

Welcome to St. Paul's Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS)

321 N 10th, Beatrice, NE 68310

Sunday, February 15, 2026

The Transfiguration of our Lord



Welcome to those worshipping in person and on the livestream! We're glad you're here and hope to see you again soon! Please sign the guest book at the entrance of the church. If you do not have a church home, are interested in the teachings of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS), or are interested in becoming a member of St. Paul's, please speak to the Pastor, Elder, Usher, or the church office.

Communion Guidance: Visitors wanting to commune should speak to the pastor or an elder prior to the service. Our summary of faith is available in the pews to help you determine if you share in our confession of faith. LCMS members and those from congregations in fellowship with LCMS are always welcome to commune

Hymns and order of worship Divine Service Setting 1 are in the Lutheran Service Book, page 151 in the front section of the hymnal if you prefer to follow along. (♪ denotes responses that are to be sung.)

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Opening Hymn 821: Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Invocation (page 151 in the front of the hymnal) *Please stand*

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just,
will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

Silent reflection

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. 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: Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. 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.

C: Amen.

Introit: Psalm 99:1-5; antiphon: v. 9

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

C: The LORD reigns; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

P: The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

C: Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

P: The King in his might loves justice. You have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

C: Exalt the LORD our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

***ALL: Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.***

P: Exalt the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;
for the LORD our God is holy!

♪ Kyrie page 152-153

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♪ Gloria in Excelsis

P: Glory to God in the highest, and peace to His people on earth.

C: Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father:

**We worship You, we give You thanks,
we praise You for Your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord, God,
Lamb of God,**

You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

**You are seated at the right hand of the Father;
receive our prayer.**

**For You alone are the Holy One, You alone are the Lord,
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, In the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

♪ Salutation and Collect pg 156

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, in the glorious transfiguration of Your beloved Son You confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the testimony of Moses and Elijah. In the voice that came from the bright cloud You wonderfully foreshowed our adoption by grace. Mercifully make us co-heirs with the King in His glory and bring us to

the fullness of our inheritance in heaven; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen. *Be seated*

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 24:8–18

⁸And Moses took the blood and threw it on the people and said, “Behold the blood of the covenant that the LORD has made with you in accordance with all these words.”

⁹Then Moses and Aaron, Nadab, and Abihu, and seventy of the elders of Israel went up, ¹⁰and they saw the God of Israel. There was under his feet as it were a pavement of sapphire stone, like the very heaven for clearness. ¹¹And he did not lay his hand on the chief men of the people of Israel; they beheld God, and ate and drank.

¹²The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there, that I may give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³So Moses rose with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴And he said to the elders, “Wait here for us until we return to you. And behold, Aaron and Hur are with you. Whoever has a dispute, let him go to them.”

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶The glory of the LORD dwelt on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it six days. And on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the midst of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Epistle Reading: 2 Peter 1:16–21

¹⁶For we did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For when he received honor and glory from God the Father, and the voice was borne to him by the Majestic Glory, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased,” ¹⁸we ourselves heard this very voice borne from heaven, for we were with him on the holy mountain. ¹⁹And we have something more sure, the prophetic word, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts, ²⁰knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. ²¹For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia and Verse *Please stand*

C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Matthew 17:1–9

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

✠C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹After six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. ³And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you

and one for Moses and one for Elijah.” ⁵He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him.” ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell on their faces and were terrified. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Rise, and have no fear.” ⁸And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only. ⁹And as they were coming down the mountain, Jesus commanded them, “Tell no one the vision, until the Son of Man is raised from the dead.”

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

✠C: **Praise to Thee, O Christ.**

Apostles Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Be seated*

Hymn of the Day 413: O Wondrous Type! O Vision Fair!

Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Please stand

Congregation responds “**hear our prayer**” after each petition.

“**Amen**” after final petition.

Be seated

Offering

♪ Offertory

Please stand

C: What shall I render to the Lord
for all his benefits to me.

I will offer the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will take the cup of salvation
and will call on the name of the Lord.

