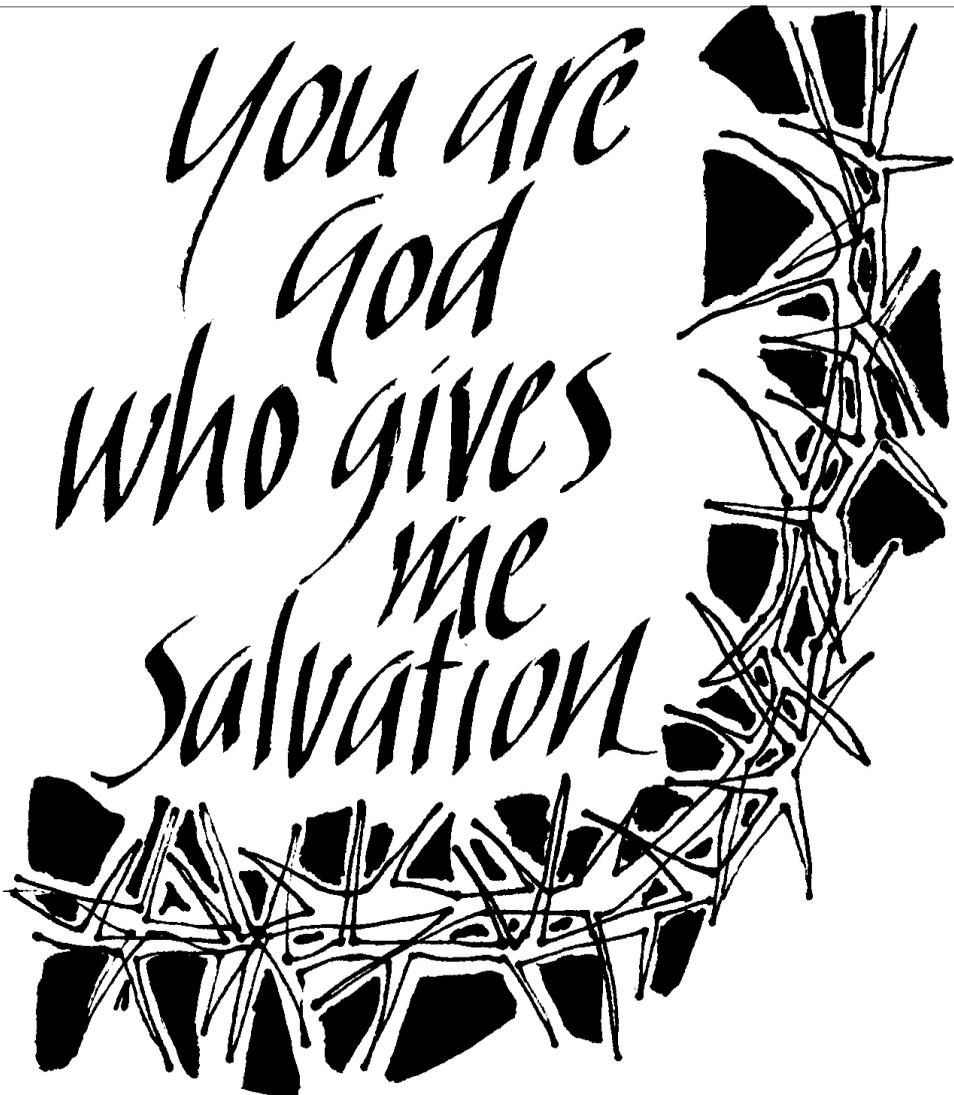


You are
God
who gives
me
salvation



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February 22, 2015

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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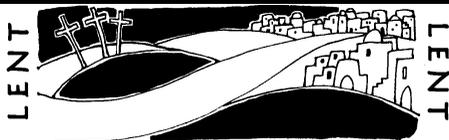
Sunday Worship9:00 A.M.
Education Hour..... 10:20 A.M.
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At Jesus' baptism, God declared his love for him. In the desert, God's angels gave Jesus strength. May our time together remind us of God's love and provision during our celebrations and trials. God bless you as we worship.

