

FIRST
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COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

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Welcome to First Lutheran Church!

Today, as since 1892, we welcome members and guests to glorify God and exalt his name.

NEW HERE? HAVE A QUESTION?

Visit the Welcome Center in the Gathering Place, just north of the Sanctuary. First-time visitors receive a special gift.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service; all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at his table. To receive a blessing instead, simply cross your arms over your chest. Our children celebrate First Communion in Grade 3. Earlier participation in communion is at the discretion of parents or guardians.

NEED HEARING ASSISTANCE?

Assistive Listening Devices are available and may be used with headphones or with a neck loop for T-Coil-equipped hearing aids. Please leave the devices in the Sanctuary after the service.

CHILD CARE

All ages are welcome in worship; our professionally-staffed child care center is, however, an option for young children during services. The center is near the elevator on the main level.

A PLACE FOR LIFELONG LEARNING

Our **Sunday School** program meets at 9:30 a.m. downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Children may be dropped off as early as 9:15 a.m. Adults are invited to join our quarterly Adult Education classes.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee, treats, and fellowship.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP

Our newest service takes place at 10:15 a.m. in the Worship Center on the second level – a distinctively Lutheran approach to contemporary worship. During the sermon, **First Kids** is offered in the Fireside Room for children aged Preschool through Grade 2.

ONLINE WORSHIP: YOUTUBE

Never miss a service on our YouTube channel! Search for First Lutheran Colorado Springs and click **SUBSCRIBE** to be notified when we upload or stream new videos.

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The Baptism of Our Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 11, 2026
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

 · Hymn found in the red hymnal
 · Hymn found in the bulletin

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

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

Everyone **And also with you.**

CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us pray. 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. **Amen.**

A moment for silent confession.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  Jesus Is King
The hymn may be found on the next page.

1. Je - sus is King and I will ex - tol him,
 2. We have a hope that's stead - fast and cer - tain,
 3. We come to him, our Priest and A - pos - tle,
 4. O Ho - ly One, our hearts now a - dore you;

give him the glo - ry and hon - or his name.
 gone thru the cur - tain and touch - ing the throne:
 clothed in his glo - ry and bear - ing his name;
 thrilled with your good - ness we give you our praise.

He reigns on high, en - throned in the hea - vens,
 we have a Priest who's there in - ter - ced - ing,
 lay - ing our lives with glad - ness be - fore him;
 An - gels in light with wor - ship sur - round you;

Word of the Fa - ther ex - alt - ed for us.
 pour - ing his grace on our lives day by day.
 filled with his Spi - rit we wor - ship the King.
 Je - sus our Sa - vior, for - ev - er the same.

After last verse:
 Je - sus our Sa - vior, for - ev - er the same.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your daughters and sons, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: ACTS 10:34 – 43
In the black pew Bible · Page 891

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PSALM 29

Please join in reading responsively.

Ascribe to the Lord, you heavenly beings,
 ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
 worship the Lord in the splendor of his holiness.
The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
 the God of glory thunders,
 the Lord thunders over the mighty waters.
The voice of the Lord is powerful;
 the voice of the Lord is majestic.
The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
 the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.
He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
 Sirion like a young wild ox.
The voice of the Lord strikes
 with flashes of lightning.
The voice of the Lord shakes the desert;
 the Lord shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
The voice of the Lord twists the oaks
 and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, “Glory!”
The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
 the Lord is enthroned as King forever.
The Lord gives strength to his people;
 the Lord blesses his people with peace.

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *As a Star, God's Holy Word*



As a star, God's ho - ly Word leads us to our King and Lord;
bright - ly from its sa - cred pa - ges shall this light thru - out the a - ges
shine up - on our path of life, shine up - on our path of life.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 3:13 – 17

In the black pew Bible · Page 778

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew,
the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

You may be seated.

SERMON: PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY  *Baptized in Water*
The music to the hymn may be found on the next page.

1. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
 2. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,
 3. Bap - tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spi - rit,

cleansed by the blood of Christ our King: _____
 dead in the tomb with Christ our King: _____
 marked with the sign of Christ our King: _____

heirs of sal - va - tion, trust - ing his prom - ise,
 one with his ris - ing, freed and for - giv - en,
 born of one Fa - ther, we are his child - ren,

faith - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. _____
 thank - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. _____
 joy - ful - ly now God's praise we sing. _____

THE APOSTLES' CREED

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day, he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again 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 GOD'S PEOPLE

You may be seated as the ushers come forward to receive our tithes and offerings.

OFFERING MUSIC: Down to the River to Pray

As I went down to the river to pray,
studyin' about that good ole way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.

O brother, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down;
O brother, let's go down,
down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray.

O Lord, listen to your children prayin';
O Lord, send your Spirit in this place.
O Lord, listen to your children prayin';
send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.

