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**February 14, 2016**

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

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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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**We extend our welcome and Christ’s love to all who gather for worship today.  
We’re glad you’re here!**

Roland A. Jank, Jr.  
Pastor

Rachel Misiolek  
Organist

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As soon as Jesus leaves the Jordan after His Baptism, the Spirit leads Him into the wilderness. This marks the opening skirmish between Him and Satan, and the war is on! The conclusion comes when the devil thinks it is “an opportune time,” as Jesus dies. But by dying, He destroys death, and all who call on the name of the Lord will be saved, Paul assures us in the Second Lesson. God kept His promises as He led the people to the Promised Land, the psalmist relies on Him for all things, and so do we as the battles in our lives continue, even though the war has been won.

**PRELUDE**

**RINGING OF THE CARILLON**

**Stand**

**GATHERING**  
We Enter God’s Presence.

**INVOCATION**

**C O N F E S S I O N   A N D   A B S O L U T I O N** (*Psalm 91:2, 5; Deuteronomy 26:10; Luke 4:4, 8; Romans 10:13*)

As God's people, we are aware of our need for the forgiveness of sins. Let us now make confession to our heavenly Father.

With the psalmist we say to the Lord, "My refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust."

**But we confess that we do not always trust that He will protect us from "the terror of the night" and other physical and spiritual harm.**

With the Israelites after their first harvest in the Promised Land, we "bring the first of the fruit" which the Lord has given us.

**But we confess that we often take the blessings around us for granted and fail to thank Him with the best of what He has graciously given us.**

With our Lord Jesus, we respond to temptation, saying, "It is written."

**But we confess that we have not read God's Word diligently enough, nor do we always oppose temptations when they come.**

This morning's Second Lesson promises that "everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." Let us therefore confidently go to God, asking His forgiveness for Jesus' sake.

*(Silence for reflection and for self-examination.)*

Almighty God, heavenly Father,

**we confess that we are by nature sinful. We have failed to love You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have considered ourselves better than others; we have expected You to bless us in all things. For the sake of Jesus Christ, Your Son and our Lord, forgive us, and by the power of Your Holy Spirit cleanse our hearts and minds that we might walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Christ Jesus, true man and true God, was obedient to His Father in all things and in our place. By His death He destroyed death, and by His rising opened eternal life to all who trust in Him for forgiveness. 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. May God strengthen you in your Lenten journey toward the joys of Easter.

**Amen.**

# GATHERING HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

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**How firm a foundation, O saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in his excellent Word!  
What more can he say than to you he has said  
Who unto the Savior for refuge have fled?**

**Fear not, I am with you, oh, be not dismayed,  
For I am your God and will still give you aid;  
I'll strengthen you, help you, and cause you to stand,  
Upheld by my righteous, omnipotent hand.**

**When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply.  
The flames shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.**

**Throughout all their lifetime my people shall prove  
My sov'reign, eternal, unchangeable love;  
And then, when gray hairs shall their temples adorn,  
Like lambs they shall still in my bosom be borne.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

## KYRIE



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

### **Deuteronomy 26:1-11**

The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand.

*When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.*

The Word of the Lord.

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



*“The word is near you, on your lips and in your heart” (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. The scripture says, “No one who believes in him will be put to shame.” For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. For, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.”*

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

Cantor: Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. (*Ephesians 6:11*)

## H O L Y G O S P E L

**Luke 4:1-13**

Jesus is tempted by Satan.



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

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

*Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’” Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. And the devil said to him, “To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.” Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’” Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so*

*that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ” Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ” When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.*

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sit

S E R M O N

**In The Wilderness**

**Luke 4:1-13**

Stand

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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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**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

. . . Lord, in Your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

. . . for the sake of Your Son, 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

If You But Trust in God to Guide You Choir  
*musical setting by David Cherwien*

If you but trust in God to guide you, With hopeful heart through all your ways,  
You will find strength, with God beside you, To bear the worst of evil days;  
For those who trust God's changeless love Build on the rock that will not move.

What gain is there in futile weeping, In helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in God's care and keeping, In sorrow will God love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.

Be still, be still, and wait God's pleasure In cheerful hope, with heart content,  
Trusting that grace which knows no measure Will by unbounded Love be sent;  
Nor doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always near.

Sing, pray, and keep God's ways unswerving; Offer your service faithfully,  
And trust God's word, though undeserving, There find the truth to set you free;  
God will not fail to guide and bless Those who embrace God's faithfulness.

