



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

11.23.25

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.

Christ the King

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 23, 2025

8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

PRELUDE: *In Christ Alone*

Carillon Ringers: Katie Ackerman, Grace Bello, Mary Benson, Kaelyn Daughetee, Nikki Evans, Julie Furstenau, Elizabeth Heiny, Joey Heiny, Kate McCall, Carol Olson, Maari Olson, Addison Weis. Deacon Joan Kuehn, director.

OPENING DIALOGUE AND WORD OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross.

Pastor Jesus is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn over all creation.

Everyone **All things have been created through him and for him.**

He is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

He is the head of the body, the church.

God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things.

He has made peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.**

 • Hymn found in the red hymnal

 • Hymn found in the bulletin

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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven



1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us;
4. An - gels in the height, a - dore him,

to his feet your tri - bute bring.
to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
well our fee - ble frame he knows;
ye be - hold him face to face;

Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
praise him still, the same as ev - er,
In his hands he gent - ly bears us,
saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore him;

ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
res - cues us from all our foes.
gath - ered in from ev - 'ry race.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
 Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
 Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: JEREMIAH 23:1 – 6

In the black pew Bible · Page 625

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16:5 – 11

Please join in reading our psalm responsively.

God is our refuge and strength,
 an ever-present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way
 and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea,
though its waters roar and foam
and the mountains quake with their surging.

Continued on the next page.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy place where the Most High dwells.

God is within her, she will not fall;

God will help her at break of day.

Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall;

he lifts his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Come and see what the Lord has done,

the desolations he has brought on the earth.

He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth.

He breaks the bow and shatters the spear;

he burns the shields with fire.

He says, "Be still and know that I am God;

I will be exalted among the nations,


I will be exalted in the earth."

The Lord Almighty is with us;

the God of Jacob is our fortress.

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Help Us, O Lord*



Help us, O Lord, to live the faith_ which we pro - claim, that
all our_ thoughts and words and deeds may glo - ri - fy your name.

GOSPEL READING: LUKE 23:33 – 43

In the black pew Bible · Page 855

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke,
the twenty-third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Following the reading, everyone repeats the acclamation.

You may be seated.

SERMON: PASTOR CARRIE BAYLIS

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY 𐌹 Christ, Be Our Light

Music to the hymn may be found on the next page.

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

1. Long - ing for light, _____ we wait in dark - ness.
2. Long - ing for peace, _____ our world is trou - bled.
3. Man - y the gifts, _____ man - y the peo - ple,

Long - ing for truth, _____ we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, _____ man - y de - spair.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.

Make us your own, _____ your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your Word a - lone _____ has pow'r to save us.
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,

light for the world to see. _____
Make us your liv - ing voice. _____
signs of your king - dom come. _____

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts;
shine thru the dark - ness. Christ, be our light!

Shine in your church gath - ered to - day. _____

You may be seated as the ushers come forward to receive our tithes and offerings.

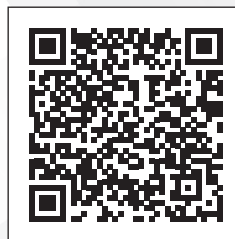
OFFERING MUSIC: *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

Instrumentalists: Mary Kerwin, flute; and Pamela Chaddon, cello

I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Come unto me and rest;
in me your soul will find its peace,
in me you draw each breath.”
I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary and so worn;
I found in him a resting place,
where peace and hope are born.
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“Behold, I freely give;
I am the Living Water, quench your thirst,
come, drink and live.”
I came and drank from the stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul renewed,
and now I live in him.
I heard the voice of Jesus say –
Speak now, Spirit, speak;
speak now, speak now, O Spirit, speak,
now speak, speak now Spirit,
come and speak!
I heard the voice of Jesus say,
“I am this dark world’s light;
look unto me, and night will fade,
and all your mornings rise.”
I come to Jesus, and I find
in him my Star, my Sun.
And in that light of life I’ll walk
till traveling days are done.
I heard the voice of Jesus say:
“I am life, I am light,
I am love: now come and live.”

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.



MOMENT FOR MISSION: THRIVENT

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11 A.M. ■ HOLY BAPTISM

The baptismal liturgy may be found on Page 227 in the red hymnals.

Peyton Lemley Misnik
is the son of Jessy and Sean Misnik,
and is sponsored by Lyndy Amato and Guido Faltoni.

PEACE

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

Please remain standing for the offertory.

OFFERTORY: Doxology

Musical notation for the Doxology, consisting of three staves of music in a single system. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff continues the melody and lyrics. The third staff concludes the piece with a double bar line. The lyrics are: "Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'n - ly host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost."

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OFFERTORY 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:

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.*
- + *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

Handbells: Seek Ye First

 No. 337 Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

 *Soon and Very Soon*

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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Altar Flowers ...

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



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



1. Soon and ve - ry soon___ we are goin' to see the King,___
2. No more cry - in' there,___
3. No more dy - in' there,___
4. Soon and ve - ry soon___



Soon and ve - ry soon___ we are goin' to see the King,___
No more cry - in' there,___
No more dy - in' there,___
Soon and ve - ry soon___



Soon and ve - ry soon___ we are goin' to see the King:___
No more cry - in' there,___
No more dy - in' there,___
Soon and ve - ry soon___



Ha - le - lu - jah,___ ha - le - lu - jah,___ we're goin' to see the King!___

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 displayed on the altar on Christmas Eve. You can take your plant home anytime after the last Christmas Eve service. Order by December 17th. <https://bit.ly/3CJzP7d>

MOMCO

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 9:30 A.M.

PEEL HOUSE

Meets on the second and fourth Tuesdays of every month for moms and expected moms.

ADVENT WREATH MAKING

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 30

DURING EACH COFFEE HOUR

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!

IMAGINE: THE WAY WE KNOW

WORSHIP CENTER

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 2, 9, & 16 AT 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 3, 10, & 17 AT 11:30 A.M.

“Jesus said ...‘I am the way...’ – John 14:6
Join us for a weekly 30–45-minute guided Scripture meditation, where we will craft a quiet place to anticipate and encounter the arrival of Jesus, the Way, into our world. If you’ve never experienced entering into the Bible to encounter Jesus through guided meditation, come and see how Jesus can meet you there.

ADVENT TEA

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, NOON

PEEL HOUSE | COOKIE EXCHANGE

Join us for First Lutheran’s Advent Tea. The theme for the season is *The Way We Know*, with our Advent Tea theme, *There Are No Strangers at Christmas*. Please use the following link <https://bit.ly/4nMCipz> to register as a guest or call the church at 719.632.8836. Space is limited to 98 and seating fills up quickly

ST. NICHOLAS BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING PLACE

For elementary age and younger. Join us for breakfast, story time, and crafts.

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

Today at First Lutheran

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	8 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.
Christmas Decorating Outside	Noon
Lunch and Learn, Rule of Life Checkup, Fireside Room	Noon

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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