

First Sunday in Advent: December 1, 2024



Mt. Olive
Lutheran
Church

Find Peace Here

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Welcome

Hymn of Invocation LSB 813 Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng

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

P In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C **Amen.**

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**

P If You, O Lord, kept a record of sins, O Lord, who could stand?
C **But with You there is forgiveness; therefore, You are feared.**

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

Kneel/Stand

C **Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God, merciful Father, in Holy Baptism You declared us to be Your children and gathered us into Your one, holy Church, in which You daily and richly forgive us our sins and grant us new life through Your Spirit. Be in our midst, enliven our faith, and graciously receive our prayer and praise; through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C **Amen.**

Stand

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).

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

Revelation 1:7–8



⁷Behold, he is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see him, even those who pierced him, and all tribes of the earth will wail on account of him. Even so. Amen.

⁸“I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says the Lord God, “who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.”

Kyrie

LSB 204



☐ Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy.

Gloria in Excelsis

LSB 204



☐ 1 To God on high be glo - ry And peace to all the earth;
2 To You, O sole - be - got - ten, The Fa - ther's Son, we pray;
3 For You a - lone are ho - ly; You on - ly are the Lord.



Good-will from God in heav - en Pro - claimed at Je - sus' birth!
O Lamb of God, our Sav - ior, You take our sins a - way.
For - ev - er and for - ev - er, Be wor - shipped and a - dored;



We praise and bless You, Fa - ther; Your ho - ly name, we sing—
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus; Re - ceive our heart - felt cry,
 You with the Ho - ly Spir - it A - lone are Lord Most High,



Our thanks for Your great glo - ry, Lord God, our heav'n-ly King.
 Where You in pow'r are seat-ed At God's right hand on high—
 In God the Fa - ther's glo - ry. "A - men!" our glad re - ply.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Salutation and Collect of the Day

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

P Let us pray.

Stir up Your power, O Lord, and come, that by Your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by Your mighty deliverance; for You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Sit

Old Testament Reading

Jeremiah 33:14–16

¹⁴“Behold, the days are coming, declares the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David, and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will dwell securely. And this is the name by which it will be called: ‘The LORD is our righteousness.’”

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

⁹What thanksgiving can we return to God for you, for all the joy that we feel for your sake before our God, ¹⁰as we pray most

earnestly night and day that we may see you face to face and supply what is lacking in your faith?

¹¹Now may our God and Father himself, and our Lord Jesus, direct our way to you, ¹²and may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, as we do for you, ¹³so that he may establish your hearts blameless in holiness before our God and Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

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

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



C These things are writ-ten that you may be - lieve that



Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.



C Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel

Luke 19:28–40

- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the nineteenth chapter.
- C** Glory to You, O Lord.

²⁸When [Jesus] had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. ²⁹When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰saying, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and

bring it here. ³¹If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’” ³²So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. ³³And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴And they said, “The Lord has need of it.” ³⁵And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. ³⁷As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, ³⁸saying, “Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!” ³⁹And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, rebuke your disciples.” ⁴⁰He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C Praise to You, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

C I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from
heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the
Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.

**And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped
and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic
Church,**

**I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sit

Sermon Hymn 348 The King Shall Come When Morning Dawns

Sermon SENT: The Lord Has Need of You Rev. Daniel Vang

Stand

Prayer of the Church

P As we wait for our Lord's return, let us pray for all people in their various needs and for the Church, here and around the world.

For any among us and all others who await freedom from the consequences of their past mistakes, from the injustices of their societies, and from their own worldly passions, that God would surround them with people of faith to apply the gracious news of God's forgiveness, love, and mercy, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Come, Thou precious Ransom, come, Only hope for sinful mortals!**

P For our communities and country and for all the nations of the world, wherever people await an end to discord with their neighbors and calm across their borders, that God would use people in positions of power to order society at home and work for peace among the nations, let us pray to the Lord.

C **Come, O Savior of the world! Open are to Thee all portals.**

- P** For people still waiting to hear and understand the Gospel, that God would inspire artists and craftspeople, musicians and poets to creatively carry the news of Christ’s advent in history, His presence with us now, and His promised return, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Come, Thy beauty let us see; Anxiously we wait for Thee.**
- P** For people who cry out to God, awaiting relief from long-term ills or sudden crises of health, seeking an end to unemployment and financial woes, or not knowing where to turn for help, [including . . .], let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Hail! Hosanna, David’s Son! Jesus, hear our supplication!**
- P** For the Church here and around the world, led by clergy and lay members, waiting for every opportunity to grow in faith, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **Let Thy kingdom, scepter, crown, Bring us blessing and salvation.**
- P** For ourselves and everyone who eagerly await the return of our Savior, whose kingdom shall never end, let us pray to the Lord.
- C** **That forever we may sing: Hail! Hosanna to our King.**
- P** Into Your hands, heavenly Father, we commend ourselves and all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C** **Amen.**

Sit

Offering

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.

