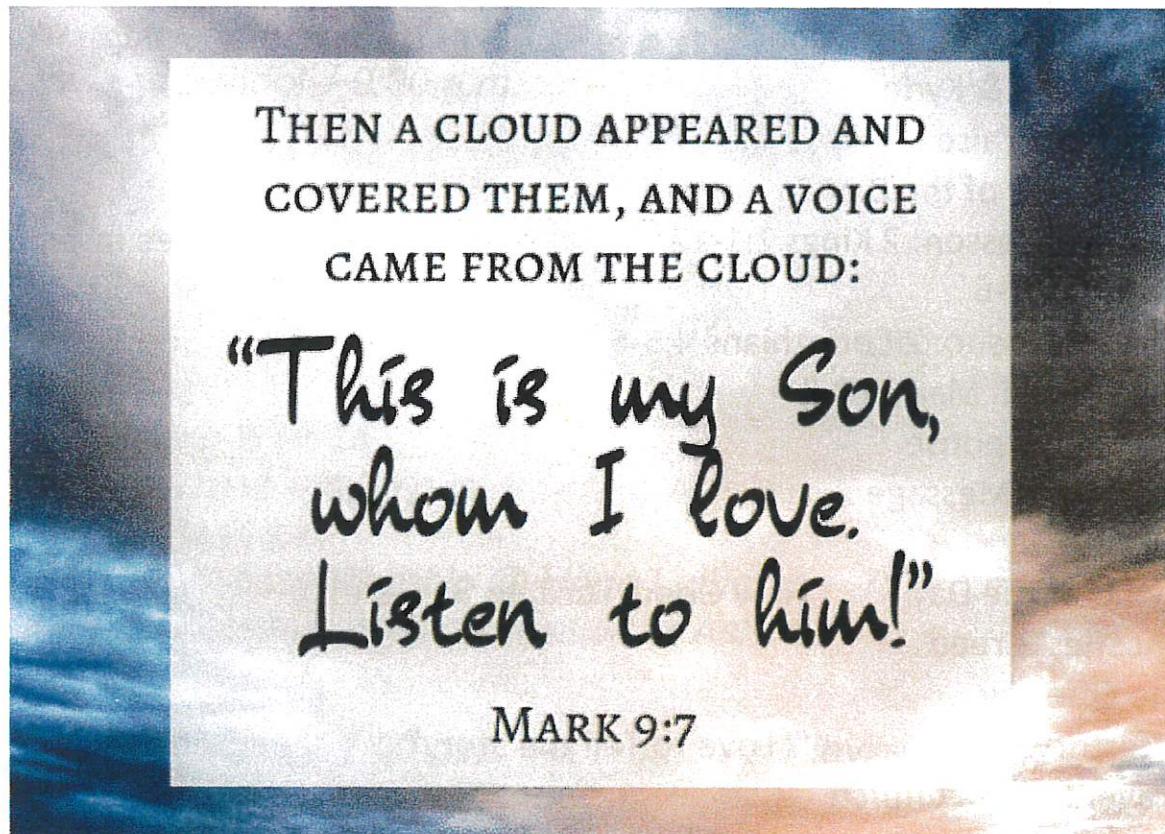


# *Grace Lutheran Church Welcomes You!*



*By Grace you have been saved!  
“We have decided to follow Jesus and  
There’s no turning back!*

# GRACE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

February 11, 2024

Pastor Jim Helgren

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***We pray always for . . .***

*Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Bruce Gerking, Becky Knake,  
Haleigh Werner & Will Yank*

***We also remember in our prayers . . .***

*Anna, Vanessa, Meshack & Evance, orphans we are sponsoring  
in Tanzania.*

*Please put items for the bulletins & newsletter in the secretary's box in the south office. You may email the church office  
[grace68329@gmail.com](mailto:grace68329@gmail.com)*

*You may contact Pastor Helgren by calling 402-864-4201 (church)  
402-864-2113 (home) or 402-826-0613(cell)*

**Today 2/11/24**

*Worship – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**Monday 2/12/24**

*Bible Study – 2:00 p.m.*

**Tuesday 2/13/24**

*Piecemakers Blanket Making – All Day  
With Covered Dish Luncheon*

**Wednesday 2/14/24**

*Kids for Christ – 4:00 p.m.*

***NO Confirmation***

*Ash Wednesday Worship @ Hope Lutheran – 7:00 p.m.  
with Communion & disposition of Ashes*

**Thursday 2/15/24**

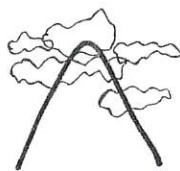
*ELCW Meeting – 7:00 p.m. All Women are invited!*

**Next Sunday 2/18/24**

*Worship w/Communion – 8:30 a.m.  
Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.*

**During the month of February, we will be  
collecting Socks, mittens/gloves & underwear  
for men, women, and children to be given to the  
People's City Mission**

*Senior members if you wish to share a meal with our  
Kids for Christ on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, please call the  
church @ 402-864-4201, by tomorrow noon.*



# Today's Readings

Transfiguration of Our Lord  
February 11, 2024

## Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, the resplendent light of your truth shines from the mountaintop into our hearts. Transfigure us by your beloved Son, and illumine the world with your image, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## First Reading

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. <sup>2</sup>Elijah said to Elisha, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.” But Elisha said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they went down to Bethel. <sup>3</sup>The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he said, “Yes, I know; keep silent.”

<sup>4</sup>Elijah said to him, “Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.” So they came to Jericho. <sup>5</sup>The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, “Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?” And he answered, “Yes, I know; be silent.”

