



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.

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The Third Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 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 📖 *Before the Throne of God Above*
The hymn may be found on the next page.



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me
 3. Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,

strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him
 spot - less Right - eous - ness; the great un - change - a - ble I

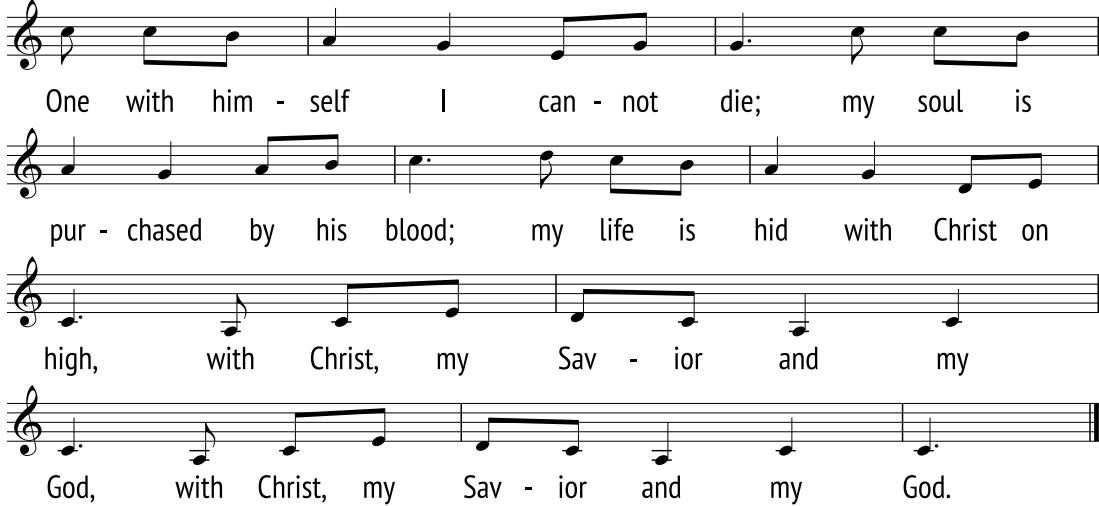
Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is
 there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -

gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed
 self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my

bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

After Verse 3:



One with him - self I can - not die; my soul is
pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my
God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Lord God, your loving-kindness always goes before us and follows after us. Summon us into your light, and direct our steps in the ways of goodness that come through the cross of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:10 – 18

In the black pew Bible · Page 923

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 27:1, 4 – 9

Please join in reading responsively.

The Lord is my light and my salvation –
whom shall I fear?

The Lord is the stronghold of my life –
of whom shall I be afraid?

Continued on the next page.

**One thing I ask from the Lord,
this only do I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze on the beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.**

For in the day of trouble
he will keep me safe in his dwelling;
he will hide me in the shelter of his sacred tent
and set me high upon a rock.

**Then my head will be exalted
above the enemies who surround me;
at his sacred tent I will sacrifice with shouts of joy;
I will sing and make music to the Lord.**

Hear my voice when I call, Lord;
be merciful to me and answer me.
My heart says of you, "Seek his face!"
Your face, Lord, I will seek.

**Do not hide your face from me,
do not turn your servant away in anger;
you have been my helper.
Do not reject me or forsake me,
God my Savior.**

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *As a Star, God's Holy Word*
The music to the gospel acclamation may be found on the next page



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 4:12 – 23

In the black pew Bible · Page 779

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 📖 *Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult*

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

1. Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our
 2. As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the
 3. In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4. Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice
 Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

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: *Christians, We Have Met to Worship*

Christians, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord our God.

Will you pray with all your power
as we seek the Living Word?

All is vain unless the Spirit
of the Holy One comes down;
Christians, pray, and God's great blessing
will be showered all around.

Let us love our God supremely;
let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for others
till our God makes all things new.

When God calls us home to heaven,
at the table we sit down;
there our loving Lord will serve us
with great blessings all around.

O worship the King, all glorious above;
and gratefully sing God's wonderful love!
Christians, we have met to worship
and adore the Lord, our God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Today we recognize our outgoing Council member Terry Hjelkrem.

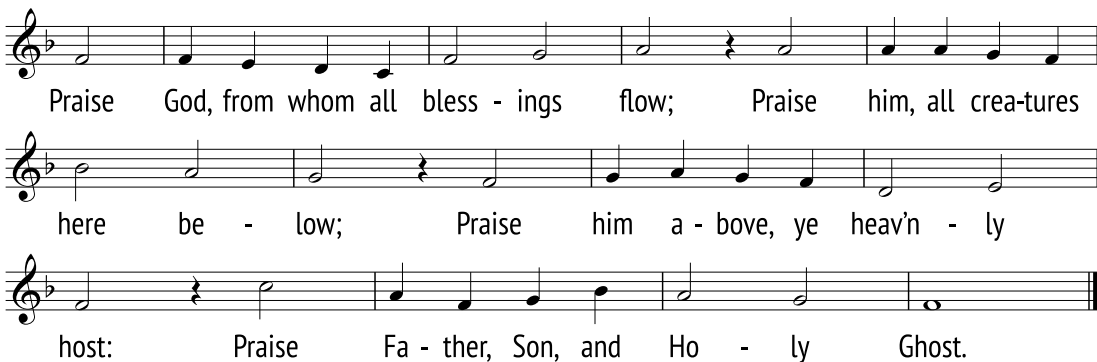
PEACE

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!

