A watercolor illustration of a landscape. In the foreground, a winding path leads through green hills. To the right, a large, layered rock formation rises. In the background, there are rolling hills and a sky with soft, colorful clouds. Two faint crosses are visible in the sky. The overall style is soft and artistic.

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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.

### 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 First Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026  
8, 9:30, AND 11 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.**

KYRIE ELEISON

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.



For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



For this holy house,  
and for all who offer here their worship and praise,  
let us pray to the Lord.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.



#### 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 📖 *Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty*

*The music to the hymn may be found on the next page.*



1. O - pen now thy gates of beau - ty, Zi - on, let me  
 2. Gra - cious God, I come be - fore thee; come thou al - so  
 3. Here thy praise is glad - ly chan - ted, here thy seed is  
 4. Speak, O God, and I will hear thee, let thy will be



en - ter there, where my soul in joy - ful du - ty  
 un - to me; where we find thee and a - dore thee,  
 du - ly sown; let my soul, where it is plan - ted,  
 done in - deed; may I un - dis - turbed draw near thee



waits for God who ans - wers prayer. Oh, how bles - sed  
 there a heav'n on earth must be. To my heart, oh,  
 bring forth pre - cious sheaves a - lone, so that all I  
 while thou dost thy peo - ple feed. Here of life the



is this place, filled with so - lace, light, and grace!  
 en - ter thou, let it be thy tem - ple now!  
 hear may be fruit - ful un - to life in me.  
 foun - tain flows; here is balm for all our woes.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, 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: GENESIS 28:10 – 17

In the black pew Bible · Page 22

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 32:1 – 6

*The choir chants the psalm.*

Happy are those whose transgressions are forgiven,  
and whose sin is put away!

Happy are they to whom the Lord imputes no guilt,  
and in whose spirit there is no guile!

While I held my tongue, my bones withered away,  
because of my groaning all day long.

For your hand was heavy upon me day and night;  
my moisture was dried up as in the heat of summer.

Then I acknowledged my sin to you,  
and did not conceal my guilt.

I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the Lord.”

Then you forgave me the guilt of my sin.

READING: 1 CORINTHIANS 1:26 – 31

In the black pew Bible · Page 923

*After the reading:*

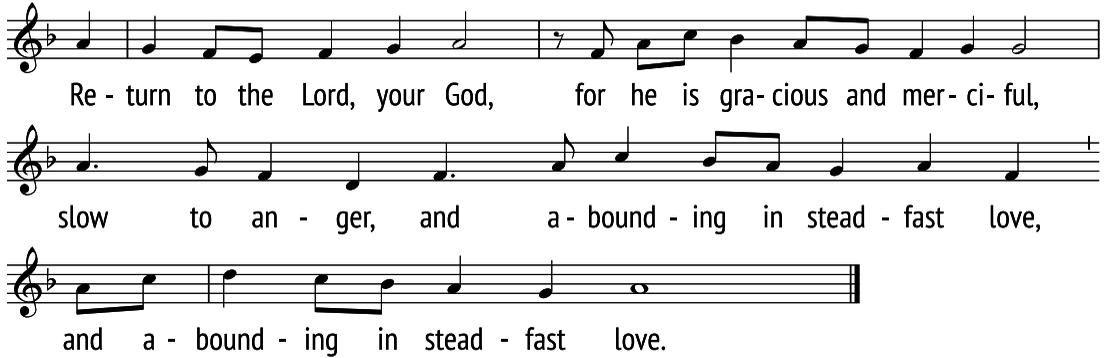
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Return to the Lord, Your God*

*The Gospel Acclamation may be found on the next page.*



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,  
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love,  
 and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 1:43 – 51  
 In the black pew Bible · Page 859

*Before the reading:*

The holy gospel according to John,  
 the 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. 767 Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me

## 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: *What Wondrous Love Is This*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,  
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul?