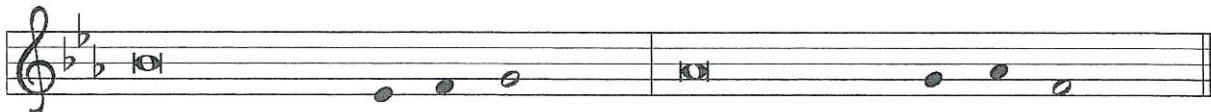
<sup>6</sup>Then Elijah said to him, “Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.” But he said, “As the LORD lives, and as you

## 2 Kings 2:1-12

yourself live, I will not leave you.” So the two of them went on. <sup>7</sup>Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. <sup>8</sup>Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

<sup>9</sup>When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, “Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.” Elisha said, “Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.” <sup>10</sup>He responded, “You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.” <sup>11</sup>As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. <sup>12</sup>Elisha kept watching and crying out, “Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!” But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

## Psalm



The mighty one, God the <sup>1</sup>LORD,  
has spoken;  
calling the earth  
from the rising of the sun  
<sup>1</sup>to its setting.

## Psalm 50:1-6; tone 10

<sup>2</sup>Out of Zion, perfect <sup>1</sup>in its beauty,  
God shines <sup>1</sup>forth in glory.  
<sup>3</sup>Our God will come  
and will <sup>1</sup>not keep silence;

*continued*

with a consuming flame before,  
and round about a <sup>1</sup> raging storm.  
**<sup>4</sup>God calls the heavens and the earth**  
**<sup>1</sup> from above**  
**to witness the judgment**  
**<sup>1</sup> of the people.**

**<sup>5</sup>“Gather before me**  
**my <sup>1</sup> loyal followers,**  
**those who have made**  
**a covenant with me**  
**and sealed <sup>1</sup> it with sacrifice.”**  
**<sup>6</sup>The heavens declare**  
**the rightness <sup>1</sup> of God’s cause,**  
**for it is God <sup>1</sup> who is judge.**

## Second Reading

### 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. <sup>4</sup>In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. <sup>5</sup>For we do not proclaim our-

selves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus’ sake. <sup>6</sup>For it is the God who said, “Let light shine out of darkness,” who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

## Gospel

### Mark 9:2-9

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, <sup>3</sup>and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. <sup>4</sup>And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. <sup>5</sup>Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” <sup>6</sup>He did not

know what to say, for they were terrified. <sup>7</sup>Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!” <sup>8</sup>Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

<sup>9</sup>As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

## Say Cheese!

The Worship, Evangelism and Fellowship Committee will once again be taking pictures of our church members on Sunday, February 18 after church. Pictures will be taken during fellowship in front of the stage, with the curtain drawn. Pictures are being displayed on the south bulletin board in the basement. If you can't make church on February 18, we will take your picture February 25.

The Midweek Lenten theme is "GO AND... LENT" put together by Deacon Timothy Siburg, Stewardship, NE Synod. The material is based on the February and March "GO AND..." themes. The services will be at 7:00 p.m. Wednesday evenings.

February 21 at Grace

February 28 at Hope

March 6 at Grace

March 13 at Hope

March 20 at Grace

March 28—Maundy Thursday at Grace—7:00 p.m.

March 29—Good Friday at Hope—7:00 p.m.

Grace will try something for the first time and have Thursday worship/brunch on February 22, 29 and March 7, 14 & 21. We will start to gather at 11:30 a.m. We will begin serving the meal at 11:45 a.m. and have a service with a theme from the night before at about 12:10 p.m.

The plan for the Thursday gathering is to gather for a simple lunch, fellowship, and God's word. People are invited to come over their lunch hour and eat, worship, and leave on their schedule. This gathering is based on the Lenten Thursday lunches the Tecumseh Ministerial once sponsored. This lunch worship is intended for members of Grace and Hope. Invite others to also attend with you.

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## I Love to Tell the Story



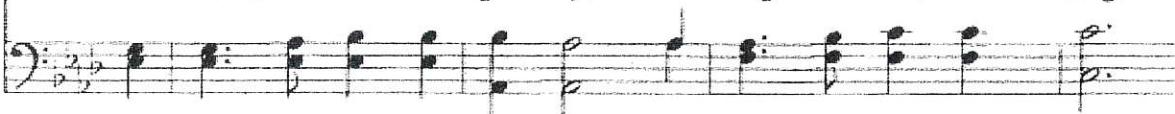
1 I love to tell the sto - ry Of un - seen things a - bove,  
 2 I love to tell the sto - ry: How pleas - ant to re - peat  
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, For those who know it best



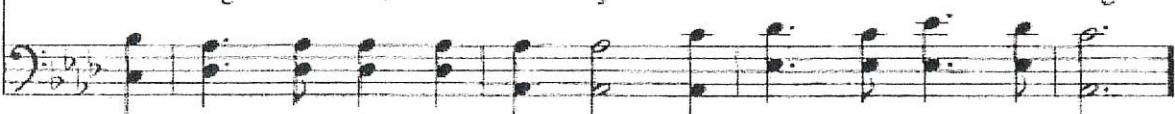
Of Je - sus and his glo - ry, Of Je - sus and his love.  
 What seems, each time I tell it, More won - der - ful - ly sweet!  
 Seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing To hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry, Be - cause I know it's true;  
 I love to tell the sto - ry, For some have nev - er heard  
 And when, in scenes of glo - ry, I sing the new, new song,



It sat - is - fies my long - ings As noth - ing else would do.  
 The mes - sage of sal - va - tion From God's own ho - ly Word.  
 I'll sing the old, old sto - ry That I have loved so long.



WITNESS

*Refrain*

I love to tell the sto - ry; I'll sing this theme in glo - ry

And tell the old, old sto - ry Of Je - sus and his love.