

FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

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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.

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The Last Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2026
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

📖 · Hymn found in the red hymnal
📄 · Hymn found in the bulletin

PRELUDE

OPENING LITURGY

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

Pastor May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us –
so that his ways may be known on earth, his salvation among all
nations.

Everyone **May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you!**

May the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth.

**May the peoples praise you, God;
may all the peoples praise you!**

A reading from Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, “This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!” When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

1. O Morn - ing Star, how fair and bright! You shine with
 2. Lord, when you look on us in love, at once there
 3. Al - might - y Fa - ther, in your Son you loved us,
 4. What joy to know, when life is past, the Lord we
 God's own truth and light, a - glow with grace and mer - cy!
 falls from God a - bove a ray of pur - est plea - sure.
 when not yet be - gun was this old earth's foun - da - tion!
 love is First and Last, the End and the Be - gin - ning!

Of Ja - cob's line, King Da - vid's son, our Lord and
 Your Word and Spi - rit, flesh and blood, re - fresh our
 Your Son has ran - somed us in love to live in
 He will one day, O! glo - rious grace, trans - port us

Sav - ior, you have won our hearts to serve you on - ly!
 souls with heav'n - ly food: you are our dear - est trea - sure!
 him here and a - bove: this is your great sal - va - tion.
 to that hap - py place be - yond all tears and sin - ning!

Low - ly, ho - ly! Great and glo - rious, all vic - to - rious,
 Let your mer - cy warm and cheer us! Oh, draw near us!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Christ the liv - ing, to us giv - ing
 A - men! A - men! Come, Lord Je - sus! Crown of glad - ness!

rich in bless - ing! Rule and might o'er all pos - sess - ing!
 For you teach us God's own love through you has reached us.
 life for - ev - er, keeps us yours and fails us nev - er!
 We are yearn - ing for the day of your re - turn - ing.

Let us pray. O God, who before the passion of your only-begotten Son revealed his glory on the holy mountain: Grant to us that we, beholding by faith the light of his face, may be strengthened to bear our cross, and be changed into his likeness from glory to glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

PROCESSIONAL HYMN 📖 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright

The hymn may be found at left.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Set us free, O God, from the bondage of our sins, and give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: 2 PETER 1:16 – 21

In the black pew Bible · Page 991

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119:33 – 40

Please join in reading responsively.

Teach me, Lord, the way of your decrees,
that I may follow it to the end.

**Give me understanding, so that I may keep your law
and obey it with all my heart.**

Direct me in the path of your commands,
for there I find delight.

**Turn my heart toward your statutes
and not toward selfish gain.**

Continued on the next page.

Turn my eyes away from worthless things;
preserve my life according to your word.

**Fulfill your promise to your servant,
so that you may be feared.**

Take away the disgrace I dread,
for your laws are good.

**How I long for your precepts!
In your righteousness preserve my life.**

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *As a Star, God's Holy Word*



As a star, God's ho - ly Word leads us to our King and Lord;
bright - ly from its sa - cred pa - ges shall this light thru - out the a - ges
shine up-on our path of life, shine up-on our path of life.

GOSPEL READING: MATTHEW 7:12 – 29

In the black pew Bible · Page 782

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventh 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  My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less



1. My hope is built on noth - ing less
2. When dark - ness veils his love - ly face,
3. His oath, his cov - e - nant, his blood
4. When he shall come with trump - et sound,
than Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness;
I rest on his un - chang - ing grace;
sup - port me in the whelm - ing flood;
O may I then in him be found,
I dare not trust the sweet - est frame,
in ev - 'ry high and storm - y gale
when all a - round my soul gives way,
dressed in his righ - teous - ness a - lone,
but whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.
my an - chor holds with - in the veil.
he then is all my hope and stay.
fault - less to stand be - fore the throne.
On Christ the sol - id rock I stand; all oth - er ground is
sink - ing sand, all oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

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

INSPIRE FAITH REFLECTION

Please join in the campaign prayer.

Heavenly Father, you alone are worthy of our worship and love. Inspire our faith as we share your love with the world and welcome more of your children into this community of faith. As you have given us so much, make us generous to bless your church; and strengthen our witness so that all may know the joy of salvation. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

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: *The Glory of Christ*

You, living Christ, our eyes behold,
amid your church appearing,
all girt about breast with gold
and bright apparel wearing;
your countenance is burning light,
a sun resplendent in its might:
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

Your glorious feet have sought and found
your own of ev'ry nation;
with everlasting voice you sound
the call of our salvation;
you search us still with eyes of flame,
you know and call us all by name;
Lord Christ, we see your glory.

