

FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

1.4.26

## 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 Epiphany of Our Lord

SUNDAY, JANUARY 4, 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 humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*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  *We Three Kings*

The hymn may be found on the next page.



1. We three kings of O - ri - ent are; bear - ing  
2. Born a King on Beth - le - hem's plain, gold I  
3. Frank - in - cense to of - fer have I; in - cense  
4. Myrrh is mine; its bit - ter per - fume breathes a  
5. Glo - rious now be - hold him a - rise, King and



gifts we tra - verse a - far, field and foun - tain,  
bring to crown him a - gain; King for - ev - er,  
owns a De - i - ty nigh; prayer and prais - ing,  
life of gath - er - ing gloom; sor - rowing, sigh - ing,  
God and Sac - - ri - fice; heav'n sings al - - le -



moor and moun - tain, fol - low - ing yon - der star.  
ceas - ing nev - er, o - ver us all to reign.  
glad - ly rais - ing, wor - ship - ing God Most High.  
bleed - ing, dy - ing, sealed in the stone - cold tomb.  
lu - ia: al - le - lu - ia the earth re - plies.



O! star of won - der, star of night, star with roy - al beau - ty bright;



west - ward lead - ing, still pro - ceed - ing, guide us to thy per - fect light.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, your Son, 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: ISAIAH 60:1 – 6

In the black pew Bible · Page 596

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1 – 7, 10 – 14

Please join in reading responsively.

Praise Give the king your justice, O God,  
and your righteousness to the royal son!

**May he judge your people with righteousness,  
and your poor with justice!**

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,  
and the hills, in righteousness!

**May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,  
give deliverance to the children of the needy,  
and crush the oppressor!**

May they fear you while the sun endures,  
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

**May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,  
like showers that water the earth!**

In his days may the righteous flourish,  
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

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May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands  
render him tribute;

may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him,  
all nations serve him!

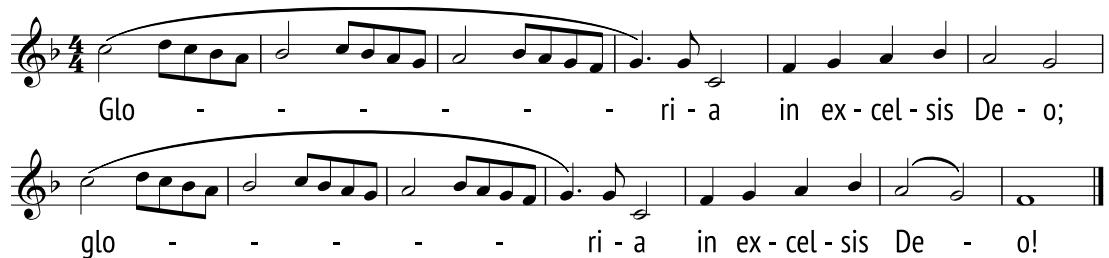
**For he delivers the needy when he calls,  
the poor and him who has no helper.**

He has pity on the weak and the needy,  
and saves the lives of the needy.

**From oppression and violence he redeems their life,  
and precious is their blood in his sight.**

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*



Glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o;  
glo - - - - - ri - a in ex - cel - sis De - o!

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 2:1 – 12

In the black pew Bible · Page 777

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew,  
the second 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 MICHAELA ESKEW

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY  Hail to the Lord's Anointed



1. Hail to the Lord's Anointed, great David's greater Son!  
2. He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth,  
3. Kings shall bow down before him, and gold and incense bring;  
4. O'er every foe victorious, he on his throne shall rest;



Hail, in the time appointed, his reign on earth begun!  
and love, joy, hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth:  
all nations shall adore him, his praise all people sing:  
from age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blest:



He comes to break oppression, to set the captive free,  
before him on the mountains shall peace, the herald, go;  
to him shall prayer unceasing and daily vows ascend;  
the tide of time shall never his covenant remove;



to take away transgression, and rule in equity.  
and righteousness in fountains from hill to valley flow.  
his kingdom still increasing, a kingdom without end.  
his name shall stand forever, his changeless name of love.

