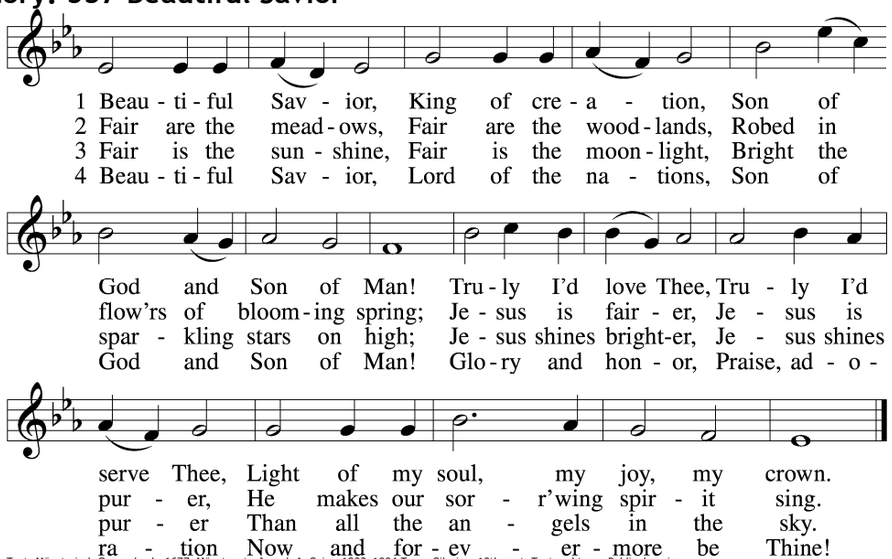
Offertory: 537 Beautiful Savior



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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 lead us not into temptation,
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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

P O Holy Spirit, where our words fall short, You intercede for Your church. Even so, let us gather our hearts, praying for the people of God around the world and for all who suffer in this and every place:

For believers who face difficulty and danger, especially because of their faith, that their lives might be protected and their souls preserved, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

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Salutation

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

P Let us pray.
O God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by Your Holy Spirit that, ever mindful of Your final judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of living here and dwell with You in perfect joy hereafter; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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Old Testament Reading *Isaiah 44:6–8*

6 Thus says the LORD, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the LORD of hosts:
"I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.
7 Who is like me? Let him proclaim it.
Let him declare and set it before me,
since I appointed an ancient people.
Let them declare what is to come, and what will happen.
8 Fear not, nor be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
And you are my witnesses!
Is there a God besides me?
There is no Rock; I know not any."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *Romans 8:18–27*

18 For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. 19 For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. 20 For the creation was subjected to futility, not willingly, but because of him who subjected it, in hope 21 that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. 22 For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now. 23 And not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit,

groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies. [24]For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees? [25]But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

[26]Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words. [27]And he who searches hearts knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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Verse

Matthew 13:35b

P Alleluia. I will open My mouth in parables;

C **I will utter what has been hidden since the foundation of the world. Alleluia.**

Holy Gospel

Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the thirteenth chapter.

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

[24][Jesus] put another parable before them, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a man who sowed good seed in his field, [25]but while his men were sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat and went away. [26]So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared also. [27]And the servants of the master of the house came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? How then does it have weeds? '[28]He said to them, 'An enemy has done this. 'So the servants said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them? '[29]But he said, 'No, lest in gathering the weeds you root up the wheat along with them. [30]Let both grow together until the harvest, and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Gather the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'" . . .

[36]Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples came to him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." [37]He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man. [38]The field is the world, and the good seed is the children of the kingdom. The weeds are the sons of the evil one, [39]and the enemy who sowed them is the devil. The harvest is the close of the age, and the reapers are angels. [40]Just as the weeds are gathered and burned with fire, so will it be at the close of the age. [41]The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will gather out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all law-breakers, [42]and throw them into the fiery furnace. In that place there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. [43]Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. He who has ears, let him hear."

