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### Transfiguration - February 15, 2026

#### Order of Service - Divine Service: Setting 4 LSB 203 FM 90.5 or Grace Lutheran Church Blairstown - Facebook

**Welcome** to all in the name of Jesus Christ! It's exciting to have you with us in the sanctuary, on our Facebook page or on FM 90.5.

**Supporting the Ministry of Grace** is a task God gives us as a loving response to what He has done for us. For your financial support, in addition to the offering plate during worship, we have a drop box in the entryway as well as our Facebook and website so you can give online.

**As We Gather:** Jesus looks brilliant! As language changes, sometimes the most basic meanings of words change and expand with the times. For generations, the English word *brilliant* meant simply something that shines or radiates light. The word is thought to be derived from the prized gemstone beryl, which is mentioned in both the Old Testament book of Daniel (10:6) and the book of Revelation (21:20). Jesus' garments became "white as light," Matthew writes (17:2), in a way that mirrors Psalm 104, where the psalmist writes of God: "You are clothed with splendor and majesty, covering Yourself with light as with a garment" (vv. 1-2). As He stands on the mountaintop with Moses and Elijah, Jesus is shining, radiant, and brilliant. An expanded meaning of the word *brilliant* is "perfect, amazing, and wonderful." Jesus on the mountaintop is brilliant as He discusses how He will carry out God's plan of our salvation with two of the best coaches ever, Moses and Elijah. Jesus does not just look brilliant—He *is* brilliant!

**Mission Of The Month** The Lutheran Hour radio program proclaims the salvation story of Jesus every week to more than 1 million listeners on nearly 1,800 stations, the mobile app and online. What a blessing this is in reaching people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

**Interested in Finding Out More about our Faith?** Pastor would like to offer some instructional classes on the basic beliefs of our faith for anyone interested. At the end of these sessions, anyone wishing to become a member of this congregation will be welcome to do so. Talk to Pastor if interested.

**Men's Bible Study forming...** Things are coming together as all men of the congregation are invited to join together once a month to study a book called "Man Up" calling us to be godly men in whatever place we find ourselves in life. Books are now available and can be picked up by seeing Pastor or Dan Newton. Thanks to Dan for securing Thrivent funds to provide the books at no cost. We will begin in March. Stay tuned!

**CLS Registration for the 2026-2027 School Year** - Enrollment for current families will be Feb. 2nd-February 6th. Open enrollment for community members begins on March 2nd. Contact the CLS office for more information at 319-223-5271.

**Lenten Suppers:** Join us each week from 5:45 - 6:30 for a meal with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Thank you to those who have volunteered to host. This week, soup and sandwiches are on the menu! Please join us for fellowship before worship!

**Lent begins this Wednesday, February 18th!** Lenten Theme: "For Us" is this year's Lenten Series and will be used by many of our fellow Benton County congregations and is based on the hymn "Oh Love, How Deep" (LSB 544). This year we again will be sharing preachers with St. John-Newhall and St. Stephens-Atkins. Through Thrivent Action Team funds we will also have special devotional books available that are based on this series.

**Christ Lutheran High School (CLHS) Update:** Now that they have established their tax exempt status with the state {501(c)3}, plans are continuing to move forward for a Lutheran High School in our area. See the update on the bulletin board.

**Thrivent Choice Dollars:** Deadline to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars is March 31st. Three options to direct your Dollars include: Visit [thrive.com/thriventchoice](https://thrive.com/thriventchoice) and search for your organization, or call (800) 847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice", or call Dan Newton at (319) 721-4033.