

# 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 Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2025 8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

PRELUDE: Fantasy on Kingsfold by H. Dean Wagner

Joy Ringers: Lannette Abbey, Mary Benson, Gini Dugan, Peter Hauer, Paul Lindsey, Kathy Holmes, Lisa Marting, Liz Shoemaker, Margie Sisson, Aiden Spaziani, Leslie Spaziani, Chris White, and John Wicks. Deacon Joan Kuehn, director.

Instrumentalists: Mary Kerwin, flute; Elisa Wicks, violin; Kris and Sharon Cartwright, percussion.

#### 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.** 

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





#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without you nothing is strong, nothing is holy. Embrace us with your mercy, that with you as our ruler and guide, we may live through what is temporary without losing what is eternal, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.** 

You may be seated.

READING: 2 THESSALONIANS 3:6 - 13

In the black pew Bible · Page 962

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

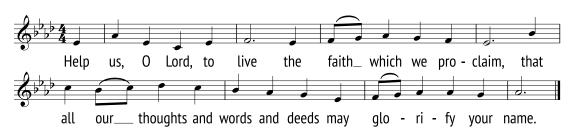
Thanks be to God.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: Timbrel and Dance by Kevin McChesney

Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!
Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!
Praise him with sounding cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
Let everything that has breath praise the Lord!
Praise the Lord! (Psalm 150:3 – 6)

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Help Us, O Lord



GOSPEL READING: LUKE 21:5 – 19 In the black pew Bible · Page 851

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke, the twenty-first 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. 763 My Life Flows on in Endless Song

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: Trust in the Lord by Allen Pote

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not, lean not upon your own understanding. In all your ways, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will show you the way, he will show you the way.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind and strength. Love the Lord with all your strength and love your neighbor as yourself; love and trust in the Lord.

Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not, lean not upon your own understanding. In all your ways, in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will show you the way, he will show you the way.

Trust in the Lord, trust in the Lord with all your heart.

MOMENT FOR MISSION: FAMILY PROMISE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:30 AND 11 A.M. • RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
The new member liturgy may be found on Page 234 in the red hymnals.
Names listed on Page 15.

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.

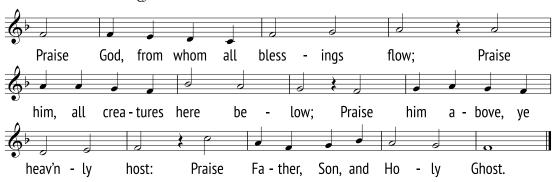


#### PFACE

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

Please remain standing for the offertory.

OFFERTORY: Doxology



#### OFFERTORY AND PRAYER

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **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:



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## 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

No. 461 All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

No. 473 Holy, Holy, Holy

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

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
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

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Eric Wicks, Minister of Worship and Music
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Deacon Joan Kuehn, Interim Handbell Director
Breanna Whiting, Song Leader
Katelynn Granados, Alto Section Leader
Carolyn Kurtz, Music Librarian

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# PEEL HOUSE HOLIDAY DECORATING

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 17 – FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Volunteer and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa while decorating the Peel House together! Please register using the following link https://bit.ly/4qFf-PN5 or call the church office at 719.632.8836.

## **FRIENDSGIVING**

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 5:15 P.M. IN THE GATHERING PLACE

## **DECK THE HALLS!**

MAIN BUILDING
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23 AFTER 11 A.M.
SERVICE, LUNCH FOLLOWING
Decorating the fence and large evergreen tree.

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 24 – WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 10 A.M. – 3 P.M.

Decorating Inside Main Building. Your help is very much appreciated! Register here: https://bit.ly/4qGHTjh

## **POINSETTIAS FOR CHRISTMAS EVE**

Purchase a poinsettia in honor or memory of a loved one to be diplayed on the altar on Christmas Eve. You can take your plant home anytime after the last Christmas Eve service.

https://bit.ly/3CJzP7d

## Altar Flowers ...

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

In loving memory of my father, Andrew J. Pavell by Janice Pavell

## SO GENEROUS CAMPAIGN UPDATE

Thank you to everyone who turned in a commitment card last week. We have now received **226 commitments for 2026**, bringing us to **62 percent of our goal**. Your participation is helping us plan faithfully and generously for the ministry ahead.

If you have not yet made your commitment, we invite you to do so soon. Below is a snapshot of the giving ranges where commitments are still needed.

MONTHLY GIVING RANGE	HOPED FOR COMMITMENTS	COMMITMENTS TO DATE
\$2000+	11	10
\$1000-1999	25	16
\$800-999	12	10
\$650-799	21	9
\$550-649	23	15
\$475-549	23	14
\$425-474	24	10
\$375-424	17	8
\$325-374	24	11
\$275-324	28	13
\$225-274	24	15
\$200-224	33	15
\$175-199	21	10
\$150-174	34	13
\$125-149	31	6
\$100-124	26	21
\$60-99	28	11
\$40-59	26	3
\$20-39	25	9
less than \$20	Many	7

Commitment cards can be completed online through QR code. Thank you for supporting the ministry of First Lutheran Church and for helping us live generously as a community!



## **NEW MEMBERS**

9:30 A.M. • Arleigh & Laurie Pfaff and Tami Kephart

10:15 A.M. • Brad Bauer

11 A.M. • Larry and Cindy Shotts

## THANKSGIVING AT FIRST

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, NOON PEEL HOUSE

All are welcome! Bring a side to share. Doors open at 11 a.m. and we will eat at noon!

### **ADVENT WREATH MAKING**

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30 DURING EACH COFFEE HOUR

## ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6 10:30 A.M. IN THE GATHERING PLACE

## COMBINED CHILDREN'S PROGRAM AND PARTY WITH ANGEL TREE PARTY

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7
Program at 11 a.m.
Party at noon in the Gathering Place.



## Today at First Lutheran

Angel Tree Blanket Tying after Services, Gathering Place 7:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.		
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, Sanctuary		
Contemporary Worship Service, Worship Center		
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary11 a.m.		
Youth Middle School Pizza and Game Night, Gathering Place 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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