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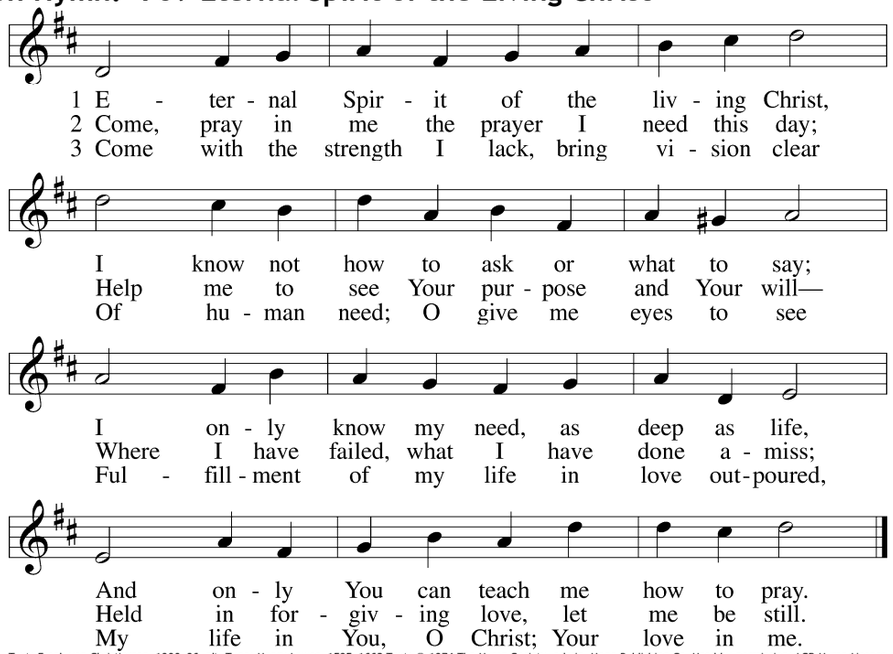
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Sermon: "The Power of Hope" Romans 8:18-27 -Pastor Stephen Becker

Apostles' Creed

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maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
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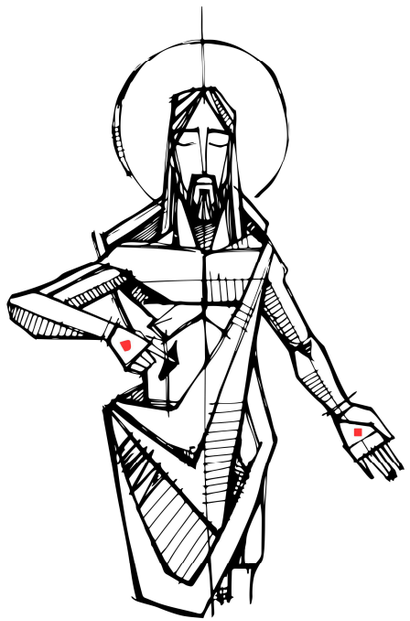

