

## **Memorize & Ponder**

**Jan 24, 2016**

**Memorize & Ponder Text – Luke 4:18-19**

**(Full Reading – Luke 4:14-21)**

**Week of Jan 17-24, 2016**

### **What is Jesus All About?**

#### **Luke 4:18-19 (NRSV)**

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

*Throughout the Christian year of 2016, until Advent, we will be focusing on the theme of 'Following Jesus in a Fearful and Divided World.' Our Scripture readings and Memorize & Ponder texts will be taken from the Gospels of Luke and John. We invite you to **listen** for what the Spirit is saying in the text, then **question** how those insights might change the ways you see things and act in the world. Share your thoughts during the week on the meaning the Spirit creates for you in this text by posting a comment on our website – [www.brentwoodpc.ca](http://www.brentwoodpc.ca).*

## **Ponderings for Daily Theologians**

*Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us provoke one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together ... (Hebrews 10:23-25a)*

### **A Word for Daily Theologians = Proclaim**

As Luke tells the story,  
Jesus is crystal clear about the tradition he represents  
and the mission he has been given.

It is the tradition of the prophets, especially of Isaiah,  
who see God being faithful  
to his covenant of blessing and deliverance  
by coming to be with us in the power of love.

Formed by and reflecting on that tradition and mission  
for some 30 years prior to his public ministry,  
Jesus is clear and concise  
in his first public sermon,  
interestingly enough, delivered in his home town.

Be uplifting, liberating, enlightening, and just.  
That's what Jesus has been anointed to proclaim.  
As members of the Body of Christ,  
participants in Christ's mission today,  
all made possible, day by day, by the work of the Holy Spirit,  
we proclaim the same blessing and deliverance  
in our actions and words.

What can you imagine doing and saying this week  
what would proclaim what Jesus Christ is about in us?

### **Gratitude for Grace Noticed this Week**

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