



*For with authority and  
power he commands the  
unclean spirits, and out  
they come!"*

*Luke 4:36b*

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**January 31, 2016**

THE FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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# WELCOME TO MOUNT OLIVE LUTHERAN CHURCH



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Sunday Worship .....9:00 A.M.  
Education Hour.....10:20 A.M.  
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**Welcome, one and all! Faith, hope and love are gifts of God. May you find them here.**

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Pastor

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Organist



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The purpose of the ministry of Jesus, unfolding during the Epiphany season, is forcefully expressed in these words: “I must preach the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns as well; for I was sent for this purpose” (Luke 4:43). Jesus preached the good news of the kingdom of God not only in His adopted hometown of Capernaum, where He was well known and comfortable, but also beyond familiar locations to Samaria and even as far the land of Tyre and Sidon. We are called to be those people who go beyond our comfort zones to share the Gospel news that we know and believe by the power of the Holy Spirit.

**P R E L U D E**

**R I N G I N G   O F   T H E   C A R I L L O N**

**Stand**

**G A T H E R I N G**

We Enter God’s Presence.

**I N V O C A T I O N**

## CONFESSIO N AND ABSOLUTION (*1 Thessalonians 5:23-24*)

O God our Father, we admit and confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

We confess that we have not always said in our hearts “Thy will be done” when we have been faced with decisions in our lives.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

We confess that Your love has not reached others through us in every situation, and we admit to being thoughtless in our judgments, hasty in condemnation, grudging in forgiveness, slow to seek reconciliation, and unwilling to help our neighbors as we ought.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

We confess that we have not always been defenders of the weak and helpless—advocates of those not yet born and those in the final stages of life.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

We confess that we have not used every opportunity given us to witness to the faith that is ours and have let the devil, the world, and our sinful flesh set the agendas for our lives and actions.

**Have mercy on us, and forgive us, O Lord.**

Upon this your confession and by the command of our Lord, I, by virtue of my office as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the † Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

Now may the God of peace Himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; He will surely do it.

**Amen.**

## GATHERING HYMN

Rise, Shine!

Green 393

*choir setting by Dale Wood, choir on st. 1 - 3*

Rise, shine, you people! Christ the Lord has entered  
Our human story; God in him is centered.

He comes to us, by death and sin surrounded, With grace unbounded.

See how he sends the pow’rs of evil reeling;

He brings us freedom, light and life and healing.

All men and women, who by guilt are driven, now are forgiven.

Celebrate your joy, now come, Celebrate; your banners high unfurling,  
Your songs and prayers against the darkness hurling.  
To all the world go out and tell the story of Jesus' glory.

**Tell how the Father sent his Son to save us.  
Tell of the Son, who life and freedom gave us.  
Tell how the Spirit calls from ev'ry nation His new creation.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

## HYMN OF PRAISE

Glory to God in the Highest

### Congregation: Refrain



*Refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est, and peace  
to God's peo-ple on earth. Glo-ry to God in the  
high - est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

Cantor: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

### Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

### Congregation: Refrain

Cantor: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

## Congregation: Refrain

*Final refrain*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est.

A - men, a - men.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Sit

### WORD

We Hear God's Word.

## FIRST LESSON

### **Jeremiah 1:4-10**

God appoints Jeremiah a prophet to the nations.

*Now the word of the Lord came to me saying, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations." Then I said, "Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy." But the Lord said to me, "Do not say, 'I am only a boy'; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the Lord." Then the Lord put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the Lord said to me, "Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant."*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)



*became an adult, I put an end to childish ways. For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then we will see face to face. Now I know only in part; then I will know fully, even as I have been fully known. And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three; and the greatest of these is love.*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!** (*shouted*)

**Stand**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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



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



*Verse (cantor or choir)*

Al - le - lu - ia!

Cantor: You shall go to all to whom I send you. Do not be afraid, for I am with you.  
(*Jeremiah 1:7, 8*)

## HOLY GOSPEL

**Luke 4:31-44**

Jesus speaks with authority.



The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the fourth chapter.