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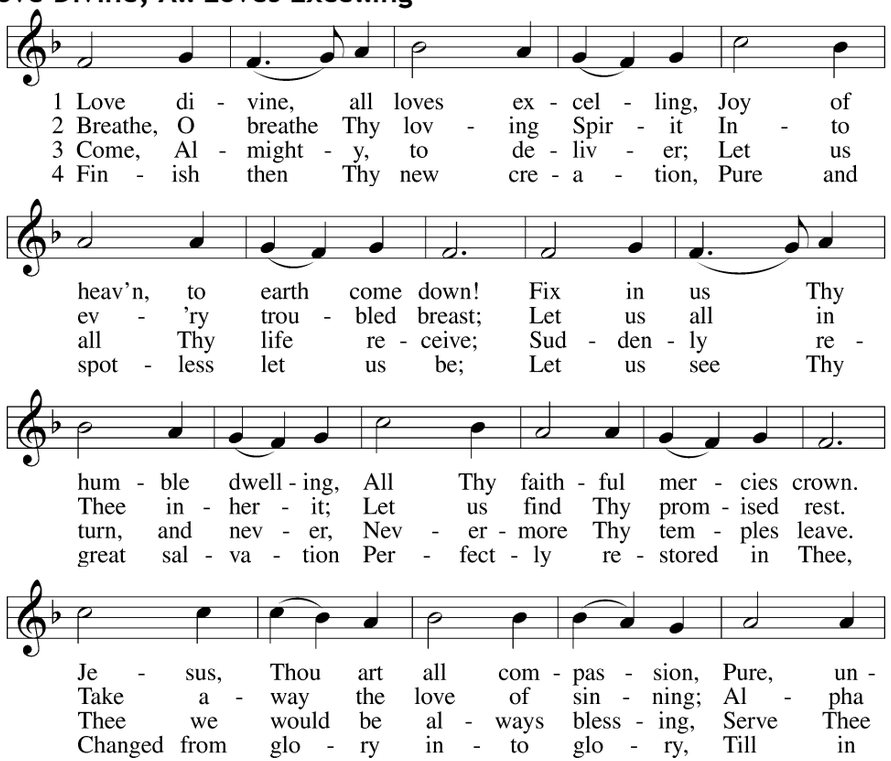
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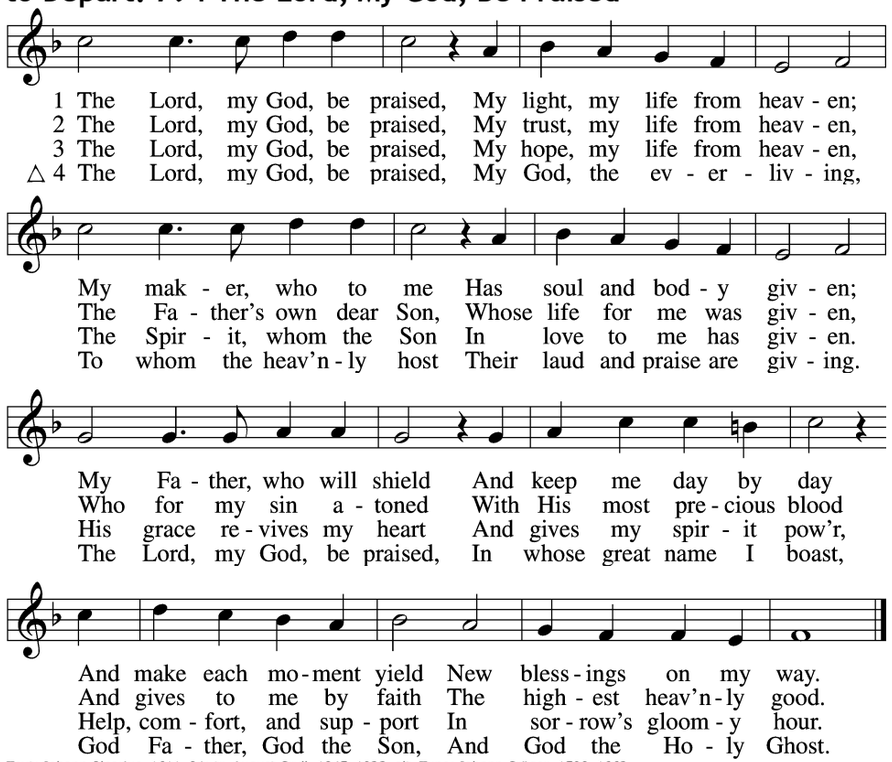
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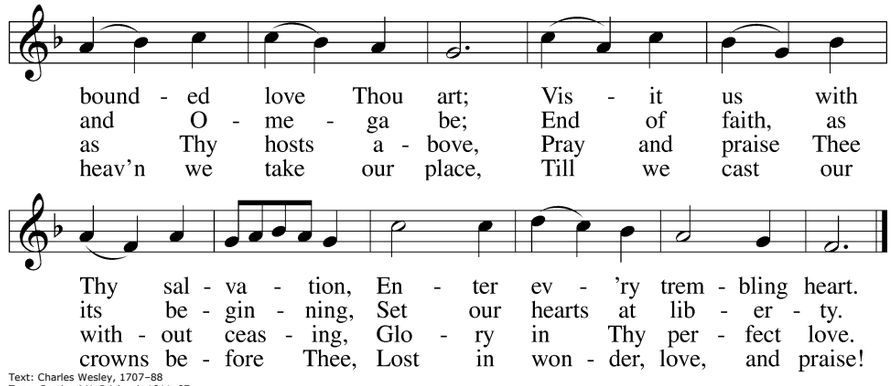