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,  
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,  
to lay aside his crown for my soul?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The new member liturgy may be found on Page 234 in the red hymnal.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Guy and Tammy Childs, John and Jeanne Hyder (in absentia),  
Preston and Megan Lauscher, Ariel Ramsey, Randi Robbins, Carolyn Dougherty and  
Cameron Shannon, Deborah Steinke (in absentia), and Caitlin Steel and Timothy  
Wenger

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.*

OFFERTORY: *Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful*

*The music to the offertory may be found on the next page*

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our  
cup of\_\_ bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,  
that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the  
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.  
Grace our\_\_ ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us  
a fore - taste of the feast to come.

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 call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. 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,  
Lord God of pow'r 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 four staves in treble clef with a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The score includes various musical notations such as rests, eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, along with dynamic markings like *mf* and *f*. 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

Choir: *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*

HYMN  No. 472 *Eat This Bread*

*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. 543 *Go, My Children, with My 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 honor of Trudy Hill's Birthday  
by Tracy & Mark Rossman

# First Lutheran Staff

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

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## AGING TOGETHER

FRIDAY, MARCH 6  
PEEL HOUSE 201 | 10 – 11 A.M.

Our topic will be *Creating Documents that Your Loved Ones Will Need*. Call Maureen Tuttle 719.640.1985 or Anne Rivers 719.351.4268 for more information, or if you'd like a ride to the meeting. This is a casual gathering to share our thoughts and experiences during our journey through the years.

## 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.

## EASTER HOPE EVENT

We have confirmed that we will be bringing Easter worship to Four Mile Correctional Facility on Thursday evening, March 26, 2026. This facility will give us more space to host worship for more offenders than Arrowhead did at Christmas. Volunteers can choose to prepare and/or serve the snack, visit with the offenders, act in an Easter skit, pray with the offenders, etc. Register here: <https://bit.ly/4qMpEZz>

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# 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*

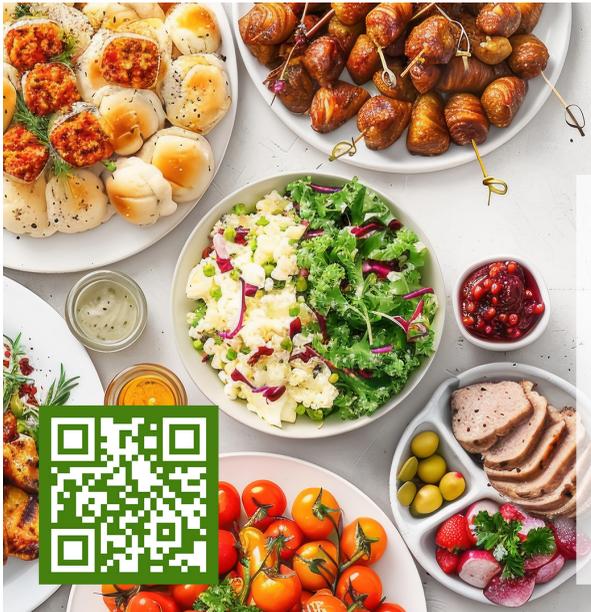


*Save the Date For ...*

## 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.



## Potluck Lunch & Presentation

**PRESENTATION BY TOM LATHROP**  
**New YMCA Colorado Springs Senior Center**

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27  
 PEEL HOUSE AT 11 A.M.  
 PRESENTATION AT 12 - 1 P.M.

Learn about the YMCA Colorado Springs Senior Center and their mission that offers quality life experiences to adults 55 years of age and older.

Register through QR code or call the church.



SEASON TWO

# Generation to Revelation

First Lutheran Church Podcast

Our podcast is an open conversation on the Christian faith, hosted by three people from different generations and religious backgrounds. This season, we're tackling some of the big questions Christians are asking today. We're especially mindful of those who may have stepped away from the faith they grew up with—or who never had much experience with faith at all—and are now wondering if Christianity has something meaningful to offer.

# 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.
- Adult Newcomer Event Brunch, Peel House..... 11:30 a.m.
- Gallery of Living Art Rehearsal, Gathering Place ..... 1 p.m.  
*Practicing the smaller scenes*
- Soli Chamber Choir Concert, Sanctuary ..... 3 p.m.  
*Hear My Prayer: Works of Mendelssohn and Fauré*

## 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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