## 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.**

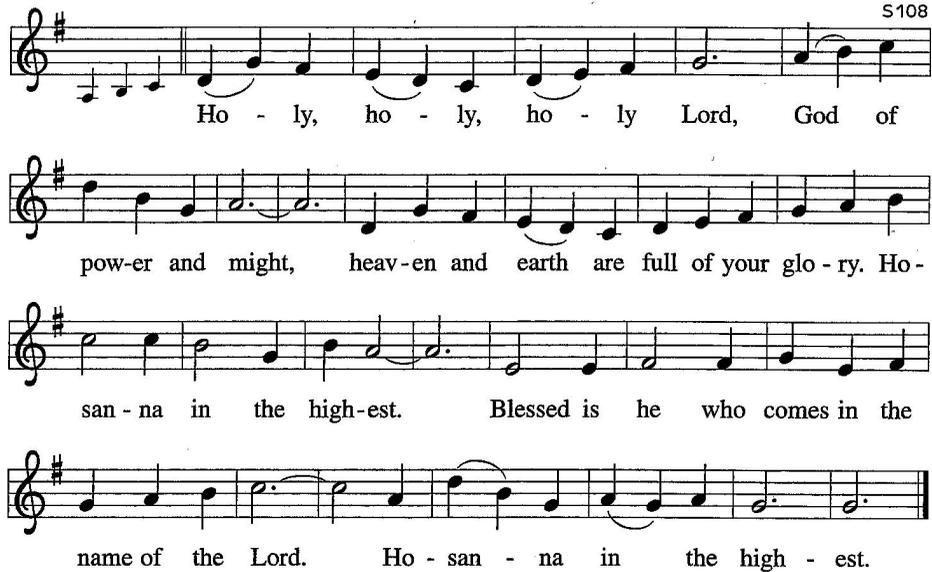
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, . . . we praise your name, 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC 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....**

## INVITATION

All who trust, all who hunger, come and be filled with the goodness of God.  
**Amen.**

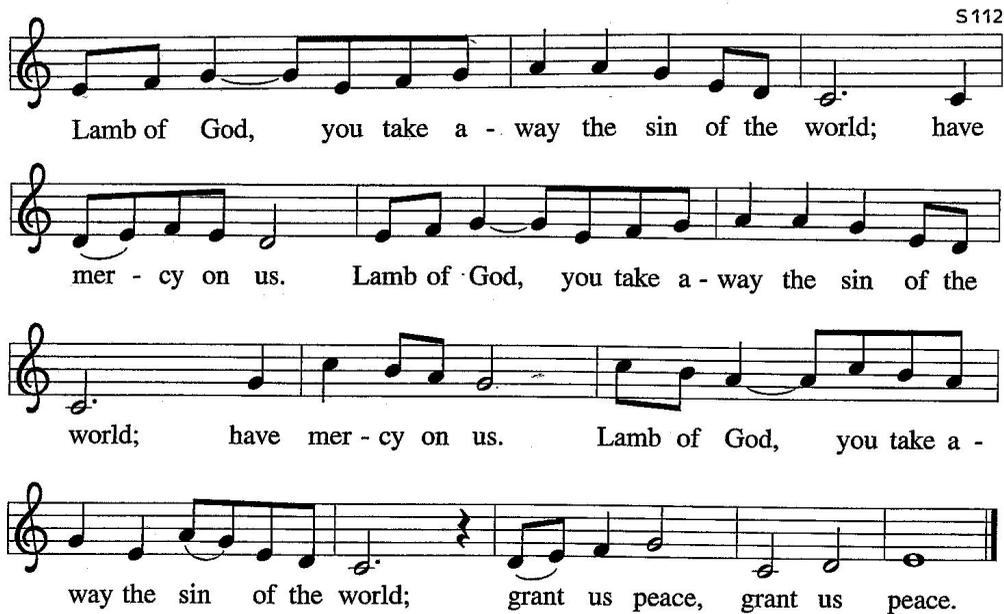
Sit

## 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 112



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.

O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days

Green 99

How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

Green 345

*st. 4 - cantor*

Jesus, Still Lead On

Green 341

*st. 1 - cantor*

**Stand**

**COMMUNION BLESSING**

**POST-COMMUNION PRAYER**

**SENDING**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**BENEDICTION**

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing

Green 259

**Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
Let us each, your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace.  
Oh, refresh us; oh, refresh us, Trav'ling through this wilderness.**

**Thanks we give and adoration For your Gospel's joyful sound.  
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and live abound.  
Ever faithful, ever faithful To your truth may we be found.**

**Savior, when your love shall call us From our struggling pilgrim way,  
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad your summons to obey.  
May we ever, may we ever Reign with you in endless day.**