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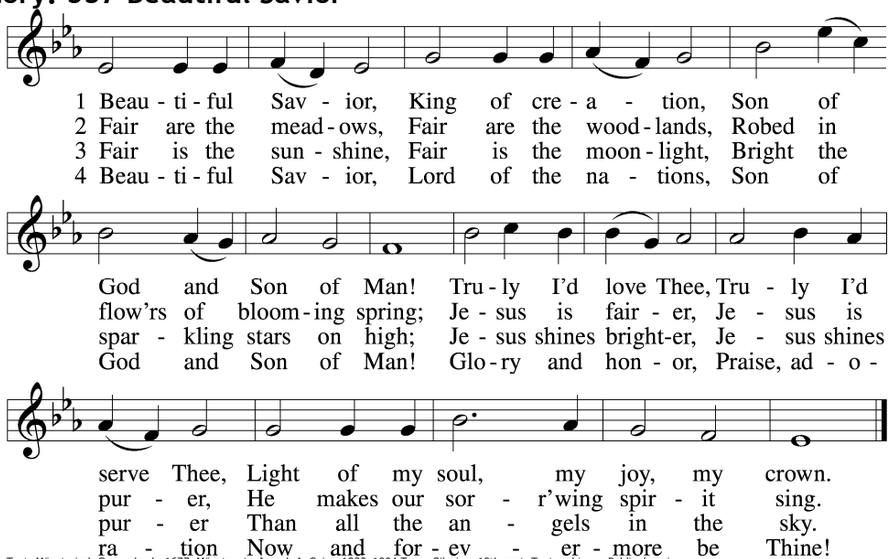

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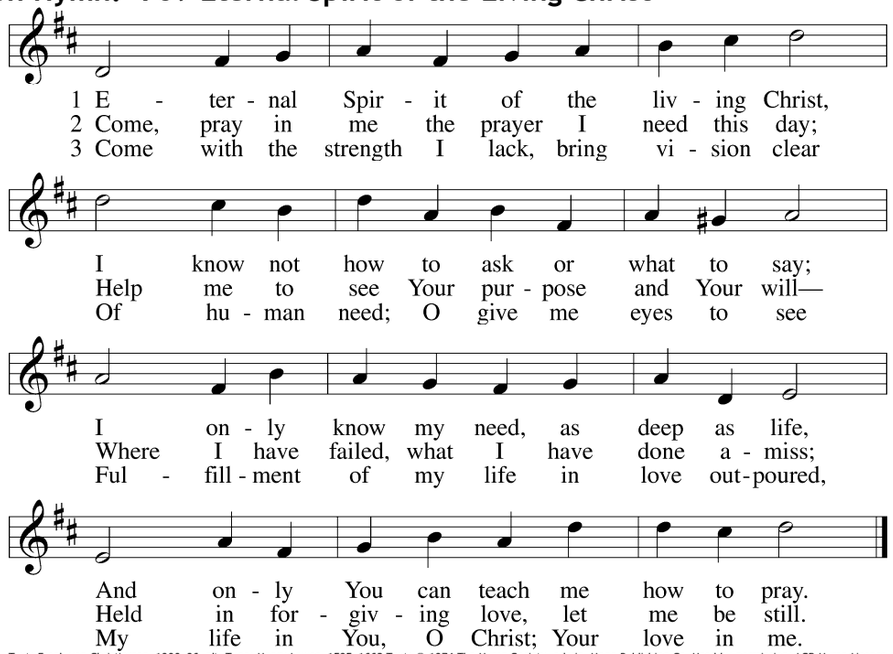
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was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

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.

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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.