Roland A. Jank, Jr.
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek
Organist



1st Sunday in Lent

February 22, 2015

All human beings share the experience of temptation. We are tempted to distort some good gift of God, such as food, money, or sex, and elevate it to the place of 'god' in our lives. We are tempted to say one thing in church and then turn around and do the opposite in action. We are tempted to slowly but surely drift away from God. Temptations abound. God knows this about us. He sent His Son, Jesus, who is not "a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need" (Hebrews 4:15–16). Tempted as we are, Jesus is right there with us, giving us the power of His Spirit to resist. By the grace of God in Jesus, we are given the power to defeat Satan's temptations with "one little word" as we sing in "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

PRELUDE

WELCOME *Please fill out the attendance registration sheet.*

RINGING OF THE CARILLON

Stand

GATHERING

We Enter God's Presence.

INVOCATION

OPENING SENTENCES *(based on Psalm 25)*

Our trust is in the LORD.

Remember Your mercy, O LORD, and Your steadfast love.

According to Your steadfast love remember us.

Good and upright is the LORD.

All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.

Make us to know Your ways, O LORD; teach us Your paths.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *(based on Ps. 51:4; Ps. 25, James 1:18)*

Let us confess our sins to God our Father.

Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean.

Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment.

Against You, O LORD, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.

For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name.

Amen.

The LORD remembers His mercy and steadfast love. He remembers not our sins and transgressions. Because of Christ's all-atoning sacrifice for us, God forgives all our sins. He brings us forth by this word of truth to be a kind of firstfruits of His creatures. 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.

Amen.

GATHERING HYMN

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Green 99

**O Lord, throughout these forty days You prayed and kept the fast;
Inspire repentance for our sin, And free us from our past.**

**You strove with Satan, and you won; Your faithfulness endured;
Lend us your nerve, your skill and trust In God's eternal Word.**

**Though parched and hungry, yet you prayed And fixed your mind above;
So teach us to deny ourselves That we may know God's love.**

**Be with us through this season, Lord, And all our earthly days,
That when the final Easter dawns, We join in heaven's praise.**

APOSTOLIC GREETING

KYRIE

Blue 602

1,3 Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Ky - ri - e e - lei - son.
 2 Chris - te e - lei - son. Chris - te e - lei - son.
 1,3 Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.
 2 Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 Chris - te e - le - i - son.
 Lord, have mer - cy.
 Christ, have mer - cy.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

WORD
 We Hear God's Word.

FIRST LESSON

Genesis 22:1-18

The testing of Abraham.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you." So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place "The Lord will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided." The angel of the Lord called to Abraham a second time from heaven, and said, "By myself I have sworn, says the Lord: Because you have done this, and have not withheld your son, your only son, I will indeed bless you, and I will make your offspring as numerous as the stars of heaven and as the sand that is on the seashore. And your offspring shall possess the gate of their enemies, and by your offspring shall all the nations of the earth gain blessing for themselves, because you have obeyed my voice."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

PSALM 25:1-10 (antiphon v. 14)



Cantor: The friendship of the Lord is for those who | fear him,* and he makes known to them his | covenant.

Cantor: To you, | O Lord,* I lift | up my soul.

O my God, in you I trust; let me not be | put to shame;* let not my enemies exult | over me.

Cantor: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be | put to shame;* they shall be ashamed who are wantonly | treacherous.

Make me know your ways, | O Lord;* teach me | your paths.

Cantor: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my sal- | vation;* for you I wait all the | day long.

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your | steadfast love,* for they have been | from of old.

Cantor: Remember not the sins of my youth or my trans- | gressions;* according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, | O Lord!

Good and upright | is the Lord;* therefore he instructs sinners | in the way.

Cantor: He leads the humble in | what is right,* and teaches the humble | his way.