Stand

Preface

LSB 208

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, for the countless blessings You so freely bestow on us and all creation. Above all, we give thanks for Your boundless love shown to us when You sent Your only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our flesh and laid on Him our sin, giving Him into death that we might not die eternally. Because He is now risen from the dead and lives and reigns to all eternity, all who believe in Him will overcome sin and death and will rise again to new life. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

Sanctus

LSB 208



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth a - dored;



Heav'n and earth with full ac-claim shout the glo-ry of Your name.



Sing ho - san-na in the high-est, sing ho-san - na to the Lord;



Tru - ly blest is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P Blessed are You, O Lord our God, king of all creation, for You have had mercy on us and given Your only-begotten Son that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.

In Your boundless mercy You sent Your servant, John the Baptist, to proclaim that in Christ the kingdom of heaven draws near.

With thankful hearts we pray, "Come, Lord Jesus," confident that in His body and blood, given us to eat and drink, we receive the forgiveness of sins and so proclaim His death until He comes again in glory.

Hear us as we pray in His name and as He has taught us:

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.

The Words of Our Lord

P Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

Agnus Dei

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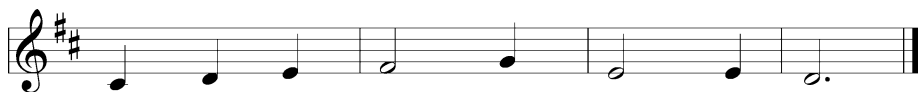
C 1 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
2 O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,



You take the sin of the world a - way;
You take the sin of the world a - way;



O Je - sus Christ, true Lamb of God,
Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus Christ,



Have mer - cy on us, Lord, we pray.
And grant us peace, O Lord, we pray.

Text: Stephen P. Starke

Distribution Instrumental

Madisen Thompson

Distribution Hymn LSB 352 Let the Earth Now Praise the Lord

Stand

Nunc Dimittis

LSB 211



C 1 O Lord, now let Your ser - vant De -
2 All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, All



part in heav'n - ly peace, For I have seen the
glo - ry to the Son, All glo - ry to the



glo - ry Of Your re - deem - ing grace:
Spir - it, For - ev - er Three in One;



A light to lead the Gen - tiles Un -
For as in the be - gin - ning, Is



to Your ho - ly hill, The glo - ry of Your
now, shall ev - er be, God's tri - une name re -



peo - ple, Your cho - sen Is - ra - el.
sound - ing Through all e - ter - ni - ty.

Post-Communion Collect

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

Benedicamus

LSB 212

A Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

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

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

C Amen.

Here I Am, Lord

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1 "I, the Lord of sea and sky,	I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2 "I, the Lord of snow and rain,	I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
3 "I, the Lord of wind and flame,	I will tend the poor and lame.



All who dwell in dark and sin	my hand will save.
I have wept for love of them.	They turn a - way.
I will set a feast for them.	My hand will save.

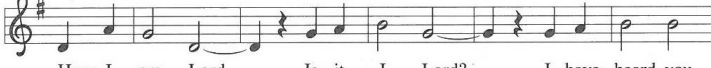


I, who made the stars of night,	I will make their dark-ness bright.
I will break their hearts of stone,	give them hearts for love a - lone.
Fin-est bread I will pro-vide	till their hearts be sat - is - fied.



Who will bear my light to them?	Whom shall I send?"
I will speak my word to them.	Whom shall I send?"
I will give my life to them.	Whom shall I send?"

Refrain



Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you



call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you



lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

Text: Daniel L. Schutte, b. 1946
Music: Daniel L. Schutte
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Worship Leaders	Rev. Daniel Vang
Elders	Roger Zittel, Kyle Swan, Richard Manners, Andrew Tweet, Ricky Sullivan
Musicians	Fred & Debby Weber; Mel Fong; Madisen Thompson; Lana Sullivan; Krista Hess
Reader	Bruce Betts, Eric Baer, Norma Ceccardi, Andrew Donnolley
Ushers	Norman and Karen Benedict
Altar Guild	Karen Fontaine

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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.

Midweek Advent Services

Mark your calendars for upcoming midweek services coming up in December!
Soup and Chili at 5:30 and service at 6:30pm December 6, 13 and 20th.

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 Dyrell 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 Dhalia-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

Sunday, December 1st, five minutes following our worship service, we will begin a congregational meeting. 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.

Poinsettias Needed

Let's decorate the altar area on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day!

If you are able to donate or loan a plant, please place it in the Sanctuary Classroom by Sunday, December 22. Flowers may be taken home after the Christmas Day worship service. Your generosity is appreciated!

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

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.