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

*[Jesus] went down to Capernaum, a city in Galilee, and was teaching them on the sabbath. They were astounded at his teaching, because he spoke with authority. In the synagogue there was a man who had the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, "Let us alone! What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come*

*out of him!” When the demon had thrown him down before them, he came out of him without having done him any harm. They were all amazed and kept saying to one another, “What kind of utterance is this? For with authority and power he commands the unclean spirits, and out they come!” And a report about him began to reach every place in the region. After leaving the synagogue he entered Simon’s house. Now Simon’s mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked him about her. Then he stood over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. Immediately she got up and began to serve them. As the sun was setting, all those who had any who were sick with various kinds of diseases brought them to him; and he laid his hands on each of them and cured them. Demons also came out of many, shouting, “You are the Son of God!” But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew that he was the Messiah. At daybreak he departed and went into a deserted place. And the crowds were looking for him; and when they reached him, they wanted to prevent him from leaving them. But he said to them, “I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other cities also; for I was sent for this purpose.” So he continued proclaiming the message in the synagogues of Judea.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

## S E R M O N

**Cheap Talk, Powerful Words**

**Luke 4:31-44**

Stand

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

Son of God, Eternal Savior

Green 364

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace.  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race,  
You our head, who, throned in glory, For your own will ever plead:  
Fill us with your love and pity, Heal our wrongs, and help our need.**

**As you, Lord, have lived for others, So may we for others live.  
Freely have your gifts been granted; Freely may your servants give.  
Yours the gold and yours the silver, Yours the wealth of land and sea;  
We but stewards of your bounty Held in solemn trust will be.**

**Come, O Christ, and reign among us, King of love and Prince of Peace;  
Hush the storm of strife and passion, Bid its cruel discords cease.  
By your patient years of toiling, By your silent hours of pain,  
Quench our fevered thirst of pleasure, Stem our selfish greed of gain.**

**Son of God, eternal Savior, Source of life and truth and grace,  
Word made flesh, whose birth among us Hallows all our human race:  
By your praying, by your willing That your people should be one,  
Grant, oh, grant our hope's fruition: Here on earth your will be done.**

**Sit**

#### **N I C E N E C R E E D**

**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

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**  
. . . through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**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 with one another by greeting those around you with a hearty handshake and the words, "Peace be with you."*

**Sit**

## MEAL

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

Oh, Love, How Deep  
*Green 88, jazz setting by Aaron David Miller*

Piano

Oh, love, how deep, how broad, how high, Beyond all thought and fantasy,  
That God, the Son of God, should take Our mortal form for mortal's sake!

He sent us no angel to our race, Of higher or of lower place,  
But wore the robe of human frame, And to this world himself he came.

For us baptized, for us he bore His holy fast and hungered sore;  
For us temptation sharp he knew; For us the tempter overthrew.

For us he prayed; for us he taught; For us his daily works he wrought,  
By words and signs and actions thus Still seeking not himself, but us.

## OFFERING PRAYER

Good and loving God,  
we rejoice in the birth of Jesus, who came among the poor to bring the  
riches of your grace. As you have blessed us with your gifts, let them be a  
blessing for others. With the trees of the field, with all earth and heaven, we  
shout for joy at the coming of your Son, 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, . . . we praise your name, and join their unending hymn:

## SANCTUS

S 173

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

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, O God, . . .until he comes.

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Therefore, O God, . . . the great and promised feast.

**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Send now, we pray, . . . with all your saints in light.

**Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.**

Join our prayers with those . . . now and forever.

**Amen.**

## 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....**

## INVITATION

Come to the table. Feast on God's abundant life for you.

**Amen.**

Sit

## DISTRIBUTION

*If you believe that those who commune receive in, with and under the bread and wine of this sacrament the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and that receiving the sacrament is a public witness to your oneness in faith in the teachings of our church, you are invited to join us at the Lord's Table. Newcomers are asked to read and sign a communion registration card from the hymnal rack as a sign of your agreement with its statements and give it to an usher.*

## DISTRIBUTION MUSIC

S 174

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have

mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

## Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure

*st. 1 - cantor*

1 Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal,  
 2 Je - sus has come! Now see bonds rent a - sun - der!  
 3 Je - sus has come as the might - y Re - deem - er.  
 4 Je - sus has come as the King of all glo - ry!

Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be - gin - ning and End;  
 Fet - ters of death now dis - solve, dis - ap - pear.  
 See now the threat - en - ing strong one dis - armed!  
 Heav - en and earth, O de - clare His great pow'r,

God - head, hu - man - i - ty, u - nion su - per - nal,  
 See Him burst through with a voice as of thun - der!  
 Je - sus breaks down all the walls of death's for - tress,  
 Cap - tur - ing hearts with the heav - en - ly sto - ry;

O great Re - deem - er, You come as our friend!  
 He sets us free from our guilt and our fear,  
 Brings forth the pris - 'ners tri - um - phant, un - harmed.  
 Wel - come Him now in this fast - fleet - ing hour!

Heav - en and earth, now pro - claim this great won - der:  
 Lifts us from shame to the place of His hon - or.  
 Sa - tan, you wick - ed one, own now your mas - ter!  
 Pon - der His love! Take the crown He has for you!