All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and | faithfulness,* for those who keep his covenant and his testi- | monies.

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.

Cantor: The friendship of the Lord is for those who | fear him,* and he makes known to them his | covenant.

SECOND LESSON

James 1:12-18

Standing firm against temptation.

Blessed is anyone who endures temptation. Such a one has stood the test and will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him. No one, when tempted, should say, "I am being tempted by God"; for God cannot be tempted by evil and he himself tempts no one. But one is tempted by

one's own desire, being lured and enticed by it; then, when that desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin, and that sin, when it is fully grown, gives birth to death. Do not be deceived, my beloved. Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God! (*shouted*)

Stand

G O S P E L A C C L A M A T I O N

Fine

Glo-ry to you, O Word of God, Lord Je - sus Christ.

Verse (cantor or choir) *D.C. al Fine*

Cantor: One does not live by bread alone,* but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (*Matt. 4:4*)

H O L Y G O S P E L

Mark 1:9-15

The temptation of Jesus in the wilderness for forty days.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord! (*shouted*)

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased." And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. Now after John was arrested, Jesus

came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ! (*shouted*)

Sit

S E R M O N

After Baptism

Mark 1:9-15

Stand

H Y M N O F T H E D A Y

A Mighty Fortress

Green 228

**A mighty fortress is our God, A sword and shield victorious;
He breaks the cruel oppressor's rod And wins salvation glorious.
The old evil foe, Sworn to work us woe, With dread craft and might
He arms himself to fight. On earth he has no equal.**

**No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, rejected.
But now a champion comes to fight, Whom God himself elected.
Ask who this may be: Lord of hosts is he! Jesus Christ, our Lord,
God's only Son, adored. He holds the field victorious.**

**Though hordes of devils fill the land All threat'ning to devour us,
We tremble not, unmoved we stand; They cannot overpower us.
This world's prince may rage, In fierce war engage. He is doomed to fail;
God's judgment must prevail! One little word subdues him.**

**God's Word forever shall abide, No thanks to foes, who fear it;
For God himself fights by our side With weapons of the Spirit.
If they take our house, Goods, Fame, child, or spouse, Wrench our life away,
They cannot win the day. The Kingdom's ours forever!**

NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, light from light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one being with the Father. Through Him all things were made. For us and for our salvation He came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit He became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake He was crucified under Pontius Pilate; He suffered death and was buried. On the third day He rose again in accordance with the scriptures; He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and His kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son He is worshipped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

. . . Let us pray to the Lord,
Lord, have mercy.
. . . one God, forever and ever.
Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Please share the reconciliation we have with God and with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."

Sit

M E A L

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper.

GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please fill out the attendance registration sheet in your pew, if you have not already done so. Visitors, you are our guests and are not expected to make a contribution. As the offerings of bread, wine, and money are brought forward, please stand.

MUSIC AT OFFERING

Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley
American spiritual, arr. Hal H. Hopson

Choir

Jesus walked this lonesome valley, he had to walk it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could walk it for him, he had to walk it by himself.
We must walk this lonesome valley, we have to walk it by ourselves;
Oh, nobody else can walk it for us, we have to walk it by ourselves.

Jesus bore the cross of sorrow; he had to bear it by himself;
Oh, nobody else could bear it for him, he had to bear it by himself.
We must take our cross and follow; we must take it by ourselves.
We must take our cross and follow, follow by ourselves.

