



First Lutheran Church



Sunday, February 15, 2026 | Transfiguration of Our Lord

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.

PRELUDE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INVOCATION

GATHERING HYMN | *Beautiful Savior* | ELW #838

1. Beautiful Savior,
King of creation,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Truly I'd love thee,
truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
2. Fair are the meadows,
fair are the woodlands,
robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.
3. Fair is the sunshine,
fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.
4. Beautiful Savior,
Lord of the nations,
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine!

CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Merciful God, **C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love; in your great compassion blot out our offenses. Release us from the guilt and shame we carry, and renew a right spirit within us. Teach us your ways, and uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in the newness of life through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC | *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace* - arr. Mark Hayes | Janelle Maday, soloist

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God, **C: 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.**

RESPONSIVE PSALM | *Psalm 2*

R: Why do the nations conspire and the peoples plot in vain?

C: The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and his anointed, saying,

R: "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast their cords from us."

C: He who sits in the heavens laughs; the LORD has them in derision.

R: Then he will speak to them in his wrath and terrify them in his fury, saying,

C: "I have set my king on Zion, my holy hill."

R: I will tell of the decree of the LORD: He said to me, "You are my son; today I have begotten you."

C: Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage and the ends of the earth your possession.

R: You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel."

C: Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth.

R: Serve the LORD with fear; with trembling

C: kiss his feet, or he will be angry, and you will perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Happy are all who take refuge in him.

SECOND READING | *2 Peter 1:16-21*

¹⁶ For 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.

R: The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION | ELW pg. 205

Alleluia! Lord and Savior: open now your saving word.

Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.

Alleluia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

GOSPEL | *Matthew 17:1-9*

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 17th Chapter. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

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."

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON | Pr. Matt Rossler

SONG OF THE DAY | *Shine On Us*

Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us. Lord, let Your light, light of Your face shine on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life, To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your light shine on us.

Lord, let Your grace, grace from your hand fall on us. Lord, let Your grace, grace from Your hand fall on us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life. To find our way in the darkest night.
Let Your grace fall on us,

Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us. Lord, let Your love, love with no end come over us.
That we may be saved, that we may have life.
To find our way in the darkest night. Let Your love come over us.

To find our way in the darkest night, Let Your light shine on us, Let Your light shine on us.

STATEMENT OF FAITH | *Apostle's Creed*

C: 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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

P: Lord in your mercy, **C: Hear our prayer.**

SHARING OF PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you. **C: And also with you.**

OFFERING / NOISY OFFERING | *February: Lutheran Social Services of MN*

OFFERTORY SONG | *Holy, Holy, Holy* | *ELW #473*

1. Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words: You are holy God. **(Sing 2x)**

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: Loving God, **C: receive this offering for the building up of your kingdom: the proclamation of your word and the loving of our neighbor. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

C: 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.

Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

C: Gracious God, at this table you have nourished our body and soul with food and drink. As you have been food and drink for us, transform us to be food and drink for one another, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

BENEDICTION

SENDING HYMN | *Shine Jesus Shine*

Lord, the light of Your love is shining in the midst of the darkness shining;
Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us, set us free by the truth You now bring us. Shine on me, shine on me.

**Chorus: Shine, Jesus shine, fill this land with the Father's glory; Blaze, Spirit blaze, set our hearts on fire. Flow, river flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.**

Lord, I come to Your awesome presence from the shadows into Your radiance;
By the blood I may enter Your brightness, search me, try me, consume all my darkness. Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**

As we gaze on Your kingly brightness, so our faces display Your likeness;
Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell Your story.
Shine on me, shine on me. **Chorus**

Send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

SENDING

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**



ANNOUNCEMENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL LOCK-IN

March 7-8, 8pm—8am

Sixth - eight graders, are you ready for an epic filled all-nighter? Games! Food! Fun! *Volunteers are needed to help staff this event, if you are a night owl and want to be part of the action, contact Olivia.*

THE CHOSEN BIBLE STUDY

Tuesdays at 1 pm. in the library
Through March 10

Each session includes a 40-50 minute video with discussion following. If you are not able to come each week, you can watch the videos online anytime at: **Home Page | The Chosen**

BLESSING CLOSET NEEDS

Currently we are need of: men's clothing. Donations can be brought to the church office. Thanks!

COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Coordinating Council will meet Wed, Feb 25 @ 9:30am in the Conference Room.

FLC FOUNDATION UPDATE

The First Lutheran Church Foundation of Detroit Lakes serves the mission of the church through financial giving exclusively for charitable, religious, literary, or educational purposes. Our January quarterly meeting approved funding requests for Holbrook Farms Retreats.

PRECHEL FUNERAL | Tuesday,
February 17 @ 1pm

HIGH SCHOOL FREE LUNCH

High School Students, join us on February 26 @ 11:30am at Pizza Ranch for lunch with the Pastors

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

If you are a High School Senior who plans to attend a ELCA Lutheran Colleges - *good news!* There is a scholarship available for you through the Women of the ELCA. Applications can be picked up in the church office, and must be submitted by April 30.

SUMMER CAMP

Are you planning on sending your kids to camp this summer? Scholarships are available for those planning on attending Luther Crest or Camp Emmaus. For more information, contact Olivia.

WANT TO TRY CONFIRMATION AGAIN?

On select Wednesdays you can come to the sanctuary from 6:30 - 7:30pm and join our 7th & 8th graders for their confirmation lesson. Join us for any or all of the following lessons:

- 2/25:** *Theology – Money*
- 3/18:** *Theology – Creation*
- 3/25:** *Theology – Baptism & Communion*
- 4/8:** *Theology – The Cross vs. Glory*

LENT 2026

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICES

February 18 @ noon & 6pm.

Join us for one of our Ash Wednesday worship services. A soup & sandwich lunch will follow our noon worship service. We will serve our Oasis diner at 5pm, as usual, however, there will be NO pre-k-12th grade programing that evening

NOON LENTEN SERVICES

Wednesdays @ noon

Join us each Wednesday in Lent for our noon Lenten worship services. This year's theme is the book of Psalms. A soup & sandwich lunch will follow the service each week. Everyone is welcome — invite a friend!

Prayers for God's People

Ongoing prayers for:
Bill Wegschied, Cole Woltjer, Vern, Gretta Frisch, Judy Wood, Larry Kiono, Tyler Wilson, Dave & Pam Nustad, Cami Eckhoff, Atticus, Kathy Larson, Henrietta Malchow, Lowell Wenberg & Janice Ness.

Prayers of comfort for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, including, the families of Mary Lou Anderson.

Thanks for worshipping with us!



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Lead Pastor: Joe Skogmo
Associate Pastor: Matthew Rossler
Music Director: Karen Bimberg

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Then, if you like, drop the **green laminated slip** in the offering plate.



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