

# **SUNDAY- FEBRUARY 15TH, 2026 -9:00 AM**

## **EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH OF MT. HOREB**

*A family in faith, reaching out to share in God's love with all people.*

### **WELCOMING WORD**

*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.*



### **WE WELCOME ALL TO ELC!**

*Everyone. Without exception. Regardless of race, ethnicity, gender expression, gender identity, sexual orientation, age, faith traditions, physical or mental abilities, financial resources, family status, or personal struggles. We are committed to being an anti-racist community. By the power of the Holy Spirit, we will work to extend God's grace, love, justice, and dignity. You belong here. Your story and your life are valuable. In Christ's love, we welcome you.*

MINISTERS  
PASTOR

ALL MEMBERS OF THE CHURCH  
KAREN HOFSTAD



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Sunday, February 15, 2026 | Transfiguration of Our Lord | 9:00 AM

(+ = stand if able; L = Leader / C = Congregation)

**PRELUDE** Diane Dangerfield

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #834** *Immortal, Invisible (vs.1,2,4)*

**+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

L: Mighty God, lover of justice,

**C: 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.**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**GREETING**

**+KYRIE** pg. 147

**+HYMN OF PRAISE** pg. 149 *"This is the feast ..."*

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: 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.

**C: Amen.**

**CONGREGATIONAL SONGS** *Come, Now Is the Time to Worship  
Draw the Circle Wide*

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Exodus 24:12-18**

<sup>12</sup> 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." <sup>13</sup> So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. <sup>14</sup> 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." <sup>15</sup> Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. <sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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. <sup>18</sup> Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

**2 Peter 1:16-21**

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> 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." <sup>18</sup> We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain. <sup>19</sup> 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. <sup>20</sup> First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, <sup>21</sup> because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

**+ACCLAMATION** pg. 151

**(sing) Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia.**

+L: The Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 17.

**+C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

**GOSPEL**

**Matthew 17:1-9**

<sup>1</sup> Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. <sup>2</sup> And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. <sup>3</sup> Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with

him. <sup>4</sup> 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." <sup>5</sup> 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!" <sup>6</sup> When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. <sup>7</sup> But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." <sup>8</sup> And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone. <sup>9</sup> 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."

+L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**+C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SENIOR CHOIR ANTHEM** *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE** Pastor Karen Hofstad

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**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #315** *How Good, Lord, to Be Here*  
(vs.1,2,3)

**+THE PRAYERS** pg. 152

The leader concludes each petition with the words:

"Lord in your mercy..."

**The people respond: Hear our prayer."**

**+SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**OFFERING PRAISE TEAM** *Mention of Your Name*

**+OFFERTORY #182** *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

**+OFFERING PRAYER**

L: 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.

**C: Amen**

**+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** pg. 152

**+WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**+THE LORD'S PRAYER** pg. 154 (right hand column)

**CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #773** *Precious Lord, Take My Hand*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**COMMUNITY WORD**

**+BLESSING**

**+CONGREGATIONAL HYMN #671 Shine, Jesus, Shine**

**+DISMISSAL**

L: Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**“I am God’s child, deserving of love and respect, and God  
will use me to change the world.”**

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which are passed during offering.*

## DEVOTIONS FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15, 2026

**SHARE:** What was a high point of your day? What was a low point?

**READ:** Read the following daily readings to deepen your understanding:

Monday, Psalm 78:17-20, 52-55, Ingratitude/Faithfulness

Tuesday, Romans 11:1-6, Israel's Rejection is not Final

Wednesday, Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Return to the Lord

Thursday, Psalm 51, Create in Me a Clean Heart

Friday, Jonah 4:1-11, Jonah's Anger

Saturday, Isaiah 58:1-12, False and True Worship

**TALK:** Consider some of these ideas:

**“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” -- Matthew 17:5b**

*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.*

- What visual images of God come to mind for you? How do they strengthen your relationship with God? (Exod 24:17)
- If prophecy is inspired by the Spirit, what does that say about the value of Christian community? (2 Peter 1:16)
- What other times does a Bible figure say, “Do not be afraid”? Why does the phrase appear so often? (Matt 17:7)

**PRAY:** Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

**BLESS:** The God who faithfully brings forth justice and breaks the oppressor's rod bless, strengthen, and uphold you, today and always. Amen.