I will pay my vows to the Lord now
in the presence of all His people,
in the courts of the Lord’s house,
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem.

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT page 160

♪ Preface

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

Proper Preface

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary..... praising You and saying:

♪ Sanctus

**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might;
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

P: Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth.....one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

The Words of Our Lord page 162

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

Proclamation of Christ

P: As often as we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until He comes.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

P: O Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, in giving us Your body and blood to eat and to drink, You lead us to remember and confess Your holy cross and passion. Your blessed death, Your rest in the tomb, Your resurrection from the dead, Your ascension into heaven, and Your coming for the final judgment. So remember us in Your kingdom and teach us to pray:

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.**

♪ Pax Domini page 163

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: Amen.

♪ Agnus Dei

**C: Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world;
grant us peace. *Be seated*

Distribution

Hymn 537: Beautiful Savior

Hymn 414: 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here

Hymn 680: Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

♪ Thank the Lord pg 164 *Please stand*

C: Thank the Lord and sing His praise;
tell ev'ry one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Post-Communion Collect

P: Let us pray.....one God, now and forever,

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

C: Amen. *Be seated*

Departing Hymn 415: Jesus on the Mountain Peak

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Serving Today:

Pastor: Rev. Karl Hollibaugh Elder & Reader: Bob Frerking
Organist: Arvid Wiest Greeters: Bob and Lorelie Ankersen
Acolytes: Ravenna Brand, Braedyn Poling
Greeters: Bob and Lorelie Ankersen
Ushers: Larry Huls, Lyndon Wiegand, Clair Duensing, Bill Lux

Please remember with prayers, cards, texts, or calls, our sisters- and brothers-in-Christ who are hospitalized or ill at home: Mary Scheve, Angie Fossler, Mike Holthus, Cheri McConnell, Cindy Weise (all with cancer); Duane Delozier, Pat Nave; Merle Kuhlman, Michelle Baker (surgery), Melva Jurgens, our School Grandma; and Olivia Hatzenbuehler and William Kelley (military). ****Please contact the church by Thursday morning** with additions or corrections to this prayer list.

We also pray for the family of Beverly Daubendiek who passed away last week. Beverly wasn't a member of St. Paul's but was a member of Dorcas and attended frequently in years past with Floice Meyer. We also remember the family of Al Turner, brother-in-law of Martin Seckel, who passed away last Sunday.

Sponsor of today's radio broadcast and bulletin is Marilyn Keilig in memory of her mother and brother's birthdays.

Sunday's available for sponsorship in 2026 are July 12, 19, 26; August 2, 9, 23, 30; Sept 20; October 4, 11; Nov 15, 29, and Dec 6, 13, 27. You can schedule a sponsorship in the **scheduling book outside of the church office** on a table. Just find the Sunday you want to sponsor and put your name and other information. Payment (by check) should be made at time of scheduling. **Sponsorships of radio broadcasts** are now \$125, beginning January 1, 2026 (this includes bulletin sponsorship). You may also call the church office to schedule. We still have children's bulletins but no longer need sponsorships for those. If you have already sponsored a date in 2026 **and paid** for that date in 2025, you will not be charged the extra \$25. Beside the service sponsorship book is a calendar (on a table near the office door). **Please write church activities** you would like listed in the bulletin on that calendar.

Pastor Hollibaugh started a 10-12 week Bible study last Sunday, "**See Through the Scriptures**". It's not too late to jump in and come this week! Understanding how events/prophesies in the Bible can be daunting. "**See Through the Scriptures**" makes the Bible more accessible by taking readers step-by-step through the entire biblical narrative from Genesis to Revelation, putting everything in clear context. You will see how the Old Testament and the New Testament books of the Bible fit together. With graphics designed to help people grasp and remember the key events and concepts of the Bible, you will gain a new appreciation for everything that preceded Jesus, helping us to more fully understand the deeper meaning of His ministry and message of love and servanthood. **Please join us downstairs following worship for refreshments and the Bible Study.**

Jr/Sr High students: "**See Through the Scriptures**" is for you too! Please join the study following worship.