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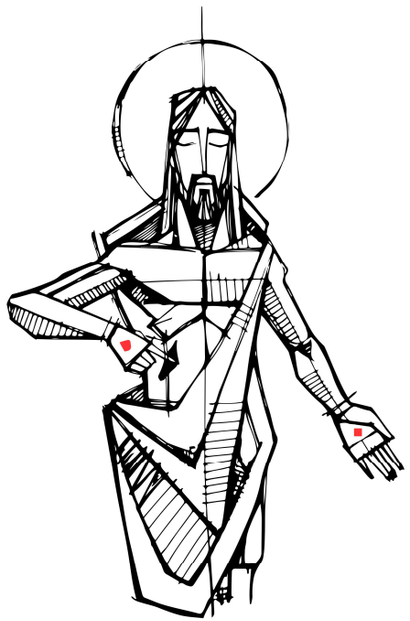

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Mt. Olive Lutheran Church

320 Montrose Drive, Folsom, CA 95630

Hope in the Harvest

As We Gather

If you have ever done a load of laundry, then you know what it feels like to come up one sock short. It is almost like some troublemaker climbed into the dryer and left only one lonesome sock behind. Our laundry is incomplete. We don't have everything we are supposed to have, everything we started with. Our frustration grows. If we truly took stock of our lives, we would evaluate ourselves as missing more than a sock or two. Sabotaged by the enemy and suffering from our own failures, we feel frustrated and incomplete. But perfection is coming. God's perfect Word is here to speak your forgiveness. His perfect heart pursues lost souls. And His perfect plan includes His return to make all things right.

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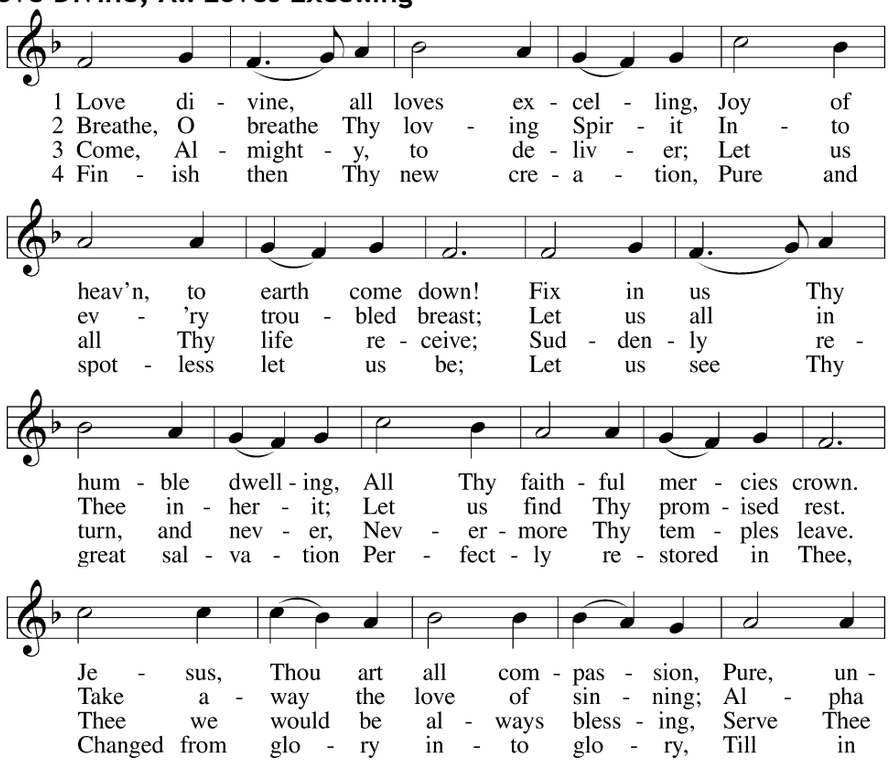
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Musicians	Mount Olive Worship Group
Readers	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, **Andrew Donnelly**, Heather Hoffman, Karla Schroeder, Andrew Burnette, Andrew Tweet
Ushers	John and Norma Ceccardi
Altar Guild	Norma Ceccardi

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 August 20th 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.