Je - sus has come and brings plea - sure e - ter - nal!  
 Je - sus has come! Hear the roll of God's thun - der!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the might - y Re - deem - er!  
 Je - sus has come! He, the King of all glo - ry!

Lord of Our Life  
*cantor - st. I*

Green 366

Come Down, O Love Divine

Green 508

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

Blue 721

**“Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.  
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.  
In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.  
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.”**

**“Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.  
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.  
Here you heard my dear Son’s story, here you touched him, saw his glory.  
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.”**

**“Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.  
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.  
Here my Spirit’s power filled you, here my tender comfort stilled you.  
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.”**

**DISMISSAL**

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

## POSTLUDE

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**N E X T S U N D A Y** — The Transfiguration of Our Lord (Year C): Deuteronomy 34:1-12;  
Psalm 99; Hebrews 3:1-6; Luke 9:28-36

\*\*\* ASSISTING WITH WORSHIP TODAY \*\*\*

**ACOLYTE** ----- Robbie Moffett, Jr.  
**ASSISTING MINISTER** ----- Mikale Townsend, Jr.  
**CANTOR** ----- Sarah Jank  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS** ----- Bev Allen, Judy Rath  
**LECTOR** ----- Gloria Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	132	Bible Class .....	45
Communion.....	109	Offering .....	5523
Sunday School .....	21	Needed Weekly .....	4861
Staff.....	7	Specials .....	70

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 1

\*\*\* THIS WEEK AT MOUNT OLIVE \*\*\*

TODAY	WORSHIP -----	9:00 A.M.
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
MONDAY	- ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING -----	6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	- CONFIRMATION CLASS -----	6:00 P.M.
	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING -----	6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
	CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.
SUNDAY	WORSHIP/VALPO SUNDAY -----	9:00 A.M.
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
	BLOOD PRESSURE SCREENING	
	VOTERS' ASSEMBLY -----	11:30 A.M.
	YOUTH GROUP TO SKYZONE -----	11:30 A.M.

**January 31, 2016 (C)**

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**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. This week we will complete our focus on creation and God’s activity in the world. High School graduates through 30-somethings meet in the library during the Christian Education Hour for Bible study. Pick up a cup of coffee and join in.

**NEXT SUNDAY** — A new six-week Lenten Bible Class topic will begin next Sunday entitled “Living Lent: As People of the Resurrection.” The first session is “Ponder.” This class will coincide with the theme of our Lenten Midweek services this year.

**LENTEN DINNER SIGN-UPS** — Please look for the Lenten dinner sign-up sheets in the back of church today. Help is needed with serving and clean-up.

**LENT BEGINS SOON** — The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 10. Worship is at 7:00 P.M. In following weeks, midweek worship will be on Thursday evenings at 7:00. Fellowship meals are available each week prior to the service from 5:30 - 6:30 at a modest cost. Make plans to join us each week.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** — Our 15-week Spring Adult Information Class will begin on Sunday, February 14, at 3:30 p.m. This two-hour class is for those who are new in their faith, for those who are somewhere in the middle, and for those who have been life-long Christians. No matter where you are in your faith journey, God yearns to get closer to you. To register, please call the church office at 402-455-8700. You can also find registration forms inside the Sunday bulletin. Fill out the registration and drop it in the offering plate.

**LENTEN DEVOTIONS** — Next Sunday devotional material will be available for each family and age appropriate material will be distributed to families with children.

**VOTERS’ ASSEMBLY** — Next Sunday, February 7, is our quarterly Voters’ Assembly meeting. Reports will be shared about what God is doing through our congregation.

**NOTICE TO CHURCHES OF THE CIRCUITS OF OMAHA** — Cross Lutheran Church at (3101 South 20th Street) welcomes our congregation to attend its Closing Service. This service will begin at 2:30 p.m., February 7th. Nebraska District President Snow will preach.

**FRIDAY NIGHT FLIX** — Mark your calendars for Friday, February 12, at 7:30 P.M. A romantic comedy, “Kate and Leopold” will be shown. Free popcorn!

**YOUTH GROUP** — Mount Olive youth are headed to the Skyzone on Sunday, February 7, from 11:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. They will have lunch first. Please RSVP today by text or phone call to Kristi Townsend at 402-457-9611.

**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.

<u>January 31</u>	<u>February 1</u>	<u>February 2</u>	<u>February 3</u>	<u>February 6</u>
Stephanie Markham	Epiphany Ramos Paul Whitmore	Shannon Peterson Dawn Payne Mackinsey Whitmore	Carol Childers	Mike Townsend, Jr Kaylea Townsend Kelsea Townsend Krista Townsend