

FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

12.07.25  
8 and 9:30

## 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

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# The Second Sunday of Advent

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025  
8 AND 9:30 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 humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*A moment for silent confession.*

**Merciful God, always with us, always loving: We confess that we do not know how to prepare for your advent. We have forgotten how to hope in miracles; we have ignored the promise of your kingdom; we get distracted by all the busyness of this season. Forgive us, O God. Grant us the simple wonder of the shepherds, the intelligent courage of the Magi, and the patient faith of Mary and Joseph, that we may journey with them to Bethlehem and find the good news of a Child born for us. Now, in the quiet of our hearts, we ask you to make us ready for his coming. Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

*As we light the first and second candles, please join in singing.*

O come, thou Branch of Jesse's tree,  
free them from Satan's tyranny,  
that trust thy mighty pow'r to save,  
and give them vict'ry o'er the grave  
Rejoice! Rejoice! Immanuel shall come to thee, O Israel!

OPENING HYMN  No. 239 *Hark, the Glad Sound!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through 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 11:1 – 10

In the black pew Bible · Page 555

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 72:1 – 7, 18, 19

*Please join in reading our psalm responsively.*

Endow the king with your justice, O God,  
the royal son with your righteousness.

**May he judge your people in righteousness,  
your afflicted ones with justice.**

May the mountains bring prosperity to the people,  
the hills the fruit of righteousness.

**May he defend the afflicted among the people  
and save the children of the needy;  
may he crush the oppressor.**

May he endure as long as the sun,  
as long as the moon, through all generations.

**May he be like rain falling on a mown field,  
like showers watering the earth.**

In his days may the righteous flourish  
and prosperity abound till the moon is no more.

**Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel,  
who alone does marvelous deeds.**

Praise be to his glorious name forever;  
**may the whole earth be filled with his glory.  
Amen and Amen!**

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Gloria in Excelsis Deo*



GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 3:1 – 12

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Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew,  
the third 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. 250 *Blessed Be the God of Israel*

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: *A Great Light!*

The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!  
The people living in darkness, on them a light will shine!  
And the glory of God shall be shown,  
the will of God made known.  
The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given,  
and the government shall be on his shoulders,  
and the government shall be on his shoulders;  
he shall be called Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty God, Everlasting Father, and the Prince of Peace.

Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us –  
let us find our rest in thee.



Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear Desire of ev'ry nation,  
Joy of ev'ry longing heart.  
The people walking in darkness shall see a great light!

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### PEACE

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

*Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.*

OFFERTORY: *Oh, Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise*  
*The music to the offertory may be found on the next page*

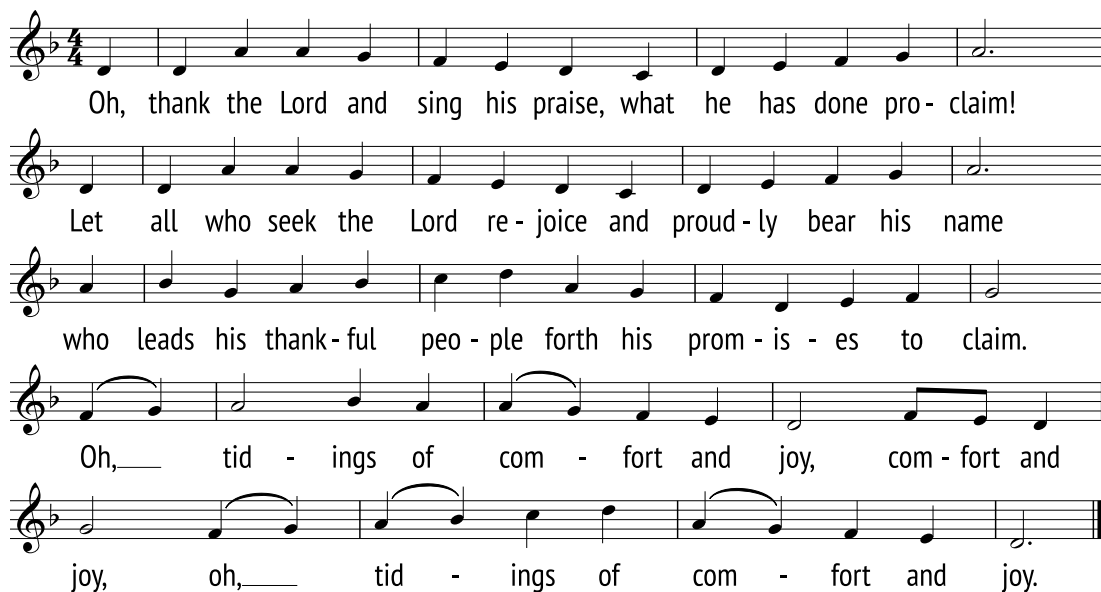
##### OFFERTORY PRAYER

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.**

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.





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.

#### GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

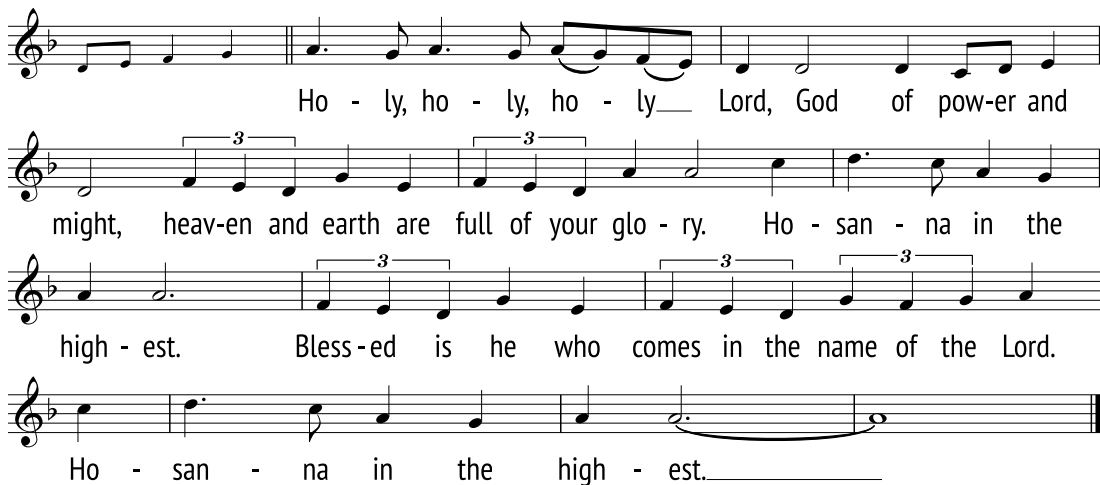
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness. 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

 No. 487 What Feast of Love

 Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness



1. Je - sus, thy blood and right - eous - ness my beau - ty  
2. Bold shall I stand in thy great day, for who aught  
3. Lord, I be - lieve thy pre - cious blood, which at the  
4. Lord, I be - lieve were sin - ners more than sands up -

are, my glo - rious dress; 'midst flam - ing worlds, in  
to my charge shall lay? Ful - ly ab - solved thru  
mer - cy seat of God for - ev - er doth for  
on the o - cean shore, thou hast for all a

these ar - rayed, with joy shall I lift up my head.  
these I am, from sin and fear, from guilt and shame.  
sin - ners plead, for me, e'en for my soul, was shed.  
ran - som paid, for all a full a - tone - ment made.

*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. 267 *Joy to the World*

## SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

**About today's music:** O Come, O Come, Immanuel – Words from a 9th-century Latin hymn; this version from the Hymnal 1940. Music (VENI, VENI, EMMANUEL) from a 15th-century Plain-song melody; adapted by Thomas Helmore. Public domain. · Gloria in Excelsis Deo (from *Angels We Have Heard on High*) – Traditional words. Music (GLORIA) from a traditional French carol; arranged by Edward Shippen Barnes and harmonized by Austin C. Lovelace. © 1964 Abingdon Press. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net No. A-705840. · A Great Light! – Words (based on Isaiah 9:2, 6) by Lloyd Larson; additional words by Charles Wesley. Music (incorporating the tune HYFRYDOL by Rowland H. Prichard) by Lloyd Larson. © 2016 Hope Publishing Company. All rights reserved. CCLI No. 11389142. · Oh, Thank the Lord and Sing His Praise – Traditional words. Music (GOD REST YOU MERRY) from *The Little Book of Christmas Carols*, 1850; harmonized by Charles Winfred Douglas. Public domain. · Sanctus and Benedictus – Traditional words. Music by Robert Powell. © 1985 The Church Pension Fund. All rights reserved. OneLicense.net No. A-705840. · Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness – Words by Nicolaus L. von Zinzendorf; translated by John Wesley. Music (WALTON) from William Gardiner's *Sacred Melodies*, 1815. Public domain.

## 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>

## IMAGINE: THE WAY WE KNOW

### WORSHIP CENTER

TUESDAYS, DECEMBER 9 AND 16 AT 6 P.M.

WEDNESDAYS, DECEMBER 10 AND 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.

## MOMCO

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9, 9:30 A.M.

### PEEL HOUSE LOUNGE

For Moms and Expecting Moms

## DECEMBER OWLS THE BROADMOOR HOTEL GINGERBREAD DISPLAY

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 16, 11 A.M.

Please join us for an annual tour of The Broadmoor Gingerbread display. We will then walk to Cafe Julie's for lunch, fellowship and shopping! Please register by using the following link <https://bit.ly/3LnC6yL> or by calling First Lutheran at 719.632.8836. Register by Monday, December 15.

## LESSONS & CAROLS PIE FEST

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14, 3:30 P.M.

Join us for a beautiful music and readings exploring the wonder of the Incarnation, featuring choir, bells, and instruments. Our traditional Pie Fest follows the service. If you are able to bake or purchase a pie to share, sign up through link. <https://bit.ly/483WduR>

# 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.
<i>Including First Kids (Preschool – Grade 2) in the Fireside Room</i>	
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary .....	11 a.m.
<i>Children's Christmas Program During Service</i>	
FLC Children and Angel Tree Christmas Party, Gathering Place.....	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.

## PASTORAL TEAM

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

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