OFFERING PRAYER

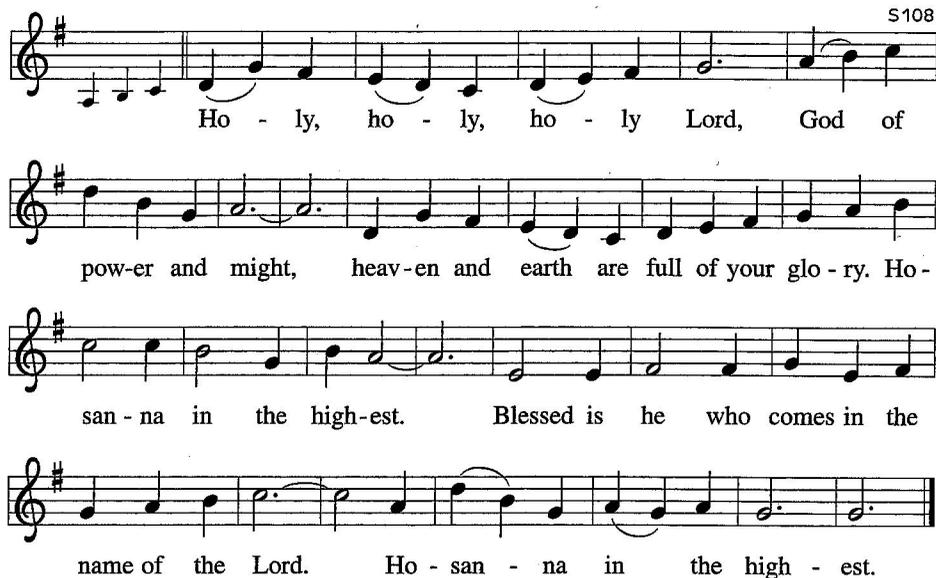
God our provider,
you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PREFACE

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is indeed right, . . . and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

S108



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, . . . as we proclaim the mystery of faith:



Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

O God of resurrection . . . with your presence.

Come, Holy Spirit.

Reveal yourself to us . . . with justice, peace, and love.

Come, Holy Spirit.

With your holy ones . . . now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - men.

LORD'S PRAYER *(join hands)*

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven . . .

**The Lamb, the Lamb, One perfect final offering.
The Lamb, the Lamb, Let earth join heav'n His praise to sing.** Refrain

**The Lamb, the Lamb, As wayward sheep their shepherd kill
So still, His will On our behalf the Law to fill.** Refrain

**He sighs, he dies, He takes my sin and wretchedness.
He lives, forgives, He gives me His own righteousness.** Refrain

**He rose, He rose, My heart with thanks now overflows.
His song prolong Till ev'ry heart to Him belong.** Refrain

Jesus, Still Lead On Green 341
st. 1 - cantor

Great is Thy Faithfulness Blue 771

Stand

COMMUNION BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

SENDING

We Go Out into the World on God's Mission.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN

Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer Green 343

**Guide me ever, great Redeemer, Pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but you are mighty; Hold me with your pow'rful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, Feed me now and evermore,
Feed me now and evermore.**

**Open now the crystal fountain Where the healing waters flow;
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar Lead me all my journey through.
 Strong deliv’rer, strong deliv’rer, Shield me with your mighty arm,
 Shield me with your mighty arm.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death and hell’s destruction, Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
 Songs and praises, songs and praises, I will raise forevermore,
 I will raise forevermore.**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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***** LAST SUNDAY AT MOUNT OLIVE *****

Worship Attendance.....	120	Bible Class	40
Communion	97	Offering.....	3554
Sunday School	24	Needed Weekly	4824
Staff	6	Specials	50

First Time Worshippers Last Sunday - 1

Ash Wednesday - 107/86

N E X T S U N D A Y – Second Sunday in Lent (Year B): Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16; Psalm 22:23-31;
 Romans 5:1-11; Mark 8:27-38

*** ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY ***

ACOLYTE----- Robbie Moffett, Jr.
 ASSISTING MINISTER-----Steve Kowalski
 CANTOR -----Mark Flemmer
 EUCHARISTIC GIFTS-----Terry and Kelly Wegner
 LECTOR-----Joan Kowalski

*** THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE ***

TODAY	-	WORSHIP/LHM SUNDAY ----- 9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----10:20 A.M.
	-	MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE POBLO ----- 12:30 - 4:30 P.M. ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	-	ELL CLASSES -----6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	-	CONFIRMATION CLASS -----6:00 P.M. ELL CLASSES -----6:30 - 8:00 P.M. CHANCEL CHOIR -----7:45 P.M.
THURSDAY	-	LENTEN MEAL -----5:30 P.M. MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICE -----7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY	-	WORSHIP----- 9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----10:20 A.M. BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING ADULT INFORMATION CLASS -----3:30 P.M.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall on the parable of “The Sower of the Seed.” Please join us in the study of God’s Word.

