A photograph of a circular stained glass dome, likely a skylight in a church. The dome is composed of numerous small, colorful glass panes in shades of blue, yellow, red, and green, arranged in a circular pattern. The center of the dome is illuminated by a ring of small, bright white lights. The overall effect is a vibrant, multi-colored glow.

FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

02.08.26

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 Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 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.**

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us pray. 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.**

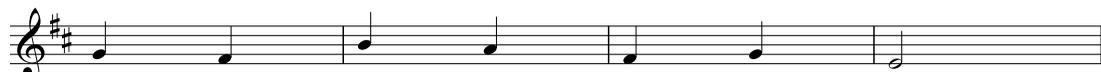
A moment for silent confession.

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.

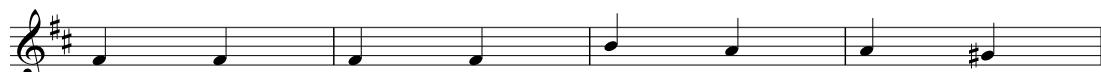
OPENING HYMN 📖 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
The hymn may be found on the next page.



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,



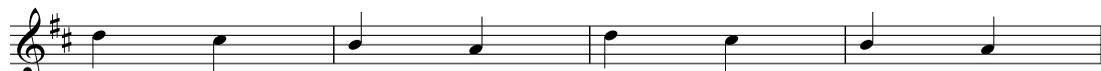
to his feet your tri - bute bring,
to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
well our fee - ble frame he knows;
ye be - hold him face to face;



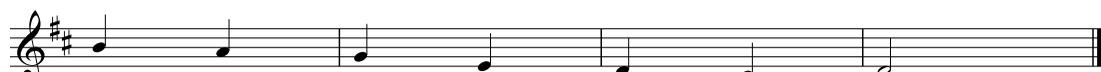
Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
praise him still, the same as ev - er,
In his hands he gent - ly bears us,
saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore him;



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

Lord God, with endless mercy you receive the prayers of all who call upon you. By your Spirit show us the things we ought to do, and give us the grace and power to do them, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: ISAIAH 58:1 – 12

In the black pew Bible · Page 594

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 112

Please join in reading responsively.

Praise the Lord!

Blessed are those who fear the Lord,
who find great delight in his commands.

**Their children will be mighty in the land;
the generation of the upright will be blessed.**

Wealth and riches are in their houses,
and their righteousness endures forever.

**Even in darkness light dawns for the upright,
for those who are gracious and
compassionate and righteous.**

Good will come to those who are generous and lend freely,
who conduct their affairs with justice.

**Surely the righteous will never be shaken;
they will be remembered forever.**

They will have no fear of bad news;
their hearts are steadfast, trusting in the Lord.

**Their hearts are secure, they will have no fear;
in the end they will look in triumph on their foes.**

Continued on the next page.

They have freely scattered their gifts to the poor,
their righteousness endures forever;
their horn will be lifted high in honor.

**The wicked will see and be vexed,
they will gnash their teeth and waste away;
the longings of the wicked will come to nothing.**

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 5:13 – 20

In the black pew Bible · Page 780

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the fifth 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 MICHAELA ESKEW

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

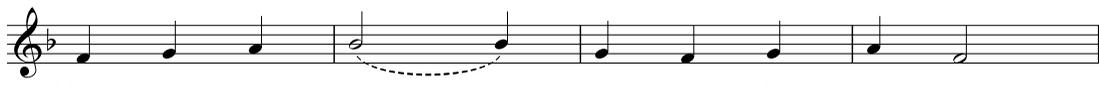
HYMN OF THE DAY  Christ, Be Our Light



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,



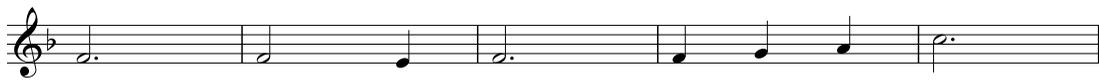
Long - ing for truth, we turn to you.
Long - ing for hope, man - y de - spair.
man - y the hearts that yearn to be - long.



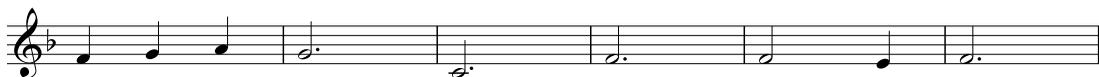
Make us your own, your ho - ly peo - ple,
Your Word a - lone has pow'r to save us.
Let us be ser - vants to one an - oth - er,



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.

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

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: *All the Day Long*
Show me your ways; teach me your paths;
 guide me in truth; instruct my heart.
You are my God and Savior strong;
 for you my soul waits all the day long.

Show me your ways ...

All the day long, all the day long;
 for you my soul waits all the day long.

All the day long, all the day long;
 for you my soul waits all the day long.

Remember, O Lord, your loving-kindness
 and tender mercies, for they are ever of old,
 for they are ever of old.

Remember not the sins of my youth,
 nor my transgressions;
 according to your mercy, Lord, remember me.

Show me your ways ...

All the day long ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

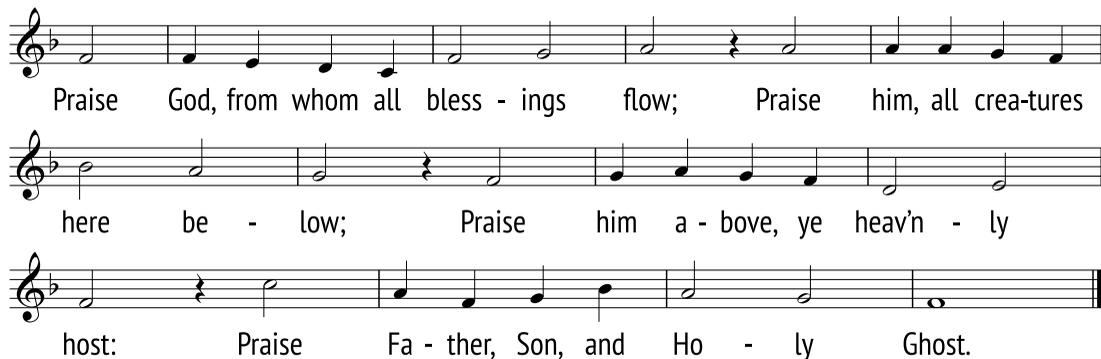
PEACE

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

Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.

OFFERTORY: *Doxology*

The music to the Doxology may be found on the next page



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. 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.**

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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.
- + 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. 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

📖 *My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness*



1. My___ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to him who
2. My___ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to him who
3. My___ heart is filled with thank - ful - ness to him who



bore my pain; who___ plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and
walks be - side; who___ floods my weak - ness - es with strength and
reigns a - bove; whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose



gave me life a - gain; who___ crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness, and
caus - es fear to fly; whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for
ev - 'ry thought is love. For___ ev - 'ry day I have on earth is



clothed me in his light, and___ wrote his law of
ev - 'ry step I take; sus - tain - ing me with
giv - en by the King; so___ I will give my



rig - teous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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  *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

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

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 Jan Smith by Don and Jane Smith

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1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,

in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;
 from the sha - dows in - to your ra - diance;
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,

Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry;

set us free by the truth you now bring us.
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.

Shine on me, shine on me.

Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;
 blaze, Spi - rit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.

Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;
 send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

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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>

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE

FEBRUARY 18 | NOON AND 7 P.M.
SANCTUARY

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

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.

Today at First Lutheran

- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary 8 a.m.
- Confirmation Brunch, Peel House Kitchen..... 9 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 (Introduction to First Lutheran), 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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