Happening this week:

Sunday, Feb 15 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service
10:15 am Children's SS, Adult Bible Study
Tuesday, Feb 17 8:45 am Mercy Meals packed at school
Wednesday, Feb 18 10:30 am Ash Wednesday Worship
5:30 pm Ash Wednesday Worship
6:30 pm Confirmation Class
Saturday, Feb 21 10:00 a.m. Altar Guild
Sunday, Feb 22 8:00 am KWBE Broadcast of previous week
9:00 am Divine Service
10:15 am Children's SS, Adult Bible Study

February Anniversaries- Happy Anniversary!

(if yours is missing, let us know!)

7 Steve & Pam Norton, 50 yrs.
8 Mark & Sherry Rogge, 34 yrs.
12 Stan & Cheryl Wirth, 44 yrs.
14 David & Peggy Doering, 39 yrs
19 Larry & Donna Huls, 65 yrs
19 Merle & Lora Kuhlmann, 55 yrs.
20 Steven & Jackie Huls, 23 yrs.
27 Ron & Kay Buss, 60 yrs.

February Birthdays – Happy Birthday!

(If yours is missing, please let us know!)

3 Colton Kelle, Keith Knabe, Kent Knabe, Jason Stover
4 Beth Lineweber, Steve Sandman
6 George Blythe, Austin Rains
8 Zachary Carpenter
9 Betty Reiman
10 Dixie Johnson
11 Linda Engler
12 Macey Holthus, Kiersten Rademacher
13 Shari Anderson
14 Ellie Whitfield, Tina Wright
16 Rowien Kumm, Courtney Walters
17 Tommy Rudder
18 Shauna Whaley, Zadie Zutavern
19 Jessica Lindblad, Rich Scheve
20 Myra Denton, Cheri McConnell, Trendin Lang,
20 Parker Tegtmeier
21 Lorelie Ankersen, Garrett Himmelberg, Rachel Krause,
21 Linn Sunderland
22 Nicholas Jurgens, LaVerne Malchow
24 Jared Himmelberg, Balinda Schwisow
25 Lisa Oltmans
26 Lonnie Duensing, Wayne Huls, Trevin Lang, Paige Rambou
27 Nathan Mohling, Isabella Ruskamp
28 Amy Cisneros, La’Kaya Long
29 Sherry Bittfield

The Call Committee is interviewing **potential pastoral candidates** (via Zoom) received from District President Snow for our Pastoral vacancy. The confidential information on candidates is in the church office. Congregational members may review the information in the church office only. The notebook may not leave the office.

Food Drive to benefit the Crosiers! Dorcas Society is sponsoring a food drive for Ken and Dawn Crosier to help them while Ken is away from work recovering from back surgery. Donations of nonperishable food and paper products may be left in the coat rack area of the church entry through the week of February 22. Thank you!

St. Paul’s students will be **packing Mercy Meals at the school Tuesday, February 17** starting at 8:45. The original date in January was cancelled due to a late start for school. Anyone from church who would like to join us is welcome and your help would be appreciated! The students raised the money for this during their August and September chapel offerings.

Lutheran Schools Week will be celebrated March 1-6 with the theme “*Make a Joyful Noise*” based on Psalm 98:4. We will celebrate our school and our families with songs, skits, and a variety of entertainment by our K-5 grade students. The children will sing at church on Sunday, March 1, have special activities all week with the **Grandparents Day program on Friday, March 6** at 10:00 in the school gymnasium. All are invited! Our **service project** for the week is making and delivering Care Packages for the Shut-ins and our school neighbors.

All are invited to attend the Grandparents Day program at school on Friday, March 6 at 10:00 a.m. in the gymnasium....even if you don’t have grandkids attending St. Paul’s School. Come see what the children at St. Paul’s have prepared for their program!

February Chapel offerings are for our **Hearts for Jesus project**, a new Children’s Carepoint in Magoro, Uganda. Chapel is held each Wednesday morning at 8:20 a.m at school. Everyone is welcome to come.

