

Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 5, 2024



Mt. Olive
Lutheran
Church

“Find Peace Here”

Serving Him this week as...

Worship Leader	Kyle Swan
Elders	Roger Zittel, Kyle Swan , Richard Manners, Andrew Tweet, Ricky Sullivan
Musician	Gospel Group
Reader	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Kyle Swan, Amy Swan and Krista Hess
Ushers	
Altar Guild	Karen Fontaine, Gail Zittel

Welcome

What a joy it is to have you gather with us! If you have any questions about who we are and why we do what we do, feel free to ask the pastor or our elders. As Mount Olive, we're a group of people seeking the kingdom of God and the gifts He promises His people. We hope you experience here what our God has promised to give—His peace for you.

Service of Prayer and Meditation

817 Earth and All Stars *sts. 1, ref, 2-3, 6-7*



1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets! Sing to the
 2 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing snow - storm! Sing to the
 3 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 6 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom! Sing to the
 7 Chil - dren of God, Dy - ing and ris - ing, Sing to the



Lord a new song! Oh, vic - to - ry! Loud shout - ing
 Lord a new song! Flow - ers and trees! Loud rus - tling
 Lord a new song! Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lord a new song! Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing
 Lord a new song! Heav - en and earth, Hosts ev - er -



ar - my! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 dry leaves! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 mem - bers! Sing to the Lord a new song!
 last - ing, Sing to the Lord a new song!

Refrain

He has done mar - vel - ous things.

I too will praise Him with a new song!

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Stand

Opening Versicles

- L This is the day which the Lord has made;
C let us rejoice and be glad in it.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- L Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere;
C I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.
- L Make me to know Your ways, O Lord.
C Teach me Your paths.
- L Sanctify us in Your truth.
C Your Word is truth.
- L From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C the name of the Lord is to be praised.
- C Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Prayer

- L Let us pray.
- O God, the giver of all that is good, by Your holy inspiration grant that we may think those things that are right and by Your merciful guiding accomplish them; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.**

Sit

Reading *Acts 10:34–48*

L A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.

³⁴Peter opened his mouth and said: “Truly I understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶As for the word that he sent to Israel, preaching good news of peace through Jesus Christ (he is Lord of all), ³⁷you yourselves know what happened throughout all Judea, beginning from Galilee after the baptism that John proclaimed: ³⁸how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹And we are witnesses of all that he did both in the country of the Jews and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰but God raised him on the third day and made him to appear, ⁴¹not to all the people but to us who had been chosen by God as witnesses, who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴²And he commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one appointed by God to be judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³To him all the prophets bear witness that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

⁴⁴While Peter was still saying these things, the Holy Spirit fell on all who heard the word. ⁴⁵And the believers from among the circumcised who had come with Peter were amazed, because the gift of the Holy Spirit was poured out even on the Gentiles. ⁴⁶For they were hearing them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter declared, ⁴⁷“Can anyone withhold water for baptizing these people, who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?” ⁴⁸And he commanded them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they asked him to remain for some days.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

Epistle *1 John 5:1–8*

A The Epistle is from 1 John, chapter 5.

¹Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the Father loves whoever has been born of him. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome. ⁴For everyone who has been born of God overcomes the world. And this is the victory that has overcome the world—our faith. ⁵Who is it that overcomes the world except the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶This is he who came by water and blood—Jesus Christ; not by the water only but by the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one who testifies, because the Spirit is the

truth. ⁷For there are three that testify: ⁸the Spirit and the water and the blood; and these three agree.

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

Stand

- L Forever, O Lord, Your Word is firmly set in the heavens.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L Blessed are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**
- L Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
- C **Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells.**

Gospel Reading *John 15:9–17*

- L A reading from John, chapter 15.

⁹[Jesus said:] “As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father’s commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full.

¹²“This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lays down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.”

- L O Lord, have mercy on us.
- C **Thanks be to God.**

Apostles’ Creed

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died and was buried.
He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead.
He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life T everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

Love Constraining to Obedience (tune “Amazing Grace”)

No strength of nature can suffice
To serve the Lord aright:
And what she has she misapplies,
For want of clearer light.

