

# Grace Lutheran Church

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Transfiguration of Our Lord

March 2, 2025

Pastor Jim Helgren

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## PRELUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**GATHERING SONG** - ELW #838 – “Beautiful Savior”

**CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS** - ELW p. 94 *Please stand in body or spirit to receive forgiveness.*

P: In the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup>Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**A: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sins in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Most merciful God,

**A: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. 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.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the <sup>†</sup>Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**A: Amen.** *Assembly sits.*

**GREETING** - p. 138

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**A: And also with you.**

**KYRIE** - p. 138

**HYMN OF PRAISE** - p. 140

**PRAYER OF THE DAY** - Please see insert. Response after the prayer: **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** – Exodus 34:29-35 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM** – 99 Please see insert and read responsively

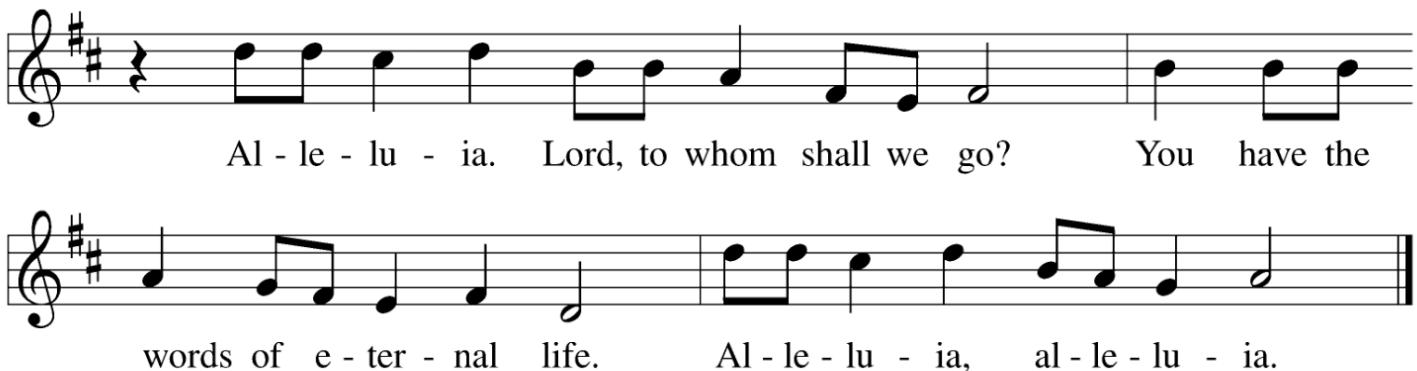
**SECOND READING** – 2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2 Please see insert. Response after the reading:

R: Word of God, word of life.

**A: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** - p. 142

*Please stand in body or spirit to welcome the gospel.*



P: The holy gospel according to ....

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL** – Luke 9:28-43a Please see insert.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

**A: Praise to you, O Christ. The assembly sits.**

## CHILDREN'S SERMON

### SERMON

**HYMN OF THE DAY** - ELW #315 – “How Good, Lord, to Be Here!”

**NICENE CREED** - p. 104

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, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin  
Mary and became truly human. 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  
Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who 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.

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION** - p.143 Response after each portion of the prayer:

P: Lord, in your mercy,

**A: hear our prayer.**

**PEACE** - p. 143 *Please stand in body or spirit*

*The presiding minister and the assembly greet each other in the peace of the risen Christ.*

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

**A: And also with you.**

### OFFERING

**OFFERTORY** - “Cultivating Love through Response” hymn - ELW #763–  
“My Life Flows On in Endless Song” – Verses 1 & 2

## **GREAT THANKSGIVING - p. 144**

### **LORD'S PRAYER - p. 145**

*Please stand in body or spirit for the Lord's Prayer.*

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,  
    thy kingdom come,  
    thy will be done,  
        on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those  
        who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom,**

**and the power, and the glory,  
        forever and ever. Amen.**

## **LAMB OF GOD - p. 146**

### **COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION**

#### **COMMUNION FOLLOWED by READING - p. 113**

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled.

My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of ev'ry people:

A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel.

Now, Lord, you let your servant go in peace.

#### **BLESSING - p. 114 - Response after the blessing:**

**A: Amen.**

#### **DISMISSAL - p. 115 - Response after the dismissal:**

**A: Thanks be to God. *The assembly sits.***

### **SENDING SONG - ELW #318 – “Alleluia, Song of Gladness”**

### **POSTLUDE**

## Announcements

### Today 3/2/25 Transfiguration of Our Lord

Worship with Communion – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.

