

Last Sunday of the Church Year: Pentecost 27
November 24, 2024



Mt. Olive
Lutheran
Church

Find Peace Here

Pentecost 27: November 24, 2024

Prelude: Gethsemane, BWV 487 by J.S. Bach

(Kris Murray and Joshua Murray)

Welcome

Hymn of Invocation: 516 Wake, Awake, for Night Is Flying

Stand: The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of Baptism.

Invocation

LSB 184

Kneel/Stand: Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

Confession/Absolution

LSB 184-85

Sharing of the Peace

Following the absolution, the people may greet one another in the name of the Lord, saying, "Peace be with you" a sign of reconciliation and of the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Matt. 5:22–24; Eph. 4:1–3). You may also share the Scripture of the Week with each other from 2 Corinthians 5:17



Person A: Therefore if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.

Person B: The old has passed away; behold the new has come!

Service of the Word

In the service of the Word, God grants us His grace through the reading and preaching of His Word. Wherever His Word is, there He promises to be (Matt 18:20). The words of Holy Scripture are to "make [us] wise unto salvation (2 Timothy 3:15)." They do this but not by simply talking about Jesus but giving Jesus to us who crucified for our sins and raised for our justification. The Word of God is the Word of Life.

Introit

Psalm 39:4–5a, 7–8, 12a; antiphon: 2 Peter 3:13b NIV

We are looking forward to a new heaven and a new earth,
the home of righteousness.

O LORD, make me know my end and what is the measure of my days;

let me know how fleeting I am!

Behold, you have made my days a few handbreadths,
and my lifetime is as nothing before you.

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

My hope is in you.

Deliver me from all my transgressions.

Do not make me the scorn of the fool!

Hear my prayer, O LORD, and give ear to my cry;

hold not your peace at my tears!



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Kyrie

LSB 186

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 187

Salutation and Collect of the Day

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 51:4–6

⁴“Give attention to me, my people,
and give ear to me, my nation;
for a law will go out from me,
and I will set my justice for a light to the peoples.

⁵My righteousness draws near,
my salvation has gone out,
and my arms will judge the peoples;
the coastlands hope for me,
and for my arm they wait.

⁶Lift up your eyes to the heavens,
and look at the earth beneath;
for the heavens vanish like smoke,
the earth will wear out like a garment,
and they who dwell in it will die in like manner;
but my salvation will be forever,
and my righteousness will never be dismayed.”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

Jude 20–25

²⁰But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; ²¹keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life. ²²And have mercy on those who doubt; ²³save others by snatching them out of the fire; to others show mercy with fear, hating even the garment stained by the flesh.

²⁴Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, ²⁵to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Stand

Alleluia

LSB 190



C Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Mark 13:24–37

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

C Glory be to Thee, O Lord.

²⁴[Jesus said:] “In those days, after that tribulation, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶And

then they will see the Son of Man coming in clouds with great power and glory. ²⁷And then he will send out the angels and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

²⁸“From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts out its leaves, you know that summer is near.

²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly, I say to you, this generation will not pass away until all these things take place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

³²“But concerning that day or that hour, no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Be on guard, keep awake. For you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to stay awake. ³⁵Therefore stay awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or when the cock crows, or in the morning— ³⁶lest he come suddenly and find you asleep. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Stay awake.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed (found on the inside back cover of the hymnal)

Sit

833 Listen, God Is Calling

Sermon **Politics: The Elected of God** *Rev. Daniel Vang*

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Offertory/Offering

LSB 192

Stand

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Grace upon grace. Having received God’s grace through the Word and promises of Jesus, God now serves us grace by feeding us His Son’s body and blood which is “true food and true drink (John 6:55)” for the forgiveness of sins. In this portion of the service, we gather with angelic hosts and the saints triumphant where Jesus promises to be: in this meal of bread and wine. “It is bread and wine set within God’s Word and bound to it (Luther’s Large Catechism).”

*We confess that our Lord Jesus Christ has instituted the Lord’s Supper to be a Sacrament, a means of grace. In, with, and under the elements of bread and wine are the true body and blood of Jesus as he has spoken. His body and blood are set aside for his baptized disciples to eat and drink for the forgiveness of sins. **If this is your confession and you desire the gifts, come and receive what’s meant for you.***

If you hold to a different confession, are unsure of what this meal is, or are unbaptized, but desire the gifts, please talk with pastor after service about our formation process. In the meantime, we invite you to come up and cross your arms over your chest at the table in order to receive a blessing.

Preface *LSB 194*

Sanctus *LSB 195*

Lord’s Prayer *LSB 179*

P Lord, remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

The Words of Our Lord *LSB 197*

Pax Domini

LSB 197

Agnus Dei

LSB 198

Sit

Distribution: "Der Himmelsche Freund" or The Heavenly Friend, BWV 443 by J.S.Bach

Kris and Joshua Murray

801 How Great Thou Art

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 199

Thanksgiving

LSB 200

Post-Communion Collect

Salutation

LSB 201

Benedicamus

LSB 202

Benediction

LSB 202

549 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

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Serving Him this week

Worship Leader	Pastor Daniel Vang
Elders	Roger Zittel, Richard Manners , Andrew Tweet, Ricky Sullivan
Musicians	Mela Mosqueda (Organ); Kris and Joshua Murray (violins)
Reader	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi , Andrew Donnelly
Ushers	Eric Baer, Andrew Tweet
Altar Guild	Karen Fontaine, Leslie Nagel

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Contributing to God's Kingdom Work, Together**



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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 School – We have an Elementary School class and a Jr High/High School class that meets in the Annex from 9:00am-9:45am.