How long beneath the law I lay
In bondage and distress;
I toiled the precept to obey,
But toiled without success.

Then, to abstain from outward sin
Was more than I could do;
Now, if I feel its power within,
I feel I hate it too.

Then all my servile works were done
A righteousness to raise;
Now, freely chosen in the Son,
I freely choose His ways.

‘What shall I do,’ was then the word,
‘That I may worthier grow?’
‘What shall I render to the Lord?’
Is my inquiry now.

To see the law by Christ fulfilled
And hear His pardoning voice,
Changes a slave into a child,
And duty into choice.

About this hymn: William Cowper (1731-1800) (pronounced Cooper) is a very interesting author of hymns. Born into a pastor's home, his young life was filled with tragedy. Depression followed him throughout his life, eventually landing him in an asylum. When William moved to the town of Olney, he came in contact with John Newton (author of many hymns including Amazing Grace) who was his pastor and befriended him and encouraged him to practice his gift of writing to overcome his melancholy. He wrote 68 hymns and became a well-known poet in the English Romantic movement. Our gracious God can use gifted, but broken, people for His Glory!

<https://marthagrimmbrady.com/2014/02/18/love-constraining-obedience/>

Meditation - Doing What God Commands

Elder Kyle Swan

Offering/Offertory

(Sung the first time by the Cantor)

God, we bring You the work of our hands, now
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet
What we've done, what we've built, what we've broken
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet *(congregation joins and repeats verse)*

You hold it all

Jesus, You hold it all

Worried hearts, wearied hands, weakened bodies
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet
What we've used, what we've lost, what we've wasted
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet

You hold it all

Jesus, You hold it all

You hold it all

Jesus, You hold it all

All our plans, all our dreams, our ambition
Lay them down, lay them at Your feet
And even if nothing comes to fruition
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet
Lay it down, lay it at Your feet

Stand

Times of silent prayer are indicated; then the congregation will respond with the following:

780 O Lord, Hear My Prayer

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three staves of music. The first staff begins with a repeat sign and contains the lyrics: "O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer;". The second staff continues with: "When I call an - swer me. O Lord, hear my prayer, O". The third staff concludes with: "Lord, hear my prayer; Come and lis - ten to me. O". The piece ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

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Elder: You loved, O Lord, when we could not love. You sent forth Your Son as love incarnate. By Baptism You have drawn us into fellowship with You and have made us new in Christ as people of love. Keep us in Christ and equip us to show forth His love to all people. You break down all barriers that would divide us from You and from one another. Keep us in Christ that we may welcome others in Your name with the Gospel of Christ crucified and risen.
(Silent prayer)

People sing: Oh, Lord hear my prayer...

Elder: You give us Your Spirit that we may endure temptation and trial and may abide in Christ. Keep us in Christ that we may bear the good fruit of Your kingdom and show forth the good works of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. Establish Mt. Olive as a community of love and keep us in Christ by confession and absolution, by daily contrition and repentance, and by our communion in the flesh and blood of Christ. (Silent prayer)

People sing: Oh, Lord hear my prayer...

Elder: You claim all things for Your own, even our world filled with hate, war, violence, and shame. Keep us in Christ and extend Your protective power over all threatened by injustice and oppression. Bless the leaders in every nation with wisdom and the desire for peace, freedom, and justice. You do not abandon Your people in their hour of need but clothe them with Your love and guard them in Your peace. Keep us in Christ, especially the sick, those who suffer, the grieving, and those near death, [*especially . . .*], that those who abide in You may endure to eternal life and be kept by Your grace in their hour of need.

People sing: Oh, Lord hear my prayer...