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!

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!

For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Pax Domini

℗ The peace of the Lord be with you always.

ℂ **Amen.**

Benediction

℗ The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
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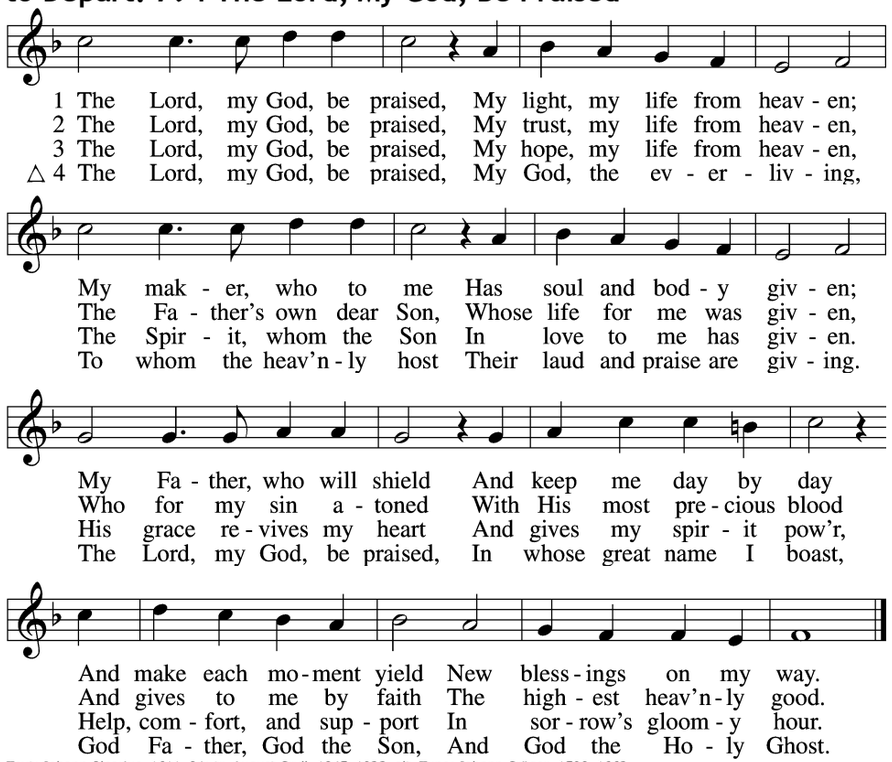
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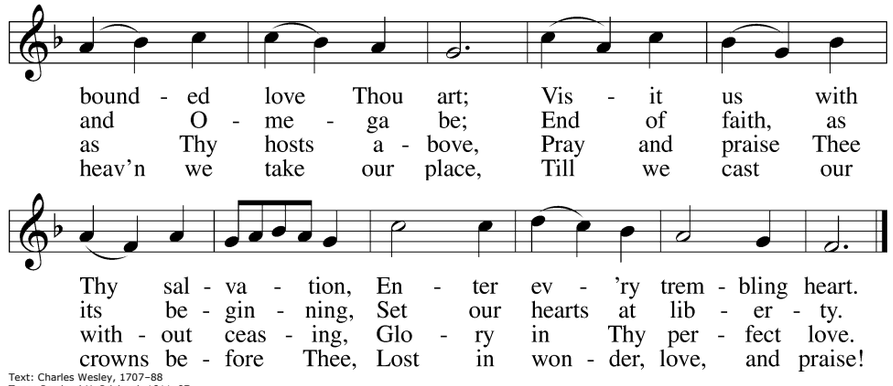

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Invocation

℗ In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

ℂ **Amen.**

Opening Sentences

Psalm 31:24; Hebrews 10:23; Psalm 39:7

℗ Be strong, and let your heart take courage,

ℂ **all you who wait for the LORD!**

℗ Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,

ℂ **for He who promised is faithful.**

℗ And now, O Lord, for what do I wait?

ℂ **My hope is in You.**

Confession and Absolution

Psalm 130:5

℗ Let us confess to the Lord our sins and trust in His salvation.