O risen Christ, today alive,
amid your church abiding,
who now your blood and body give,
new life and strength providing,
we join in heav'nly company
to sing your praise triumphantly:
Lord Christ, we see your glory;
Lord Christ, we have seen your glory!

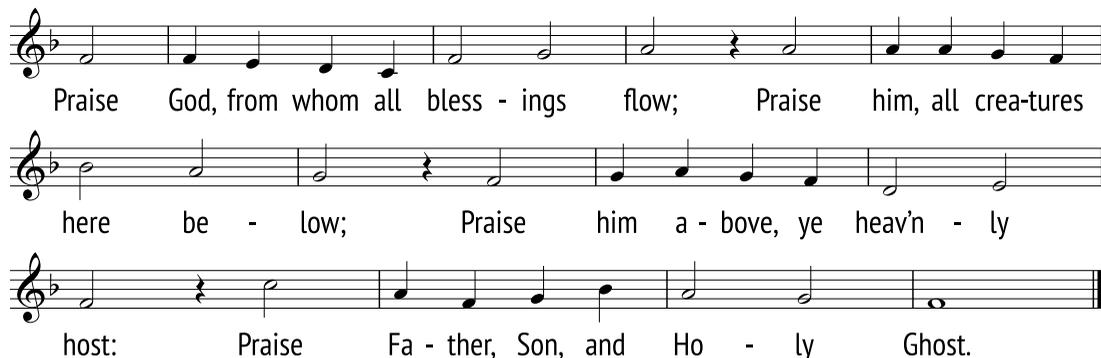
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

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

Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.

OFFERTORY: *Doxology*



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures
here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host: Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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.

The musical score is written on five staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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. 466 *In the Singing*

 No. 758 *You Are the Way*

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  No. 547 *Sent Forth by God's Blessing*

SENDING

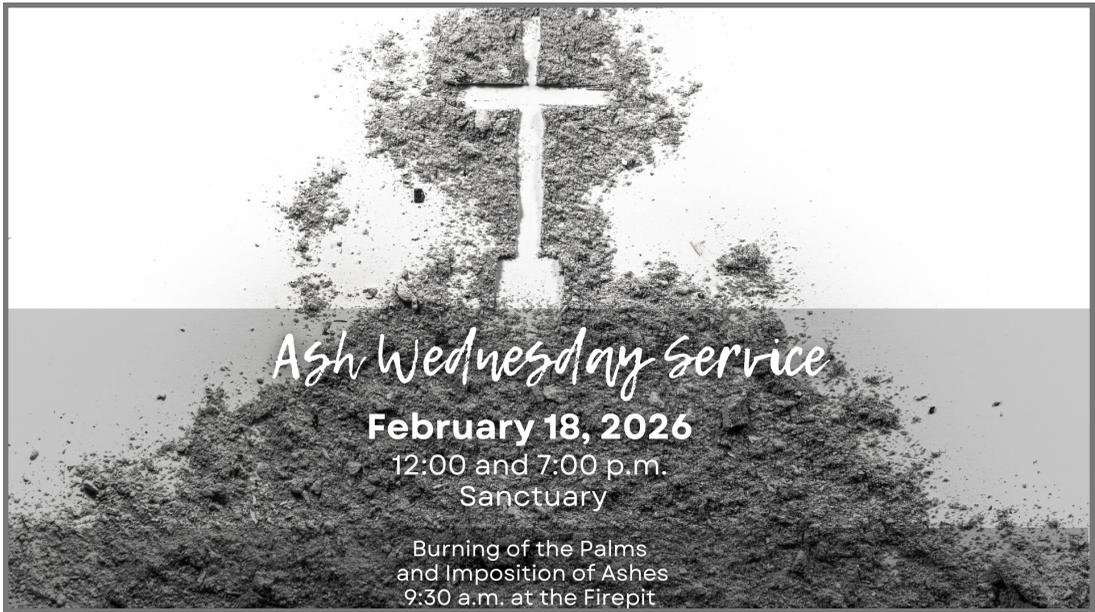
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Altar Flowers ...

