

Transfiguration of Our Lord
February 15, 2026

Jesus ... led them up a
high mountain.
MATTHEW 17:1



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.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEMPLE TALK—Scholarship

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OPENING REFLECTION

CONFESSiON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,  one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.
Silence is kept for reflection.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.

**We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.**

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in + Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise ELW #834
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GREETING

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

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CANTICLE OF PRAISE

You Servants of God ELW #825
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PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST READING—Exodus 24:12-18

At Mount Sinai, Moses experienced the presence of God for forty days and forty nights. The “glory of the LORD” settled on the mountain, and on the seventh day God called out to Moses. On the mountain God gave Moses the stone tablets inscribed with the ten commandments.

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.” ¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

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

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

PSALM—Psalm 2

- ¹ Why are the nations in an uproar?
 Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?
- ² **Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,**
 against the LORD and against the LORD's anointed?
- ³ "Let us break their yoke," they say;
 "let us cast off their bonds from us."
- ⁴ **God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;**
 the LORD holds them in derision.
- ⁵ Then in wrath God speaks to them,
 and in rage fills them with terror.
- ⁶ **"As for me, I have anointed my king**
 upon Zion, my holy mountain."
- ⁷ Let me announce the decree of the LORD,
 who said to me, "You are my son; this day have I begotten you."
- ⁸ **Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance**
 and the ends of the earth for your possession.
- ⁹ You shall crush them with an iron rod
 and shatter them like a piece of pottery."
- ¹⁰ **And now, you kings, be wise;**
 be warned, you rulers of the earth.
- ¹¹ Submit to the LORD with fear,
 and with trembling bow in worship;
- ¹² **lest the LORD be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.**
 Happy are all who take refuge in God!

SECOND READING—2 Peter 1:16-21

At the transfiguration, God's voice was heard, declaring Jesus to be the beloved Son. By the activity of the Holy Spirit, God's voice continues to be heard through the word of scripture.

¹⁶ We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷ For he received honor and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, "This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased." ¹⁸ We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

¹⁹ So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be

attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.²⁰ First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation,²¹ because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION—*Alleluia*

ELW page 142

The Holy Gospel according to the seventeenth chapter of Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL—Matthew 17:1-9

Shortly before he enters Jerusalem, where he will be crucified, Jesus is revealed to Peter, James, and John in a mountaintop experience of divine glory called the transfiguration.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

MESSAGE

Rev. Sam Mailleue

HYMN OF THE DAY

***How Good, Lord, to Be Here!* ELW #315**

(Vs. 1, 2, 3)

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APOSTLES' CREED

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen**

THE PRAYERS

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

A brief silence.

Revealing God, your Spirit sustains the church. Strengthen the faithful with the revelation of Christ transfigured, that we may joyfully follow him in the way of the cross.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Life-giving God, creation is full of your majesty. Nurture in us a deep respect for the interdependence of all life, and make us wise and vigilant stewards of your good earth.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Peacemaking God, the nations are in turmoil. We pray for an end to violent conflict. Give wisdom to negotiators and sanctuary to refugees. Defend any who are in danger.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Healing God, you desire wholeness for all people. Bring healing to any who are experiencing illness, chronic pain, or mental anguish. Comfort the dying and those who grieve especially those on our prayer list and in our hearts.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Holy God, in our worship we glimpse your glory, hear your voice, and receive assurance of your love. Inspire all who prepare, lead, and participate in worship to serve you with reverence and joy.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Transforming God, you bring life from death. We give thanks for the witness of those who have died in faith, and we praise you for the hope we have in Christ, our Morning Star.

Merciful God, receive our prayer.

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness made known to us in Christ Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

Gathered for the mission of the church, including the care of those in need.

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

OFFERTORY HYMN

***Create in Me a Clean Heart* ELW #186**

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of majesty,
no eye has seen, no ear has heard
what you have prepared for those who love you,
yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy.
Use what we have gathered
to feed us with the reign of God come near,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

ELW page 144

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Holy, holy, holy ELW page 144

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come,
 your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
 as we forgive those
 who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
 and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNON

Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!

Come to the table; taste and see.

