

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 OUESTION?

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 Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025 8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Hymn to Joy, arranged by Michael Keller Please join the choir in singing the final strain.

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love! Hearts unfold like flow'rs before thee, praising thee, their sun above. Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the gloom of doubt away. Give of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

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 Please stand as you are able.

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.**

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.



Thanks to the Carillon Ringers for playing this morning: Katie Ackerman, Tricia Blomquist, Kaelyn Daughetee, Nikki Evans, Julie Furstenau, Elizabeth Heiny, Kate McCall, Candi Mountain Gaddie, Carol Olson, Maari Olson, and Addison Weis. Deacon Joan Kuehn, director.

✓ OPENING HYMN

Praise the Lord! Ye Heavens, Adore Him

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty and most merciful God, your bountiful goodness fills all creation. Keep us safe from all that may hurt us, that, whole and well in body and spirit, we may with grateful hearts accomplish all that you would have us do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You may be seated.

READING: 2 TIMOTHY 2:8 – 19 In the black pew Bible · Page 967

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 111
Please join in reading the psalm responsively.

Praise the Lord!
I will extol the Lord with all my heart in the council of the upright and in the assembly.

Great are the works of the Lord; they are pondered by all who delight in them. Glorious and majestic are his deeds, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wonders to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and compassionate.

He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever. He has shown his people the power of his works, giving them the lands of other nations.

The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy.

They are established forever and ever, enacted in faithfulness and uprightness.

He provided redemption for his people; he ordained his covenant forever – holy and awesome is his name.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who follow his precepts have good understanding. To him belongs eternal praise!

Please stand for the acclamation.



▲ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 17:11 – 19 In the black pew Bible · Page 847

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke, the seventeenth 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

Please stand for the hymn.

No. 806 O God, My Faithful 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 to Me by Michael Larkin

Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me, for I am meek and lowly of heart.

Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.

For my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

My yoke is easy, my burden is light, and you shall find rest unto your souls, unto your souls.

Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.

Come to me, all you who labor, and I will give you rest.
Come to me, come to me, come to me.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

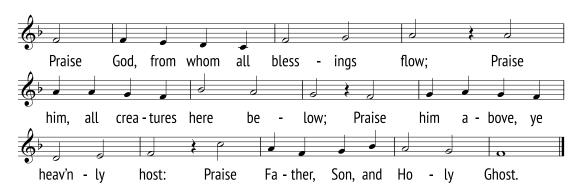
PFACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please remain standing for the offertory.

▼ OFFERTORY



OFFERTORY PRAYER

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Teach us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

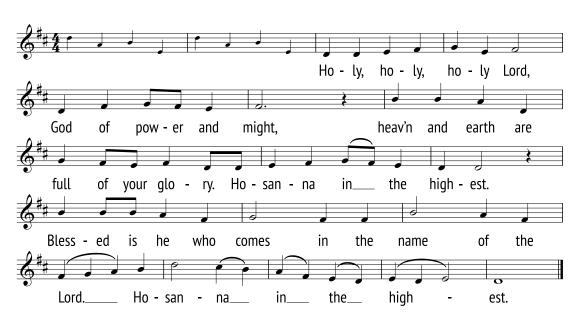
Lift up your hearts.

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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. 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.
- Kneel as you are able, 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
BELLS · Grazioso by Arnold Sherman
HYMN · A No. 466 In the Singing

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 >
Crown Him with Many Crowns
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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Get Involved!

FINAL MINISTRY GATHERING

TODAY | GATHERING PLACE | 1 P.M.

Learn more about the 2026 budget, the proposed master plan, and the capital campaign. Ask questions in preparation for this October's Annual Meeting.

ANNUAL MEETING

OCTOBER 19 | AFTER EACH SERVICE

We'll elect three new council members and vote on the budget and on the plan to move forward with Phase One of the renovation project.

MOMCO

OCTOBER 14 | 9:30 A.M.

MomCo (formerly MOPS) meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays in the Peel House Lounge, next to the coffee bar.

HANDBELLS 101

THURSDAYS BEGINNING OCTOBER 16 HANDBELL ROOM | 7 – 8 P.M.

Expore the fun of ringing in a five-week class – no experience required! You'll learn to ring using a variety of techniques and discover rhythm notation and music reading. Lead by Deacon Joan Kuehn. Everyone, Grade 6 through adult, is welcome. For more information, email Joan at jlynnkuehn@gmail.com.

OCTOBER INGATHERING OF FOOD

BENEFITS CARE AND SHARE

Please bring non-perishable and non-expired food to the Gathering Place vestibule and place them by the mural of Jesus. Especially needed are canned meats and peanut butter.

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
Jeremy Ashida, Minister of Contemporary Worship
Deacon Joan Kuehn, Interim Handbell Director
Breanna Whiting, Song Leader
Katelynn Granados, Alto Section Leader
Carolyn Kurtz, Music Librarian

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Yoshiko Anspach, Business Manager
Harry Mosco, Property Manager
Anna Banks, Lead Sexton
Robert Kelley, Maintenance
David Lovelace and Cynder Ros, Sextons

Today at First Lutheran

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary
Sunday Youth Group (Grades 6 – 9), Youth Center9:15 a.m.
Sunday School (Preschool – Grade 5), Fellowship Hall9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service, Worship Center
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary11 a.m.
Lunch and Learn: In the Footsteps of Paul, Peel House ParlorNoon
Ministry Gathering, Gathering Place
High School Progressive Dinner 6 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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