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Transfiguration of Our Lord – February 15, 2026 – 9:00 AM

Prelude: *"Fairest Lord Jesus"* Jonathan W. Lee,

Tune: CRUSADER'S HYMN, Silesian Folk Melody

Welcome & Announcements

*Confession & Forgiveness

*Gathering Hymn: *"Beautiful Savior"* ELW #838

*Gloria En Excelsis: *"Glory to God in the Highest"* ELW pg. 139

*Prayer of the Day

First Reading Exodus 24:12-18

Psalm (read responsively) Psalm 2

Second Reading 2 Peter 1:16-21

*Gospel Acclamation: *"Alleluia! Lord to Whom Shall We Go"* ELW pg. 142

*Gospel Matthew 17:1-9

Sermon Pr. Erma Wolf

Hymn of the Day: *"How Good Lord, to Be Here"* ELW #315

*Apostles' Creed

*Prayers of Intercession Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Offerings Received: *"Holy God, We Praise Thy Name"* Anthony Giamanco,
Tune: GROSSER GOT

Offertory Hymn *"Let the Vineyard Be Fruitful"* ELW #182

*Holy Communion

Great Thanksgiving ELW pg. 144, "Holy, Holy, Holy" ELW pg. 144,
Words of Institution, Lord's Prayer ELW pg. 145, Communion Song -
"Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world" ELW pg. 146, Distribution

Communion Music: *"One Lord, One Body, One Feast"* arr. by Lee Dengler,
Tunes: ST PETER, by Alexander Robert Reinagle, ST BRENDAN'S, by Peter Scholtes
LET US BREAK BREAD, African American Spiritual

Post Communion Prayer & Blessing

Sending Hymn: *"In Thee is Gladness"*

ELW #867

Dismissal

Postlude: *"I Love to Tell the Story"* Lloyd Larson, Tune: HANKEY by W.G. Fischer

WORSHIP NOTES

Welcome to worship at Bethany Lutheran Church! It is our hope that you experience the love of Christ and His presence during our worship service this morning. If you are visiting today, please sign the guest book in the narthex. Everyone please sign the Fellowship Pad in your pew.

Large-print bulletins and assistive listening devices are available. If you benefit from either of these, please speak with an usher.

Today's festival is a bridge between the Advent-Christmas-Epiphany cycle that comes to a close today and the Lent-Easter cycle that begins in several days. On a high mountain Jesus is revealed as God's beloved Son, echoing the words at his baptism. This vision of glory sustains us as Jesus faces his impending death in Jerusalem. We turn this week to Ash Wednesday and our yearly baptismal journey from Lent to Easter. Some churches put aside the alleluia at the conclusion of today's liturgy. This word of joy will be omitted during the penitential season of Lent and will be sung again at Easter. (Sundays and Seasons v.20240130.1140 Copyright © 2026 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved.)

Please take this bulletin home with you as a reference for this week's calendar of events, as a reminder of Bethany family and friends to keep in your prayers, and for other useful information.

Each worship service comes together through the help of many people. Please consider being a worship volunteer. Find schedules at the Welcome Center and help fill in the blanks. Thank you for volunteering!

Today's worship leaders are:

Pr. Erma Wolf & Elina Leander Ozolins, pianist-organist

Many thanks to our worship volunteers:

Greeters: Jaci Scheier & Rhonda Petit; Reader: Judy Hiemstra

Communion Servers: Onalee Wright, Twila Henning, and Jaci Schreier

Usher: Kent Baker; Fellowship Hosts: Dave and Carol Anderson

Count: Francis Hiemstra; Everyone in the Audio/Visual Booth

Worship is rebroadcast on SMU CH #2:

Tuesday-5pm, Wednesday-10am

or can be found on YouTube® (Search Bethany Lutheran Church, Spencer IA)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FELLOWSHIP will be after worship in the parlor. This gathering time is a great time to chat over a cup of coffee and sweet treat. All are welcome for fellowship and lively conversation! May this time of sharing in Christ's love be a blessing to us all. Hope to see you there!

JOIN GAME DAY FUN Faith in Action committee invites everyone to come for an afternoon of fun and fellowship on Sunday, February 22, from 2-4 pm. Bring your favorite games, puzzles, crafts to share. All are invited – young and old. Bring a snack to share; drinks will be provided.

MINNEAPOLIS ASSISTANCE The first check for the mission below was sent on January 26th, however more funds have come in so we will be sending another check later this month. So, if you missed the first opportunity to contribute to this cause here's your chance now. Be sure to clearly mark that your donation is for Minneapolis.

At January's meeting of Bethany's Planning Council, a donation to be made to ELCA churches in Minneapolis was approved. These churches are asking for help as they work to buy food and supplies for people afraid to leave their homes. They are providing safe transportation. The churches are also helping with rent for people afraid to go out to work and assisting small businesses afraid to unlock their doors. This is the work of the Church.

“... for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, ...”
(Matthew 25:35 - NRSVUE©)

ONLINE LENTEN BOOK STUDY "What Makes You Come Alive" on Sundays, March 1-29 from 5:30-7:00 pm. Join the discussion during the Lenten season! This series will focus on the wisdom of Howard Thurman, whose influence on the leaders of the civil rights movement in the U.S. enabled them to act from a stance of spiritual strength. His remarkable life and teaching are well presented by Dr. Lerita Coleman Brown, whose book elicited high praise from contemporary progressive spiritual leaders. Deb Mechler will facilitate the discussion on Zoom. Contact her at dsmechler@gmail.com with any questions and to sign up by the end of February. The book is available through online booksellers such as Amazon, Alibris, and Broadleaf Books. Information may also be obtained on Deb's blog, www.saintsinnerseeker.net.

UDMO FOOD PANTRY Bring food and hygiene items to Bethany – we'll deliver to UDMO. Not sure what to get/give? Get a shopping list at the Welcome Center.

LUTHERAN LAKESIDE ANNUAL MEETING will take place February 21st at 10:00 am. You can join the meeting online! If you are interested in the link to join, talk with the office.

PRAYER CONCERNS & REQUESTS

Health Concerns

Kirk Andersen, Cindy Heiter, Lucille Huber, Donna Jones, Carolyn Kruger, Jill Meyer, Sylvia Moore, Liz Vulk, Betty Lee
DeAnna Bensen (Bill Bensen's mother),
LuAnn Becker (Bob Becker's sister),
Lois Sanchez (Deb Mechler's sister)

Those Who Mourn

The family of Donna Dirksen (Bill Bensen's grandma)

CALENDAR

Sunday, February 15 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

No Sunday Kidz

2:00 pm Winds of Hope Conference Meeting at Christ Lutheran, LeMars

Tuesday, February 17

4:00 pm Church Planning Council Meeting

Wednesday, February 18

9:30 am Bible Study & Prayer Group

No Confirmation Class or Bethany Youth Group

7:00 pm Ash Wednesday Service

Saturday, February 21

7:30 am Men of Bethany Bible Study (in person & via ZOOM)

10:00 am Lutheran Lakeside Annual Meeting

Sunday, February 22 – Transfiguration of Our Lord

9:00 am Worship with Holy Communion

10:15 am Fellowship

10:15 am KIDZ TIME

2:00 pm Bethany Lutheran Church Game Day



ONLINE GIVING IS AVAILABLE

If you would like to give online to support the ministries of Bethany Lutheran Church, scan this code for giving page on our website.