Teachers and subs still needed,

contact Elisse at council.educ.molc@gmail.com

Sunday Bible Study – Come and gather with us as we journey through Mark's Gospel and talk about discipleship. Sundays at 9am.

December 8th Family Advent Service and Fellowship Luncheon

Invite your family and friends to come worship our Advent King and enjoy a time of warmth, good company, delicious chili, and cookies, cookies, cookies!

In collaboration with Mt. Olive LWML and with the cooperation of brave chili cooks, a delicious spread (and a chance to vote for best chili!) awaits.

Chili cooks welcomed. Volunteers to decorate a table (in any festive way you wish) are also needed. Please contact Krista

hesskeg@gmail.com) to RSVP or for more information.

(Sign up sheets are near the after church snack table!)

Let's Do Lunch!

Christian Fellowship Lunch – Third Thursdays at noon in the Annex. Please bring your own lunch and come join us on Thursday, December 19th at noon!

Please contact Norma Ceccardi with any questions at 530-889-1763

LWML News

The next LWML Sunday and Mite Collection is on *December 8th*. In addition to checking pockets, couch cushions, car floor mats, plan to bring your spare change (cash and checks OK, too) that support missions world-wide.

Of course, your patronage of the Christmas Cookie Sale benefitting our Youth

(also Dec. 8th) is much appreciated.

CULTIVATE

This Week at Mount Olive

Ladies Bible Study – We meet on Tuesdays at 9:30am at 110 Dyrrell Way. We will be studying the Gospel of Matthew. Looking forward to seeing you! Inge R.

SOW and GROW News:Cultivating Faith Together!

We hope you have been enjoying some of the new additions to our sanctuary that celebrate our Scripture of the Week Initiative. Hanging on the pulpit side is a piece by Norma Ceccardi. The petals of the Dhali-like structure are crafted from hymn music and surround a Luther's Seal. We are so blessed that Luther and many other hymn writers crafted songs based on scripture, allowing us to worship God in spirit and in truth.

To represent the scope of all the scriptures we will explore together over this next year, Lana Sullivan has started a textile hanging made of different colors each of which represents the "theme" of the SOW verse (the color code is on the final page of the announcements). Watch as more rows and colors will be added as we continue exploring these wonderful scriptures together. When you see a color in the hanging, does it bring to mind the scripture for that week?

CONTRIBUTE

Member's Voter Meeting Members of Mount Olive Lutheran

Church The Church Council of Mount Olive Lutheran Church is calling a special congregational meeting on Sunday, December 1st, following our worship service. We will begin the congregational meeting, 5 minutes after the worship service is over. The purpose of the special congregation meeting will be to present the logistics of the final sale of the back 2-acre lot to Twin Lakes Food Bank and to vote on the proposed contract and sale of the property. Please plan to attend this meeting. Check your

member mailbox for more information and for any questions or concerns, please contact Heather Hoffman at (406) 868-8176.

Communion Bread Ministry

“The cup of blessing that we bless, is it not a participation in the blood of Christ? The bread that we break, is it not a participation in the body of Christ? Because there is one bread, we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread” (1 Corinthians 10:16-18). Have you noticed and appreciated the difference in our Communion Bread over the past several months? Would you like to develop an even richer connection to your participation in the Lord’s Supper? Consider becoming a part of our Communion Bread ministry! If you’re interested in being added to the Communion Bread baking schedule, contact Nicole Manners for more information, a tutorial, and a recipe. Call 559-967-2060 or email questionablemanners@live.com

Christmas Bake Sale:

The MOLC youth group is busy with preparations to go to the LC-MS National Youth Gathering in New Orleans in July 2025! We have at least three excited MOLC youth confirmed to attend. Thank you to all who supported their baking and fundraising efforts at our OctGROWberfest on September 29! Our next Fellowship Gathering is scheduled for December 8, where the youth will be partnering with the talented ladies from the LWML as they host their annual (and long-anticipated) Bake Sale! Do you have a special cookie request? Let our youth know what you would like to see at the bake sale! Call Nicole Manners at 559-967-2060 or email questionablemanners@live.com with suggestions!

Altar Guild Duties:

Have you been wondering how you can serve the church? If so, here’s your opportunity! We take care of the paraments, communion, Christmas decor, all things altar-related. If you have an interest in joining the Altar Guild, please contact: Karen at 916-209-8318

Please Pray For:

Nelda Koch passed this week and while we praise Him that she is now with her Lord and Savior we also offer up prayers for comfort for her family during this difficult time of loss.

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/joyfulresponse-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.

Bible Color Coding



Love, Kindness, Mercy, Compassion,
Peace, Grace



Worship, Prayer, Praise, Doctrine, Angels,
Miricals, Power of God, Blessings



Faith, Obedience, Growth, Fruit,
Salvation, Fellowship, Repentance



Wisdom, teaching, Instruction, Commands



God, Holy Spirit, Jesus, Messiah,
Saviour



Women , Family, Marriage, Parenting,
Friendships, Relationships



Prophecy, History, Times, Places, Kings,
Genealogy, People, Numbers, Covenants,
Vows, Visions, Oaths, Future, End times



Satan, Sin, Death, Hell, Evil, Idols, False
teachers, Hypocrites, Temptations