



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
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.

DOWNLOAD OUR APP

With the First Lutheran app, you can watch online services and live streams, manage your giving, update your contact information, sign up for events, and more. Navigate to your app store and download Church by MinistryOne. Search for FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH or use our ZIP code, 80907.

The Second Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 18, 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.**

CONFESSION 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.

OPENING HYMN 📖 *Creation Sings the Father's Song*
The hymn may be found on the next page.



1. Cre - a - tion sings the Fa - ther's song; he calls the
2. Cre - a - tion gazed up - on his face; the age - less
3. Cre - a - tion longs for his re - turn, when Christ shall



sun to wake the dawn_____ and run the course of day,
One in time's em - brace_____ un - veiled the Fa - ther's plan
reign up - on the earth;_____ the bit - ter wars that rage



till eve - ning falls in crim - son rays.
of re - con - cil - ing God and man.
are birth pains of a com - ing age.



His fin - ger - prints in flakes of snow, his breath up -
A sec - ond A - dam walked the earth, whose blame - less
When he re - news the land and sky, all heav'n will



on this spin - ning globe,_____ he charts the eag - le's flight,
life would break the curse,_____ whose death would set us free
sing and earth re - ply_____ with one res - plen - dent theme:



com - mands the new - born ba - by's cry. Hal - le - lu - jah!
to live with him e - ter - nal - ly.
the glo - ry of our God and King!

Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Fill the earth with songs of wor - ship; tell the

Back to verses
won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

After the final refrain ...
Hal - le - lu -

jah! Let all cre - a - tion stand and sing! Hal - le - lu - jah!

Fill the earth with songs of wor - ship; tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's

King. Fill the earth with songs of wor - ship;

tell the won - ders of cre - a - tion's King.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, our Strength and our Redeemer, by your Spirit hold us forever, that through your grace we may worship you and faithfully serve you, follow you and joyfully find you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: GENESIS 2:15 – 17; 3:1 – 7

In the black pew Bible · Page 2

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 40:1 – 11

Please join in reading responsively.

I waited patiently for the Lord;

he turned to me and heard my cry.

He lifted me out of the slimy pit,

out of the mud and mire;

he set my feet on a rock

and gave me a firm place to stand.

He put a new song in my mouth,

a hymn of praise to our God.

Many will see and fear the Lord

and put their trust in him.

Blessed is the one

who trusts in the Lord,

who does not look to the proud,

to those who turn aside to false gods.

Many, Lord my God,

are the wonders you have done,

the things you planned for us.

None can compare with you;

were I to speak and tell of your deeds,

they would be too many to declare.

Sacrifice and offering you did not desire –

but my ears you have opened –

burnt offerings and sin offerings you did not require.

Then I said, “Here I am, I have come –

it is written about me in the scroll.

**I desire to do your will, my God;
your law is within my heart.”**

I proclaim your saving acts in the great assembly;
I do not seal my lips, Lord, as you know.

I do not hide your righteousness in my heart;
I speak of your faithfulness and your saving help.

**I do not conceal your love and your faithfulness
from the great assembly.**

**Do not withhold your mercy from me, Lord;
may your love and faithfulness always protect me.**

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 4:1 – 11

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Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew,
the fourth 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  No. 504 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

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.

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.



OFFERING MUSIC: *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

Come, thou fount of ev'ry blessing,
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise his name – I'm fixed upon it –
name of God's redeeming love.

Hitherto thy love has blest me;
thou hast brought me to this place;
and I know thy hand will bring me
safely home by thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wand'ring from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
bought me with his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter,
bind my wand'ring heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it –
prone to leave the God I love! –
here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Seal it for thy courts above;
seal it for thy courts above.
Here's my heart, O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

INSTALLATION OF COUNCIL MEMBERS

Incoming Council members: Stacy Gatto, Chris Lieber, and Betsy Pimentel

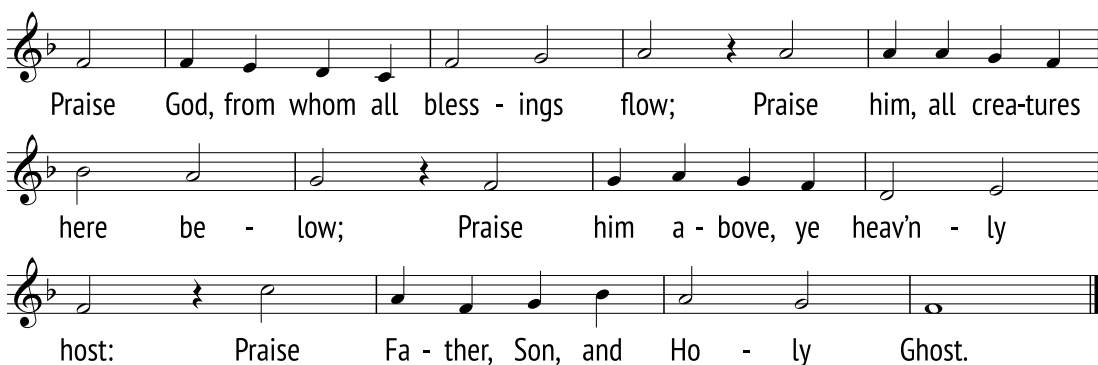
PEACE

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 bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures
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!