We are **accepting applications for new students** in Pre-School, Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten through 5th grade for the next school year, 2026-2027. Please contact the school office if you need an application. **The Board of Education and Finance Committee are still finalizing 2026-27 tuition rates.

School's Ongoing Scrip Card Fundraiser: Order pre-paid shopping cards through St. Paul's Lutheran School "Script Card" Program and our school automatically gets money in return at no extra cost to you! Please contact the school office to order for your own use or for gifts.

"Inspired - A Women's Retreat", at **Grace Lutheran, Fairbury** Saturday, **March 21**. Author and speaker, Christina Hergenrader will present Luke 1 and the story of Mary and Elizabeth to our participants. Three sessions include the topics of Peace: Resting Through Interruptions; Love: Encouragement Shapes Courage; and Sisterhood: Showing Up and Recognizing God's Work. A fee of \$20 for the day includes a lunch, treats and a book from Christina. Contact Laura for additional details at Grace via phone - (402)729-5163 or by email, gl92901@windstream.net. Space is limited so act now!

Please save **Russ's Register Receipts** (through March), **Our Family and Best Choice UPC** codes. They can be put in the box in the narthex. Our current Russ's receipts total is \$272,117.12.

"Pancakes with a Purpose" fundraiser, pancakes, eggs & sausage, juice and coffee, will be held on **Saturday**, February 21, 2026, 8 am to 1 pm at the Veteran's Club at 701 Dorsey, Beatrice. Freewill donations accepted. Sponsored by Holy Cross Lutheran Church.

St. Joseph's Friday fish fries: Feb. 27, March 6, 13, & 20, 5:30-7:00pm in the Parish Center at 6th and High Street, enter at the northeast school doors. Fried and baked fish, coleslaw, French fries, green beans, mac and cheese, baked potato, and deserts. \$12 per adult, \$6 kids 4-10 (under 4 eat free), \$40 max price per family. Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 1723.

- **Church office hours** vary. Please leave a message at 402-228-1540 or email stpaulbeatrice@gmail.com.
- **For immediate assistance**, contact Church Chair Rod Aden 402- 239-5305; Head Elder Chuck Baker 714-232-2794; or Finance Committee member Dave Doering 402-806-1015.
- **For school or church reservations**, call Wayne Oestreich (402-440-5054).
- **Busy Bags and books** for kids are in the narthex by the bulletin board.
- **Large print bulletins with large print hymns attached** are available from an usher.
- Want to get news from the LCMS Nebraska District? Go to ndlcms.org to sign up for a weekly emailed newsletter.

Give to St. Paul's Child Care Center at zero cost to you through Nebraska's Child Care Tax Credit Act. Donate up to 100% of your projected state income tax liability by writing a check to St. Paul's Child Care Center. Receive dollar for dollar tax credit for your state income taxes. School Secretary KayLynn McCormick, can help you with forms and walk you through this. It is a very simple process but must be done as soon as possible as the state is allowing \$2,500,000 for contributions and over half of that has already been applied for. When it's gone, it's gone until next year. More information can be found at [Child Care Nonrefundable Tax Credit | Nebraska Department of Revenue](#). If you have questions, you may email Bob Zeigler, Nebraska LCMS Nebraska District Education Office and Superintendent of our school, at bobz@ndlcms.org. **See the poster on the next page with QR codes for more information.**

Lent Services will be held Wednesdays during Lent on Feb 25, March 4, March 11, 18, and 25 at 10:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. **Meals will be offered** following each of those services with an optional free will offering. We'd like the community to know about the services and meals so **please invite friends and neighbors**. Some in our community experience hunger and we'd like this to be an opportunity for them to get a hot meal.



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Use the QR codes below to get to the forms and information you'll need or you can ask KayLynn at school to help you with this.

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Donate up to 100% of your projected state income tax liability to
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Receive dollar for dollar tax credit for your state income taxes.

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After completing the application, contribute to
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Step 3:

Upload the CCTC-A form (application),
and the CCTC-R form (receipt) given
to you from the church office.

Save the CCTC-R as a receipt for your taxes.