Elder: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray and even our very selves, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord who taught us boldly to pray:

Lord's Prayer

**C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Collect of the Day

Collect for the Word

L Blessed Lord, You have caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning. Grant that we may so hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart that, by the patience and comfort of Your holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Morning Prayer

C I thank You, my heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ, Your dear Son, that You have kept me this night from all harm and danger; and I pray that You would keep me this day also from sin and every evil, that all my doings and life may please You. For into Your hands I commend myself, my body and soul, and all things. Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me.

Blessing

L Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

- L The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the T Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C **Amen.**

Sit

Sending Hymn: Oh How Good it Is

Oh how good it is
When the family of God
Dwells together in spirit
In faith and unity
Where the bonds of peace
Of acceptance and love
Are the fruit of His presence
Here among us

**So with one voice we'll sing to the Lord
And with one heart we'll live out His word
Till the whole earth sees
The Redeemer has come
For He dwells in the presence of His people**

Oh how good it is
On this journey we share
To rejoice with the happy
And weep with those who mourn
For the weak find strength
The afflicted find grace
When we offer the blessing
Of belonging **(Chorus)**

Oh how good it is
To embrace His command
To prefer one another
Forgive as He forgives
When we live as one
We all share in the love
Of the Son with the Father
And the Spirit **(Chorus)**

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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.

Lutheran Basics Class

THERE WILL BE NO LUTHERAN BASICS CLASS UNTIL MAY 12

Starting March 10th Sunday mornings from 9-9:45am, Pastor Dan is going to be holding a basics class that'll cover the Small Catechism, LCMS, and Mount Olive's history. This class is open to all: for those interested in becoming members of Mount Olive and for those interested in refreshing yourselves in what we believe, teach, and confess. We'll be meeting in the classroom behind the narthex.

NEW Women's Bible Study

Last week, the evening ladies' Bible study delved into the circumstances surrounding Jesus' conception and birth in the Gospel of Matthew and what that means for us today. Join us this week, Wednesday, May 8 in the room behind the sanctuary as we move forward to study Jesus' Baptism and temptation. Light refreshments and time for conversation starts at 5:30pm and our study will begin promptly at 6pm. We will wrap up with prayer at 7pm. See you there!

May Olive Leaf

Check your email inboxes for the May Olive Leaf. It is filled with lots of information about what is happening at Mount Olive this month! If you would like a printed version, please contact the office and we will make sure you get a copy.

CULTIVATE

This Week at Mount Olive

Men's Bible Study – Men's Bible Study meets Saturdays at 8am in the Annex.

Women's Bible Study – Ladies' Bible Study meets Tuesdays at 9:30am at 110 Dyrell Way. Please contact Inge Rhodes with any questions.

All – Sunday at 9am in the Annex We offer Sunday School for 3rd through 8th grades at 9am and Preschool through 2nd grade during 10am Worship Service after the Children's Message.

Christian Fellowship Lunch – Third Thursdays at noon in the Annex. Please bring your own lunch and come join us on Thursday, May 23 at noon! Please contact Norma Ceccardi with any questions. 530-889-1763.

CONTRIBUTE

LWML

Please Put on your Calendar for May 11th

LWML Spring Rally at Messiah Lutheran "Sisters of the Heart" is the topic. Will be held on May 11th, 9 am to 2pm. All Ladies are invited to attend. Don't miss this get together with service,

bible study, speaker, and lunch. The cost is 15 dollars. Carpool from Mt. Olive on day of event at 8 am. Please call or speak with Lana Sullivan for more information. To learn more about the Lutheran Women's Missionary League. See lwmlcnh.org and or lwml.org. Thank you,
Lana Sullivan

Prayer Requests and Praises

Please pray for Dennis as he continues his recovery. Please pray that he continues to regain his strength and heal completely.

Thank you for the healing prayers for Marilyn's sister, Peggy Colina. She has been healed of her thyroid cancer. Praise God! Let's celebrate with her!

If you have a prayer request, please feel free to call the office to add it to the prayer chain as well as the Prayer Request/Praise section of the weekly announcements.

Online Giving

There are two convenient ways to give online. Either by using the "Joyful Response Giving" on the website at <https://www.mountolivefolsom.com/joyful-response-giving> 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.