Something's gonna happen like the world has never known,
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.
A door's gonna swing open
and the walls come a-tumblin' down
when the people of the Lord get down to pray.

O children, let's go down,
let's go down, come on down;
O children, let's go down,
down to the river to pray, down to the river to pray.

We extend a special welcome to all who are new
to First Lutheran today! Please text **GUEST** to **719.988.3524**
to let us know about yourself.

If you already support First Lutheran, thank you! Gifts of any
size make a difference to the ministries and outreach of our
congregation. Scan the QR code, text **GIVE** to **719.988.3524**,
or place your offering in the plate as it is passed.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

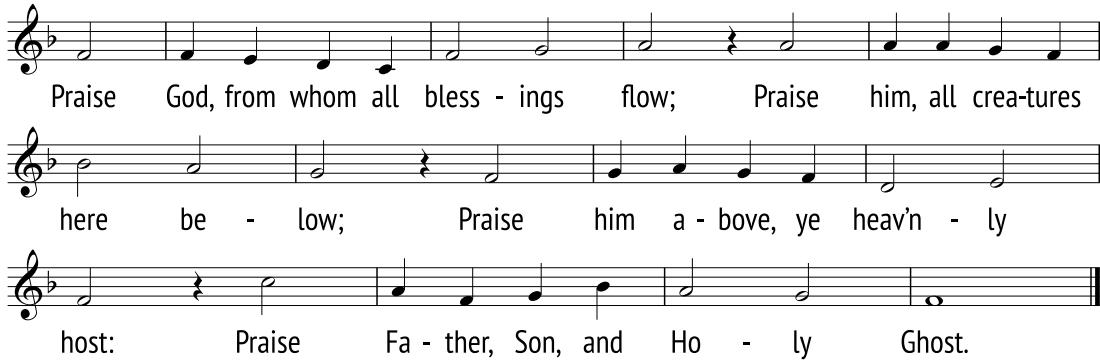
Today we recognize our outgoing Council members: Larry Bagley and Jason Fox. Outgoing member Terry Hjelkrem will be recognized on Sunday, January 25.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.
And also with you.

Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.

OFFERTORY: Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures
here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, grant that we may desire you; and desiring you, seek you; and seeking you, find you; and finding you, be satisfied in you forever; in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
God of pow - er and might, heav'n and earth are
full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

THE 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; 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.

BREAD AND WINE ARE SHARED

Come to the table for all is now ready. **Thanks be to God!**

AT COMMUNION

- ✚ All who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome at his table.
- ✚ Please follow the lead of the ushers in going forward via the center aisle.
- ✚ Extend your hands, and allow the bread to be placed in your hand.
Take either the wine or white grape juice from the center of the tray.
- ✚ Place your empty glass in the tray and return via the side aisle.
- ✚ Gluten-free wafers are available.
- ✚ If you are unable to come forward, please alert an usher so we may serve you at your seat.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

 Give Me a Sight, O Savior

The music to the hymn may be found on the next page.

 No. 528 Come and Fill Our Hearts

Please stand for the blessing.

COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you
and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given
yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL HYMN  No. 618 Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

1. Give me a sight, O Sav - ior, of
 2. Was it the nails, O Sav - ior, that
 3. O won - der of all won - ders, that,
 4. Then melt my heart, O Sav - ior, bend

your great love to me - the love that bro't you
 bound you to the tree? No, but your ev - er -
 thru your death for me, my o - pen sins, my
 me, yes, break me down, un - til I name you

down from heav'n to die on Cal - va - ry.
 last - ing love; your love for me, for me.
 se - cret sins, can all for - giv - en be!
 Con - quer - or, and Lord and Sov - 'reign crown.

O make me un - der - stand it, help
 me to take it in - what it meant for you, the
 Ho - ly One, to bear a - way my sin.

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ADULT EDUCATION SCIENCE AND RELIGION

JANUARY 11, 18, AND 25 AT 9:15 A.M.
SUNDAYS | THE PEEL HOUSE PARLOR
Explore how science and Christian faith work together to understand God's creation

MOMCO

TUESDAY, JANUARY 13 AT 9:30 A.M.

THE PEEL HOUSE

Join moms and expected moms for fun and fellowship!

WAYFARERS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 15 AT 11:30 A.M.

Meet at Black Bear Diner, 975 North Academy Blvd, located on the north side of Citadel Crossing. Please contact Annette Kester if you plan to attend: 719.641.1053 or anjakester@comcast.net.