ℂ **"I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in His word I hope."**

℗ Almighty God, You spoke a perfect world into being, yet now Your creation bears the stains and scars of our failure.

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P Our hearts are crushed beneath the burden of our sin and with longing for the world to be made right.

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P Forgive us, O God, for You are faithful and just and will cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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P Your hope is met by the redemption and renewal of our God found in His Son, Jesus Christ, who was given to die for you, and for whose sake God forgives you all your sins. 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 ✢ 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.

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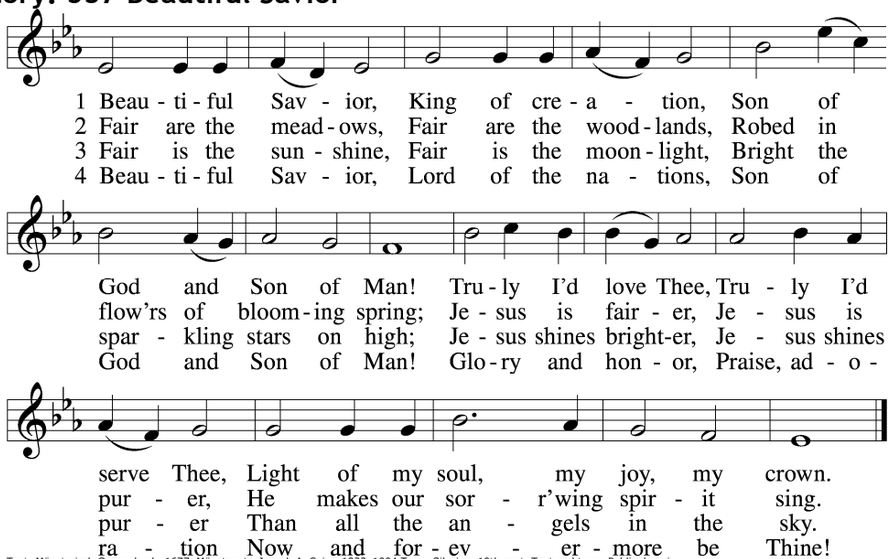

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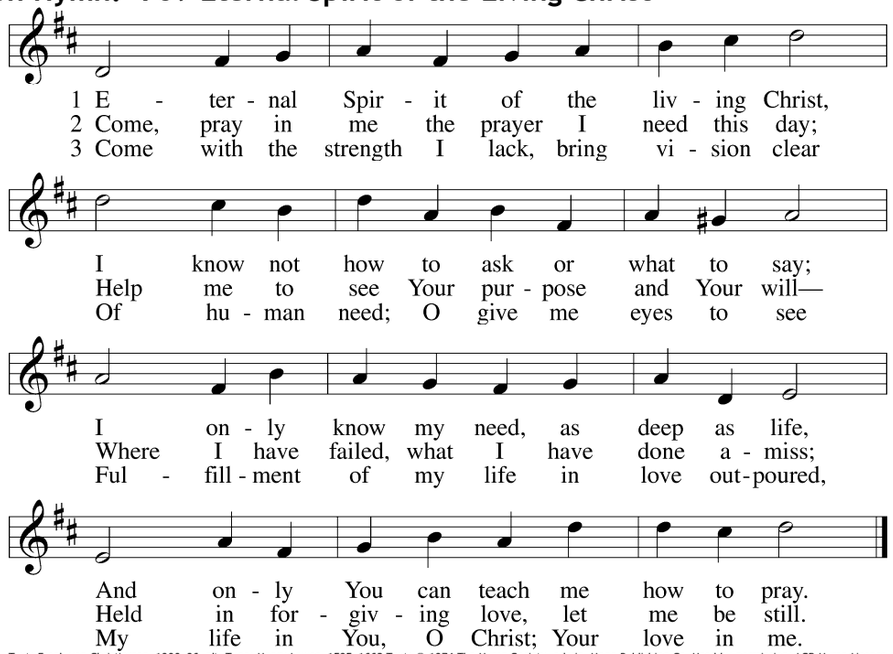
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