## 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

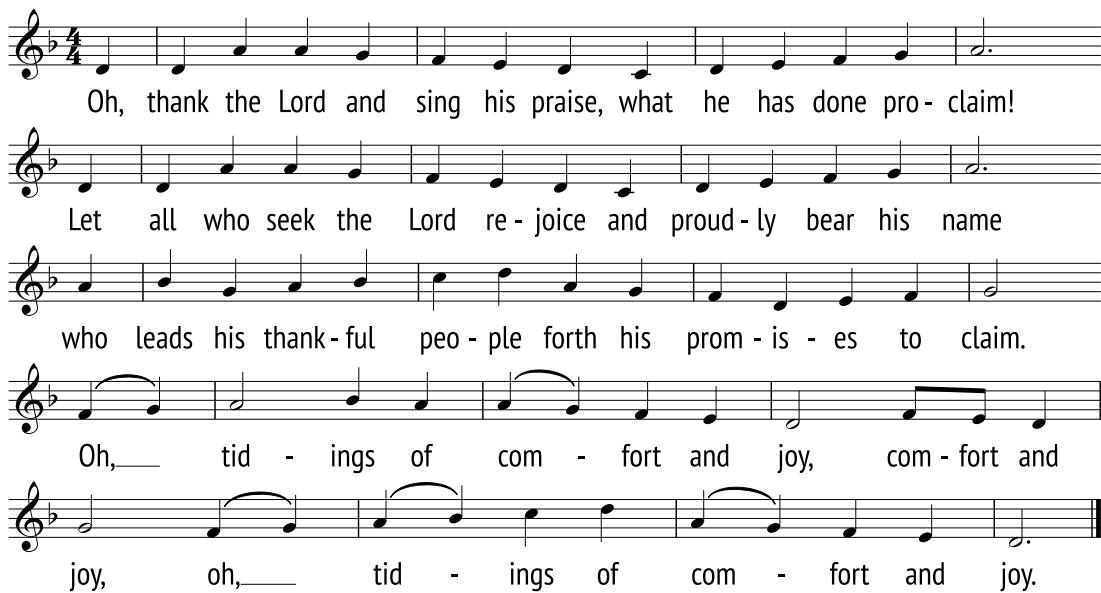
We extend a special welcome to all who are new to First Lutheran today! Please text **GUEST** to **719.988.3524** to let us know about yourself.

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.



Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.

OFFERTORY: Oh, Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise



Oh, thank the Lord and sing his praise, what he has done pro- claim!  
Let all who seek the Lord re - joice and proud - ly bear his name  
who leads his thank - ful peo - ple forth his prom - is - es to claim.  
Oh,\_\_\_\_ tid - ings of com - fort and joy, com - fort and  
joy, oh,\_\_\_\_ tid - ings of com - fort and joy.

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.**

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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. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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

#### 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

 No. 273 All My Heart Again Rejoices

 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus

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

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. 543 Go, My Children, with My Blessing

## SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE



1. Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er-  
2. Thou art God from ev - er - last-ing, God of God and



more to be. And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar,  
Light of Light; Thou art God, thy glo - ry veil-ing,



let us nev - er - more leave thee! Let thy bright ce-  
that our eyes may bear the sight. Now be - yond these



les - tial cho-rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;  
walls go with us, in our dai - ly life to share,



but in us, thy lov - ing child - ren,  
that in us thy ra - diant full - ness



come with peace, good - will to reign.  
may shine bright - ly ev - 'ry - where.

# First Lutheran Staff

## CLERGY

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

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Eric Wicks, Minister of Worship and Music  
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Robert Kelley, Maintenance  
David Lovelace and Cynder Ros, Sextons

## “CHA CHA” DANCE LESSONS

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 4 – 25

PEEL HOUSE PARLOR, 2 – 3 P.M.

Join us for “Cha Cha” Dance lessons this January. \$80 for couple or \$40 for a single person. Register through link. <https://bit.ly/48Sfbnt>.

## AGING TOGETHER

FRIDAY, JANUARY 9 AT 10 – 11 A.M.

THE PEEL HOUSE

We will share our thoughts on the New Year and some of our goals. Beginning in February, our group will meet on the first Friday of each month. This is a casual gathering to share our thoughts and experiences during our journey through the years.

## MOMCO

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

THE PEEL HOUSE

Join moms and expected moms for fun and fellowship!

## 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>

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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!.



**SCIENCE AND RELIGION**

The Bridge Between Discovery and Faith

SUNDAYS, JANUARY 11, 18, & 25, 2026

9:15 - 10:15 A.M.

PEEL HOUSE PARLOR



*Exploring how science and Christian faith work together to understand God's creation*



## Sign Up to Help



# JANUARY FIRST LUTHERAN STILL HELP

Sign up to make dinner on Monday, Wednesday, or Friday.

- Prepare a meal for 12-15 people (they will confirm numbers and allergies in advance)
- Deliver meals to the Day House or prepare them on-site in our kitchen.

Provide items for In-Gathering of Household and Hygiene items.

- Place items under Feeding mural.
- Purchase a gift cards to give unsheltered families food and gas while they live in the day house.
- Bring to Welcome Center



## HANDBELLS 101

*(Sixth Grade – Adults)*

5 Thursdays | 7 p.m.  
Handbell Room  
Starts January 15th

## HANDBELLS FOR CHILDREN

*(Grades 2 – 5)*

Sundays | 10:45 – 11:30 a.m.  
Handbell Room  
Starts January 25th through April

For more information, contact **Joan Kuehn** at [jlynnkuehn@gmail.com](mailto:jlynnkuehn@gmail.com)

# Today at First Lutheran

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary ..... 8 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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