LUTHERAN HOUR SUNDAY — Today, we remember the work of Lutheran Hour Ministries (LHM). LHM has been committed to *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church* through media and congregational outreach efforts for more than 75 years through its flagship radio program **The Lutheran Hour®**, which is on KFAB (1110 AM) on Sunday mornings at 6:30 a.m. Each year, LHM reaches 50 million people in 42 nations on six continents, through a variety of culturally-relevant means, from one-on-one witnessing to radio programming to print materials. Visit www.lhm.org to read about the lives changed through involvement of people like you.

MIDWEEK LENT — Gather with us Thursday evening at 7:00 P.M. We continue the series on *The Parables of Lent*. This week we focus on *Receiving the Word* with the parable “The Sower and the Seed.” (*Matthew 13:1-8, 18-23*)

MITTEN DRIVE — Today is the final day for mittens, hats, scarves and gloves. Please put donations near the tree in the narthex.

LENTEN DINNER TIME — Make your way down to Mount Olive for midweek Lenten dinners, this Thursday, February 26. Meals are served from 5:30 to 6:30 to make it easier for families to attend the 7:00 p.m. Lenten service. We do need your help, however, to put the dinners on. Ten to twelve volunteers are needed each night for a variety of jobs. Sign up today and avoid the rush! We also need dessert makers. Please check out the table in the narthex. Galen Behr (402-453-6733 evening, 402-981-2667 daytime)

GATHERING OF ALMS — As part of your Lenten discipline, we encourage individuals and families to fast one meal each week during Lent. Bring the money you would have spent for that meal and put it into a special envelope that is available inside the Sunday bulletin during Lent. Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska, Lutheran World Relief and Concordia University, Seward, will receive the Lenten alms.

SAVE THE DATE — On Monday, March 23, we will again serve dinner at Ronald McDonald House. Contact Joan Johnson at 402-960-4179 if you would like to help.

COSMO/LWML — This spring we will again sponsor an Easter Book and Bible drive for Project Hope. You may donate either new or gently used Christian books or Bibles or make a monetary donation. A box will be in the back of church for books. Monetary donations marked “Project Hope Book Drive” may be placed in the offering plate. If you have any questions please contact Jill Clausen.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE — Marilyn Beig, Betsy Kosch, Tim Lorang, Kelly Wegner, Terry Wegner, and Max Williams (chair) have agreed to serve on the nominating committee. If you would like to serve or suggest someone to serve, please contact one of them.

EASTER LILIES — Would you like to donate a lily to decorate the altar for Easter? The cost is \$11.50. You can either take the lily home with you after Easter services or donate the lily. Please sign up no later than March 22. The sign up sheet is in the narthex on the back table.

CALL TEAM — Max and Linda Williams

SAVE THE DATE — Mission U: 202 - The Suburban Outreach Congregation, Saturday, April 25, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Light lunch served.

OUR MISSIONARIES — We invite your continued prayerful and financial support of our missionaries abroad: Julie Lutz and family in Papua, New Guinea (medical missionary), and Sharon Owens and family in Macau (evangelist). Remember in prayer also our missionaries to Muslim immigrants here in metro Omaha: Aman and Amel Hamid.

Praying For Our Parish in 2015

Let us remember each other in prayer during the week that we celebrate the anniversary of one’s Baptism.

February 17
Tim Lorang

February 19
Parker Nordaker

February 20
Brad Long
James Sorensen