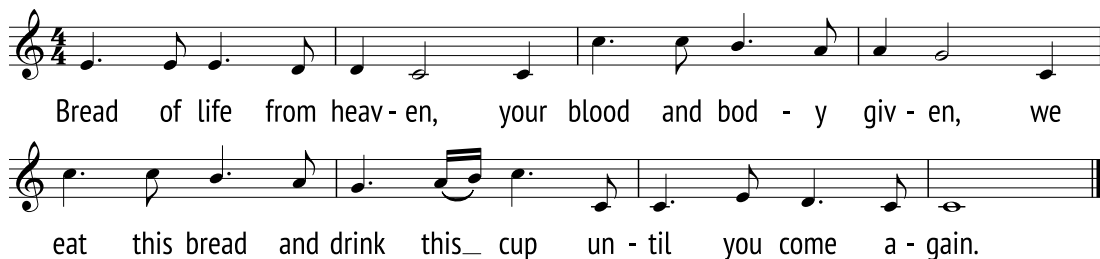
AT COMMUNION

- + 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

Hymn 📖 Bread of Life from Heaven

Everyone sings the refrain. The choir sings the verses.



Bread of life from heav - en, your blood and bod - y giv - en, we
eat this bread and drink this cup un - til you come a - gain.

Choir: 1. Seek not the food that will pass away;
set your hearts on the food that endures.
Come, learn the true and the living Way,
that the fullness of life may be yours. **Refrain.**

2. Love as the One who, in love for you,
gave himself for the life of the world.
Come to the One who is food for you,
that your hunger and thirst be no more. **Refrain.**

3. Drink of this cup and declare his death;
eat this bread and believe Easter morn;
trust his return and, with ev'ry breath,
praise the One in whom you are reborn. **Refrain.**

Hymn No. 472 Eat This Bread

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 No. 661 I Love to Tell the Story!

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

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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/4iRh4ff>

MEANING OF LIFE CONGREGATIONAL RETREAT

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

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>

ARE YOU AVAILABLE AND ABLE TO HELP AROUND THE CHURCH?

During heavy times of events or winter weather, our sextons and administrative staff can use a little help. We are looking for energetic individuals to help with snow removal and/or set-up and tear-down of tables and chairs for events. Sometimes we need a little extra help with churchwide mailings. We are also looking for people willing to serve as a photographer for major church events (your camera or borrow ours). Indicate where you are willing and able to help here: <https://bit.ly/48pi2Fo>

BOOK GROUP

FEBRUARY 4 | LIBRARY 7 P.M.

Meets the first Wednesday of each month. Reading *This Is Happiness* by Niall Williams.



NEW MEMBER ORIENTATION

Fireside Room at Noon (Lunch Included)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8

Introduction to First Lutheran – Meet the staff of First Lutheran Church and get to know others looking into church membership.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

Lutheranism 101 - Review what we “as Lutherans” believe and the promises you will make during the service of inclusion. This is a great time to ask questions.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

New Member Service and Affirmation of Baptism

JOURNEYS OF PAUL TRIP

PRESENTATION BY PASTOR MICHAELA

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30
POTLUCK LUNCH IN PEEL HOUSE AT 11 A.M.
PRESENTATION AT 12 – 1 P.M.

Pastor Michaela will be giving us a day-by-day account of their trip as they ventured in the Footsteps of Paul through Greece and Turkey. You will enjoy a slide presentation filled with fabulous pictures and information put together by Andres Bocek.

Register using the following link.



Today at First Lutheran

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	8 a.m.
Confirmation Field Trip, Offsite	9 a.m.
Adult Education (<i>Faith and Science</i>), 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.
Youth Lunch and Movie Marathon, Youth Center.....	11:30 a.m.
Social Dance Lessons (<i>Cha Cha</i>), Peel House.....	1:30 p.m.
Gallery of Living Art Rehearsals, Gathering Place.....	See Below
Scene 3: Jesus, Our Friend, 1 p.m.	
Scene 4: Triumphal Entry, 1:30 p.m.	
Scene 5: Last Supper, 2 p.m.	
Scene 8: Christ before Pilate, 2:30 p.m.	

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