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

-  In loving memory of Bill Stewart by Amilu Stewart
-  In loving memory of Donald "Don" Diaz by his children, grandchildren, and family



Ash Wednesday Service

February 18, 2026

12:00 and 7:00 p.m.
Sanctuary

Burning of the Palms
and Imposition of Ashes
9:30 a.m. at the Firepit

A photograph of a bowl of tomato soup garnished with fresh tomatoes and herbs, next to a whole tomato and a sliced tomato. A wooden spoon is visible at the bottom left.

The Art of Neighboring

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS | 6 TO 7:30 P.M. | GATHERING PLACE

Join us Wednesdays in Lent for a soup supper, a presentation on practical ways Jesus helps us become good neighbors, and thoughtful discussion around the dinner table. Each evening will conclude with Holy Communion. The childcare will be open for young children, and special First Kids sessions will be offered for children Kindergarten through Grade 5.

- WEEK 1** February 25: *Who are My Neighbors?*
- WEEK 2** March 4: *Making Things Right with Neighbors*
- WEEK 3** March 11: *Loving Difficult Neighbors*
- WEEK 4** March 18: *Talking about Faith with Neighbors*
- WEEK 5** March 25: *Comforting Grieving Neighbors*
- BONUS WEEK** Thursday, April 2: *Jesus, the Perfect Neighbor*

A small bunch of fresh green parsley leaves.

First Lutheran Staff

CLERGY

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

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SHROVE TUESDAY YOUTH FUNDRAISER PANCAKE DINNER

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17
PEEL HOUSE | 5:30 P.M.

Come out and support the youth through our traditional pancake dinner. This fundraiser helps support youth programs at First.

AED/CPR TRAINING

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17 | 6:30 P.M.
PEEL HOUSE, ROOM 201

Colorado Springs firefighter and paramedic Clark Gaddie is not only extremely knowledgeable, but has the ability to make one feel comfortable using the AED equipment and performing basic CPR. We all need to know what to do in the case of an emergency while we are waiting five to 10 minutes for help to arrive after dialing 911. All are welcome! Register here:

<https://bit.ly/4sNWKJP>

IMAGINE: JESUS INSPIRES OUR FAITH WEDNESDAYS | 11:30 A.M.

FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 1 | WORSHIP CENTER

Join us six Wednesdays during Lent for a 30- to 45-minute guided Scripture meditation, where we will craft a quiet place to hear about Jesus and have our faith inspired to draw near to him. If you've never experienced entering into the Bible to encounter Jesus through guided meditation, come and touch the hem of his cloak.

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GALLERY OF LIVING ART 2026



MARCH 13, FRIDAY

Gallery of Living Art • 7:30 p.m.

MARCH 14, SATURDAY

Jr. Gallery of Living Art • 11 a.m.

Gallery of Living Art • 2 and 5 p.m.

MARCH 15, SUNDAY

Gallery of Living Art • 3 p.m.

HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

In Holy Week, we journey with Jesus to the cross.

PALM SUNDAY • SUNDAY, MARCH 29

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP at 10:15 a.m.

MAUNDY THURSDAY • THURSDAY, APRIL 2

SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS AND

HOLY COMMUNION at 7 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY • FRIDAY, APRIL 3

READING OF THE PASSION AND

VENERATION OF THE CROSS at Noon

FAMILY SERVICE at 5:30 p.m.

TENEBRAE (Service of Darkness) at 7 p.m.

HOLY SATURDAY • SATURDAY, APRIL 4

EASTER EGG HUNT at 10 a.m.

DECORATING THE FLOWER CROSS at 10 a.m.

EASTER VIGIL (the first service of Easter) at 6:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection and victory over death.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD • SUNDAY, APRIL 5

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 7:45, 9, 10:15, and 11:30 a.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP at 10:15 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in the Peel House from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

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.
- New Member Class (Lutheranism 101), Fireside Room Noon
- Gallery of Living Art Rehearsals, Gathering Place..... See Below
- 1 p.m. *Jesus, Our Friend* (Scene 3)
 - 1:30 p.m. *Triumphal Entry* (Scene 4)
 - 2 p.m. *Last Supper* (Scene 5)
 - 2:30 p.m. *Christ before Pilate* (Scene 8)

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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