RAINBOW TRAIL SUMMER 2026 REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

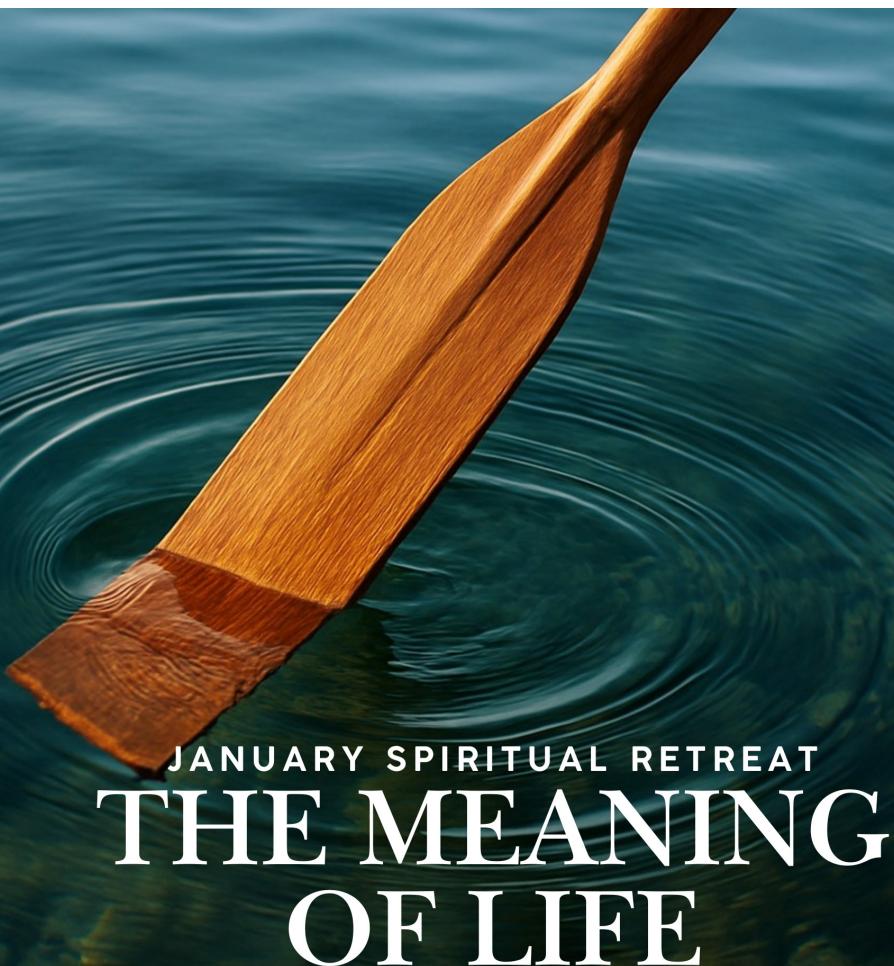
YOUTH AND FAMILY CAMPS

Many weeks are already full, especially for girls. Registration will open to those outside of the ELCA on January 1, 2026. <https://www.rainbowtrail.org/summer-camps>

DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.

This group meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff>.

A close-up photograph of a light-colored wooden paddle, angled diagonally from the bottom left towards the top right. The paddle is partially submerged in dark, rippling water, creating concentric circles. The wood grain is visible on the paddle's face.

JANUARY SPIRITUAL RETREAT THE MEANING OF LIFE

JANUARY 31 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.
THE WORSHIP CENTER

You were made for more than just getting by.
Join us as we explore what it means to move
from drifting to deeply living, and to find joy in
the journey again. Sign up to attend today!.





WEDNESDAY NIGHT **LIGHT**

ROLLING DINNER

Gathering Place 5:15 – 6:15 p.m.

WORSHIP

Worship starts at 6:30 p.m.

Followed by Small Groups

(Students through Adults)

Pre-Confirmation for grades 6–7

Confirmation Small Group for grades 8–9

High School Small Group for grades 10–12

Adults Small Group **led by Pastor Carrie Baylis**

VOLUNTEER TO HELP STAFF

- ◆ **Clerical Support**
- ◆ **Churchwide Mailings**
- ◆ **Photography & Videography**
- ◆ **Assist Sextons for Events and Snow Removal**
- ◆ **Committee Support**
Finances, Landscaping, Property



Sign up to Help!

Today at First Lutheran

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary 8 a.m.
Adult Education (Faith and Science), Peel House Parlor 9:15 a.m.
Sunday Youth Group (Grades 6 – 9), Youth Center 9:15 a.m.
Sunday School (Preschool – Grade 5), Fellowship Hall 9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service, Worship Center 10:15 a.m.
Including First Kids (Preschool – Grade 2) in the Fireside Room
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary 11 a.m.
Social Dance Lessons (Cha Cha), Peel House 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
DINNER 5:15 P.M. | SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

GENERATION TO REVELATION

FIRST LUTHERAN'S NEW PODCAST
FIND ON YOUTUBE OR OUR WEBSITE

WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

WEDNESDAY MORNINGS
LUTHER HALL | 10 – 11 A.M.

Led by the preaching pastor for the week – come explore the Scriptures in an engaging small group setting.

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