# 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** — Second Sunday in Lent (Year C): Jeremiah 26:8-15; Psalm 4;  
Philippians 3:17-4:1; Luke 13:31-35

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

**ACOLYTE**----- Isabella Wegner  
**ASSISTING MINISTER**----- Galen Behr  
**CANTOR** ----- Mark Flemmer  
**EUCCHARISTIC GIFTS**----- Rich & Debbie Wismont  
**LECTOR**----- Mark Sorensen

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

Worship Attendance.....	126	Bible Class .....	41
Communion.....	97	Offering .....	4611
Sunday School .....	23	Needed Weekly .....	4861
Staff.....	6	Specials .....	55

First Time Worshipers Last Sunday - 2

Ash Wednesday - 115/87

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

TODAY	WORSHIP-----	9:00 A.M.
	CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR -----	10:20 A.M.
	HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY	
	ADULT INFORMATION CLASS BEGINS-----	3:30 P.M.
MONDAY	- ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----	6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
TUESDAY	- LWML/COSMO-----	6:30 P.M.
WEDNESDAY	- CONFIRMATION CLASS-----	6:00 P.M.
	ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING ----	6:30 - 8:00 P.M.
	CHANCEL CHOIR -----	7:45 P.M.

THURSDAY	-	LENTEN MEAL -----5:30 - 6:30 P.M. LENTEN MIDWEEK SERVICE ----- 7:00 P.M.
SUNDAY		WORSHIP ----- 9:00 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION HOUR-----10:20 A.M. HEALTH & MEDICATION COUNSELING MESSENGER ARTICLES DUE ADULT INFORMATION CLASS ----- 3:30 P.M.

**ADULT BIBLE CLASS** — During the Christian Education Hour, Pastor Jank will lead the Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. We are studying a six-week Lenten Bible topic, “Living Lent: As People of the Resurrection.” Today’s session is “Purpose.” This class coincides with the theme of our Lenten Midweek services this year. 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.

**MIDWEEK WORSHIP** — Join us for *Living Lent*, a special series of services for the season of Lent on Thursdays at 7:00 P.M. Each service in the series focuses on a word to consider while living Lent as Easter people. This Thursday is based on the word PURPOSE and reminds us that Lent is a time to find God’s purpose for our lives, fulfilled in our redemption by Jesus, who seeks and saves the lost and gives us new life. The service includes Scripture readings, a children’s sermon, a sermon and hymns that help us to remember that we are people of the resurrection living in Lent.

**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.

**LENTEN MEAL** — Fellowship meals are available each week prior to the Midweek Lenten service from 5:30 - 6:30 at a modest cost. This week the menu is chili, baked potato bar, and assorted bars. Children’s meals of macaroni and cheese, hot dogs, and chips will be available also. Make plans to join us each week.

**ADULT INFORMATION CLASS** — Our 15-week Spring Adult Information Class begins today 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.

**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.

**LUTHERAN CREDIT UNION** — A new credit union is now available for Lutherans. Lutheran Federal Credit Union (LFCU) began nation-wide operations in May 2015. LFCU is a federally chartered credit union, so members' savings are insured to at least \$250,000 and backed by the full faith and credit of the United States Government. LFCU offers all the typical services you would expect from a credit union: no fee checking, free, unlimited in-network ATM transactions nationwide, on-line banking, free bill pay, and mobile banking, savings accounts, certificates of deposit (CDs), loans (home mortgage, auto, motorcycle, and personal), credit cards. Although LFCU is an on-line institution, it offers 30,000 in-network ATMs nation-wide and 5,000 walk-in locations through the "Shared Branching" network of participating credit unions. There are 10 shared branches and 54 ATM locations in the Greater Omaha area. (For example, the ATM closest to our church is in the Hy-Vee store on North 30th Street.) You can learn more at <https://www.lutheranfcu.org>.

**NON-ALCOHOLIC WINE** — For those who need to avoid alcohol and yet want to commune with their fellow Mount Olive brothers and sisters, the very center glass in each communion tray now has non-alcoholic wine in it for your reception. We encourage its use. Please speak with Pastor Jank if you have questions.

**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. Note their letters on the north hall bulletin board. Remember in prayer also Emad and Shireen Tawadrous, the new POBLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) missionaries working with Arabic speaking immigrants here in metro Omaha.

**STEWARDSHIP** — And Jesus answered him, "It is written, . . ." (*Luke 4:8*) Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God, but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles, but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory: on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

**Praying for Our Parish in 2016**

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

February 17  
Timothy Lorang

February 19  
Parker Nordaker

February 20  
Brad Long  
Jim Sorensen