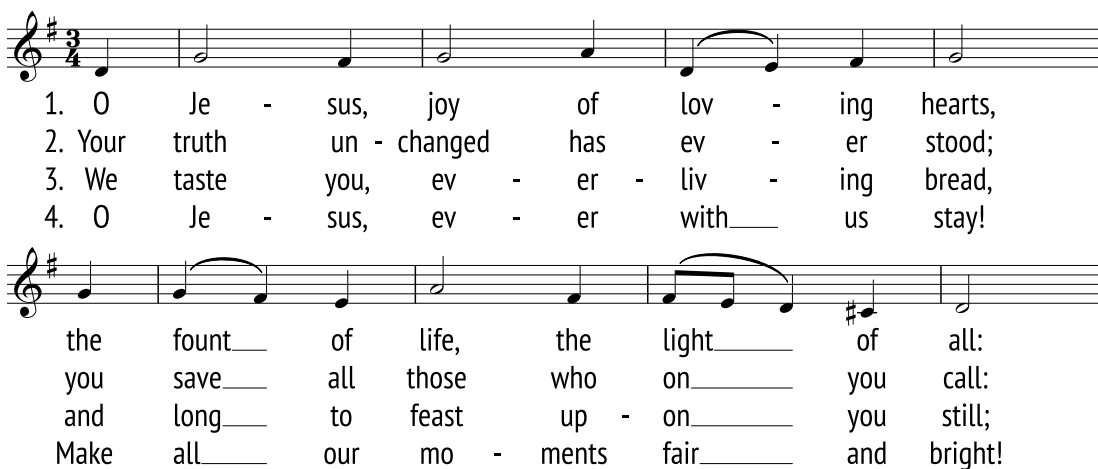
AT COMMUNION

- + 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

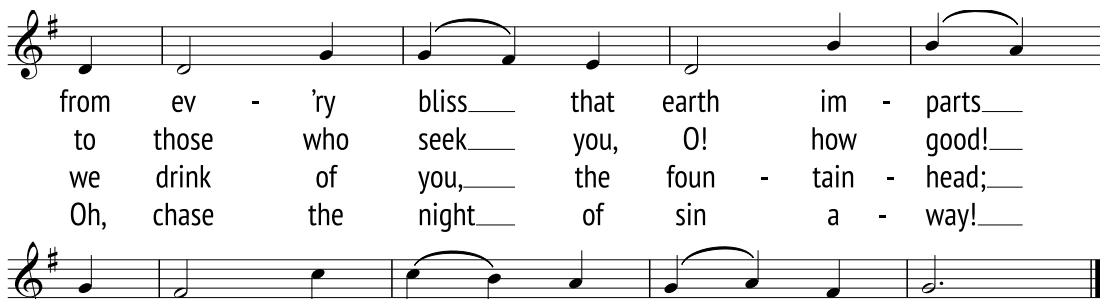
Choir: Jesus, Lamb of God

📖 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts



1. O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts,
2. Your truth un - changed has ev - er stood;
3. We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread,
4. O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay!

the fount of life, the light of all:
you save all those who on you call:
and long to feast up - on you still;
Make all our mo - ments fair and bright!



from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im - parts
to those who seek you, O! how good!
we drink of you, the foun - tain - head;
Oh, chase the night of sin a - way!

we turn, un - filled, to hear you call.
To those who find you, all in all!
our thirst - ing souls from you we fill.
Shed o'er the world your ho - ly light.

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

CLOSING HYMN 📖 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

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

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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First Lutheran Staff

CLERGY

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor
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The Rev. Michaela Eskew, Associate Pastor

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DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.
VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which 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 through link. <https://bit.ly/41Rh4ff>

MEANING OF LIFE CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

JANUARY 31, 9 AM – 3 P.M.
WORSHIP CENTER

This We 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!
<https://bit.ly/44vZbGo>

Altar Flowers ...

... have been given to the
glory of God and:

 In loving memory of
Gerald "Jerry" Lillich by his family

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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.
<i>Including First Kids (Preschool – Grade 2) in the Fireside Room</i>	
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	11 a.m.
Social Dance Lessons (Cha Cha), Peel House.....	1:30 p.m.
GOLA Casting, Gathering Place	Afternoon
<i>Children 1 p.m., Women and Teen Girls 1:45 p.m., Men and Teen Boys 2:30 p.m.</i>	

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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