

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

15 FEBRUARY 2026

Gathering

PRELUDE

WELCOME & THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Pastor Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
 we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.
 Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

**All We give you thanks, O God,
 for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters
 and by your Word you created the world,
 calling forth life in which you took delight.**

Pastor Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family.
 Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom.
 At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit.
 By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons,
 making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

**All We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life,
 and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ.
 Shower us with your Spirit,
 and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.
 To you be given honor and praise
 through Jesus Christ our Lord
 in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.
 Amen.**

We sprinkle the whole community with water as a remembrance of our baptism.

GATHERING SONG

Shine, Jesus, Shine

ELW #671

GREETING

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

All And also with you.

KYRIE & CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Kyrie

Now the Feast and Celebration

ELW #157

ELW #167

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Word

FIRST READING: EXODUS 24:12-18

Reader Our first reading this morning is from the book of Exodus.

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.

Reader Word of God, Word of Life.

All Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Change My Heart, O God

ELW #801

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 17:1-9

Reader A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

All Glory to you, O God.

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.”

Reader This is the good news of Jesus Christ, the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you O Christ.

SERMON

SONG OF THE DAY

I Love to Tell the Story

ELW #661

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Merciful God,

All receive our prayer.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Pastor The peace of Christ be with you all.
All And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Meal

OFFERING

You can give online by scanning this QR code or you can use the brown envelopes in your pew to make an offering by cash or check.

Please also take this time to fill out the "Count Me In" card in your bulletin. It helps us understand who is here and how our worship might be more welcoming.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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

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;
Lead us not into temptation and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

COMMUNION

Just as Christ welcomes all people, all people are welcome at Christ's table here at First. We invite you to share communion regardless of your age, race, creed, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, social status, or physical or mental ability. There are gluten free wafers for those who need them. There is red wine and white grape juice. If you wish to receive a blessing in lieu of grain and grape, let the pastor know when you come forward. She will be happy to give you a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, please tell an usher.

COMMUNION SONGS

*As the Grains of Wheat
Beautiful Savior*

*ELW #465
ELW #838*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Leader Please stand and let us pray together.

Brief Silence

Bread of Life,

All you have filled us with love and life we cannot earn. Make us signs of your grace and abundance on earth, for we are the body of Christ, and the world is hungry for the wholeness and life we have in Jesus. Amen.

Sending

BENEDICTION

SENDING SONG

To Be Your Presence

ELW #546

DISMISSAL

Leader Go in peace, God's word is near!

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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