Lamb of God ELW page 146

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Radiant God,
we have seen your glory in the face of Jesus Christ.
In the sacrament of his body and blood
you have drawn us to your heart.
Send us from this table with delight,
that our lives may reflect the beauty of your love,
and bear witness to all we have seen and heard,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SENDING

The God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise
☩ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

Beautiful Savior ELW #838

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DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Welcome to First Lutheran Church

*Whether you are looking for a place of worship
or are just passing through, we hope our service has blessed you
on your journey as your presence has been a blessing to us.*



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UNITED by Christ, God call us to LOVE one another
As we RECEIVE, DISCOVER and PROCLAIM God's Word.

Worship Assistants

February 15, 2026

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller
 First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick
 Acolytes: Ezra Carlen
 Reader: Marci Greisen
 Usher: Vic Pengilly
 Greeters: Liz Osborne
 Communion Asst: Schwarz Family
 Council Member: Callie Greisen
 Fellowship:
 Projection: Tech Team
 Audio: Tech Team
 Videographer: Becky Pollack
 Offering Counters: Bob Patrias
 John Miller
 Altar Guild: Marie Walker

February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller
 First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick
 Acolytes: Everett Greisen
 Reader: Ian Mailleue
 Usher: Chuck Frauendienst
 Greeters: Liz Osborne
 Communion Asst: LeRoy & Joan May
 Council Member: Joan May
 Fellowship:
 Projection: Tech Team
 Audio: Tech Team
 Videographer: Becky Pollack
 Altar Guild: Marie Walker

February 22, 2026

Organist/Pianist: Virginia Miller
 First Choir Director: Jennifer Weick
 Acolytes: LeRoy Haaland
 Reader: Rachel Wagner
 Children's Message: Andrew Montag
 Usher: Steve Olson
 Greeters: Montag Family
 Council Member: Vic Pengilly
 Fellowship:
 Projection: Tech Team
 Audio: Tech Team
 Videographer: Becky Pollack
 Offering Counters: Joan May
 Bob Bartle
 Altar Guild: Marie Walker

Financial Update

Week of	Amount Received	Amount Needed
2-8-2026	\$14,041	\$4,523
YTD	\$39,302	\$31,660

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

February Ministry Focus: Scholarships

Did you know that First Lutheran offers **multiple scholarships** generously established through donations from the church congregation as well as individual church families?

These gifts of financial support are for members who plan to attend a 2 or 4-year college or university, a vocational-technical trade school, or seminary studies and have not received any FLC scholarship previously.

Since 2009, we are excited that 62 students have been awarded FLC Scholarships!

[First Lutheran Church Scholarships](#)

[The Donna Johnson Memorial Scholarship](#)

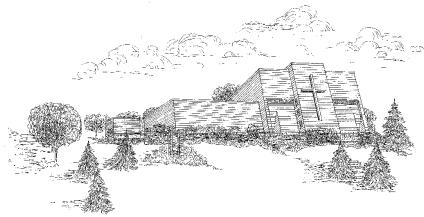
[The Marcie Allen Memorial Scholarship](#)

You may donate:

- online through the church website (Click Contributions and enter FLC Scholarships)
- mail to the church
- drop off donations in the church mailbox at the front entrance

Join us for a **Kindness Gathering & Potluck on Sunday, February 22**, following the worship service! We'll spend the time enjoying games, cards, and good company while sharing a meal together.

Please bring a soup and breads, crackers, or a dessert to share, along with a favorite board game or deck of cards to play with others. We'll also be frosting cookies to share with residents at our local assisted living communities—spreading a little sweetness and joy beyond our walls.



Weekly Schedule

Sunday, February 15	9:00a	Worship w/Holy Communion
Monday, February 16	6:00p	Church Council
Tuesday, February 17	10:00a 10:15a	Coffee/Mary Unit Bible Study/Mary Unit
Wednesday, February 18	9:00a 6:30p	Staff Meeting Ash Wednesday Worship w/Holy Communion
Sunday, February 22	9:00a 10:15a	Worship First Choir Rehearsal

"Lord, it is good for us to be here!" (Matthew 17:4).
Open our hearts to listen to your beloved Son.