Chicken & Biscuit Dinner @ Syracuse Methodist Church – 5:00 – 6:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY 3/4/25

Piecemakers Blanket Making All Day

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper @ First Lutheran (Northbranch) 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

### WEDNESDAY 3/5/25

8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation – 6:00 p.m.

Ash Wednesday Worship @ Grace Lutheran Church – 7:00 p.m.

### FRIDAY 3/7/25

World Day of Prayer @ St. Paul's UCC, Osage – 2:00 p.m.

### SUNDAY 3/9/25 First Sunday in Lent

Worship – 8:30 a.m.

Coffee & Fellowship Following

Sunday School – 9:30 a.m.



### AN INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE:

We believe that with the bread and wine one receives the true body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins. We welcome other Christians to receive Holy Communion with us. Children who have not had first Communion instruction may come forward for a blessing.

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

*Grace Bentzinger, Pastor Steve Billington, Luetta Bruns, Linda Daniels, Char Helgren,  
Becky Knake, Axl Walters, Joan Wellensiek, Andy Wellensiek & Haleigh Werner*

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

*Winfrida, Juliet, Vanesa & 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)***

***Please join us for fellowship in the basement following worship ☺***



The Women of the ELCA from St. John Lutheran Church of Beatrice invite you to the 2025 WELCA Spring Gathering.

**April 5th  
8:15 AM - 3:00 PM**

St. John Lutheran Church  
701 N. 6th St. Beatrice, NE 68310

### Presenters:

- Mosaic** - Linda Timmons is the President and CEO of Mosaic, an affiliated social ministry of the ELCA that provides personalized services to nearly 5,000 people with intellectual and developmental disabilities and other diverse needs. As CEO, she is responsible for the service quality and operational results of Mosaic's more than 700 locations.
- Lutheran Family Services** - Chris Tonniges, President and CEO of Lutheran Family Services, LFS is honored to partner with the Women of the ELCA for the 2025 Spring Gathering! LFS has been the service arm of the Lutheran Church almost since its inception.
- Tanzania Partnership** - Diane Courtney will be presenting on St. John's partnership trip and water project with our sister Synod in Tanzania.

### Displays:

- Lutheran World Relief, CASA, Mother to Mother Ministry, Mosaic, LFS, Tanzania Partnership

An offering will be taken during the worship service. Disbursements: 60% Church Wide Organization, 20% Nebraska State Wide Organization, 20% Mother-to-Mother - a mentoring program that pairs young mothers with a supportive mentor in Beatrice.

**Registration form and full itinerary to follow.**

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**Lutheran Family Services**

### Children's Items Needed Please, NEW Items Only!

#### Clothes - Including Winter Coats

Older Teens/Tweens • Women Sizes 10 To 18 • Men Sizes 34–36  
(In Our Foster Care Program)

Newborn to 5T or 5/6 (For Our Centers For Healthy Families)

**Shoes** 7 to 10

**Socks** 0 To 5 Yrs

**Underwear** 2T to 5T

#### Hygiene Products

Shampoo/Conditioner • Body Wash • Deodorant  
Toothbrush/Toothpaste • Feminine Hygiene Products  
Wash Cloths/Loofa Sponges



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complete list and option  
to purchase!

### Household Cleaning Supplies Needed

Please, New Items Only

Brooms • Mops & Buckets • Sponges  
All-Purpose Cleaning Spray  
Toilet Brushes • Toilet Bowl Cleaner  
Dish Soap • Laundry Detergent  
Disinfectant Wipes • Trash Bags  
Paper Towels • Hand Soap  
Cleaning Towels



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### Wish list for Mosaic in Beatrice

#### List of needs:

Adaptive cooking knives  
Adaptive spatulas  
Adaptive hand mixers  
Adaptive pots and pans  
Adaptive can openers  
Adaptive cutting boards  
Cutting boards (no wood)  
Baking pans & cookware  
Cups & drinkware (no glass)  
Eating utensils  
Dish towels  
Dish cloths (no sponges)  
Cooking utensils  
Pots and pans

#### Advocate

Advocate for the people Mosaic serves when issues arise in state and federal legislatures by joining Mosaic Allied Voices (MAV).

Go to: [MosaicAlliedVoices.org](http://MosaicAlliedVoices.org) and click on "Become an Advocate" then click "Sign Up Here" to join.

#### Ambassador

Be an Ambassador and invite your closest friends and colleagues to attend a Discover the Possibilities tour.