



Sunday, February 15, 2026

Transfiguration of Our Lord

Welcome to First Evangelical Lutheran Church
of Taylors Falls

We are glad you are here!

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

P: Faithful God,

C: Your promises have never wavered, and yet we are not always willing to believe them. We descend into our own despair, unable to see past our immediate concerns. We drag others down with us and live to complain and commiserate. We ignore the miracles in front of our face. Forgive us for living such small lives, O God, and restore in us the wonder of what it is to be your people. Amen.

P: God is faithful; God is merciful; God does not hold our sins against us! Receive the assurance of your deliverance by the one who promised from of old to set us free, and who seeks and finds us to this very day. Alleluia!

C: Amen.

CALL TO WORSHIP

P: Often we enter this sanctuary expecting little,

C: Thinking we will get the same as last week.

P: But every now and then,

C: God surprises us.

P: Jesus' light blinds us

C: And we are changed forever.

OPENING HYMN: Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW #671

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: O God of the ages,

C: You give us your only son and ask only that we listen to him. Help us to see you throughout our highs and lows, and to find courage in having you by our side. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

SCRIPTURE READING: Exodus 24:12-18

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.

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 2 (read responsively)

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 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!**

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Jesus Calls Us; o’er the Tumult (vs 1)

ELW #696

THE HOLY GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

P: The Gospel according to St. 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: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY: Arise, Your Light Has Come

ELW #314

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OFFERTORY

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS: Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

ELW #184

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P: You have promised us, O God,

C: that if we give up our lives to you, we will know the abundance you offer. Accept these gifts of our wealth and effort, given for the sake of those who need it more than we do. Bless our giving and guide our actions, for the sake of the one we follow, Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

HOLY COMMUNION

THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

EUCCHARISTIC INVITATION

All-loving savior, just as you gathered disciples around you so long ago, gather us now in fellowship at your table. Be truly present with us in this meal, and feed us on your promises, just as true today as they were two thousand years ago. Come to the table and know yourself as the beloved of God.

DISTRIBUTION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

BENEDICTION

P: We have come to the mountain with Jesus.

C: We're so glad he invited us to join him.

P: But suddenly everything is different.

C: Jesus is different, transformed before us,

P: And we are afraid because we thought we knew him.

C: We though we understood what he was about,

P: But we have discovered we had no idea.

C: Jesus is so much more than we could possibly understand.

P: Jesus touches our shoulder and tells us "Don't be afraid,"

C: And invites us to know him yet more deeply.

P: So we follow him back down the mountain,

C: Open to learning what he has yet to teach us.

MISSION STATEMENT

P: People of First Evangelical, what is our mission?

C: Proclaim the Gospel and Serve our Neighbors.

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace, with Christ beside you.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Announcements

Our Calendar 2/15 - 2/22

Sunday 2/15

9am Worship at Immanuel
10am Fellowship
11am Worship
11:15am Sunday School

Monday 2/16

8:30am Counters Meet

Tuesday 2/17

4pm Fat Tues. Pancake Supper
5pm Choir Practice @ FELC

Wednesday 2/18

9:30am Quilting
11am Ash Wed Service - FELC
1:30pm Worship - The Lodge
6:30pm Ash Wed Service - ILC

Thursday 2/19

9am Wisdom Seekers
2:30pm Coffee @ The Lodge
4:30pm Game & Supper Night

Friday 2/20

Saturday 2/21

Happy Birthday, Cheryl Moberg!
Happy Birthday, Shawn Valez!

Sunday 2/22

Happy Birthday, Joyce Robinson!
9am Worship at Immanuel
10am Fellowship
11am Worship w/ Joint Choir



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Welcome guests!!!! We are so happy you are here to worship with us today! Please sign our guest book and connect with an usher for a special gift!

Discipleship Needs: Visit the usher stand to sign up for church discipleship - supplying altar flowers, lector, ushering, running the sound system & hosting/bringing treats for Fellowship hour. Check the usher stand for opportunities and claim a spot!!!!

Easter Food Drive!!! Family Pathways is putting together 150 Easter Food Baskets for families in need. Our church has been asked to contribute 150 boxes of quick bread!!! Bin is located in the room across from the office.

Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper on February 17th from 4-6pm at Chisago Lake Lutheran in Center City. Check out the poster on the bulletin board. If you are interested in helping, sign up near the usher stand.

Game Night! Supper and games - join us for a fun evening on Thursday, February 19th from 4:30-6:30pm.

Palm Sunday Breakfast: We will be hosting a pancake breakfast at 10am on Palm Sunday! If you are able to volunteer to help setting up, cooking, serving, and clean up, please sign up near the usher stand!

Discipleship Opportunities for Season of Lent: We are hosting Wednesday services and will need volunteers!! Sign up near the usher stand!

PRAYERCARE The family of Norma Strand, the Rivard Family, Levi Linngren, Cindy Weslander, Kathy Kowalke, the family of Josh Brown, the family of Edna Curry, Randy Valez, James Hudspeth, Helen Swanson, Marcille Rogers, Jeff Rogers, Verna Grover, Dave Danberg, Jeanne Fick and the family of Cleo Stomberg.

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Pastor Justin Fenger

Music: Toni Brekke

Council on Duty: Don Hansen

Ushers: Bruce & Kathy Carlsted | **Reader:** Arne Lagus

Comm. Asst: Don Hansen | **Sound System:** Jason Linngren

Fellowship Host: Rose Anderson and Khriissy & Paul Linnerooth