A watercolor-style illustration of a landscape. A light-colored, winding river flows from the top left towards the bottom right. The surrounding hills and fields are rendered in various shades of blue, green, and purple, with soft, blended edges. The overall mood is serene and natural.

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# 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.

### 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 Second Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 1, 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

*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.*

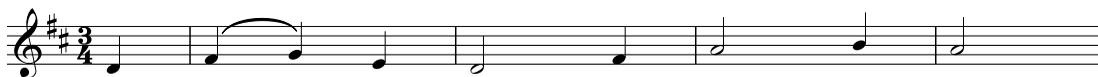
**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son 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.**

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *Praise His Holy Name!*

DEDICATION OF CHOIR ROBES

OPENING HYMN 📖 *God Loved the World*

Please stand as you are able.



1. God loved the world so that he gave  
 2. Christ Je - sus is the ground of faith,  
 3. If you are ill, if death draws near,  
 4. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son,



his on - ly Son the lost to save,  
 who was made flesh and suf - fered death;  
 this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer:  
 and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three in One!



that all who would in him be - lieve  
 all who con - fide in Christ a - lone  
 Christ Je - sus res - cues us from death;  
 To you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
 are built on this chief cor - ner - stone.  
 that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
 be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, our Leader and Guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world 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 12:1 – 4

In the black pew Bible · Page 8

After the reading:

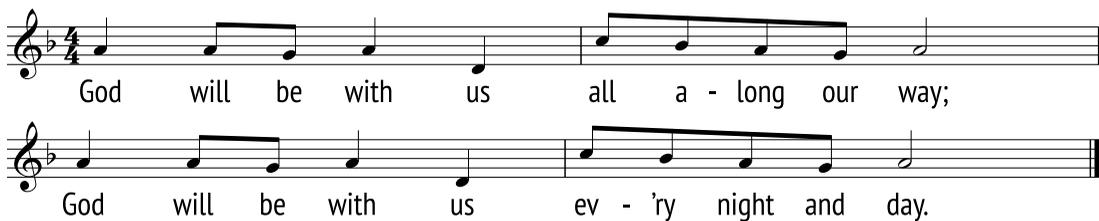
The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 121

The choir sings the refrain and everyone repeats it.

The choir chants the psalm and everyone sings the refrain.



God will be with us all a - long our way;  
God will be with us ev - 'ry night and day.

I lift up my eyes to the hills.

From where does my help come?

My help comes from the Lord,

who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved;

he who keeps you will not slumber.

Behold, he who keeps Israel

will neither slumber nor sleep. **Refrain.**

The Lord is your keeper;

the Lord is your shade on your right hand.

The sun shall not strike you by day,

nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all evil;

he will keep your life.

The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in

from this time forth and forevermore. **Refrain.**

READING: ROMANS 4:13 – 17

In the black pew Bible · Page 912

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand for the gospel.*

LENTEN SENTENCE: *Return to the Lord, Your God*

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 3:1 – 17

In the black pew Bible · Page 860

*Before the reading:*

The holy gospel according to John,  
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. 722 O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

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.**

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.



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

OFFERING MUSIC: *And Can It Be?*

And can it be? And can it be?

Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain  
an interest in the Savior's blood?

Died he for me who caused his pain?

For me who him to death pursued?

Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left his Father's throne above,  
so free, so infinite his grace;  
emptied himself of all but love,  
and bled for Adam's helpless race.

'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
for, O! my God, it found out me.

And can it be? And can it be?  
Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!  
Alive in him, my living Head,  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love! how can it be  
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

Amazing love! how can it be?  
Amazing love!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*



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. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/2 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and half notes. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes. The third staff features a change in time signature to 3/4, indicated by a double bar line and a new time signature. The fourth staff continues the melody with quarter and eighth notes, ending 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

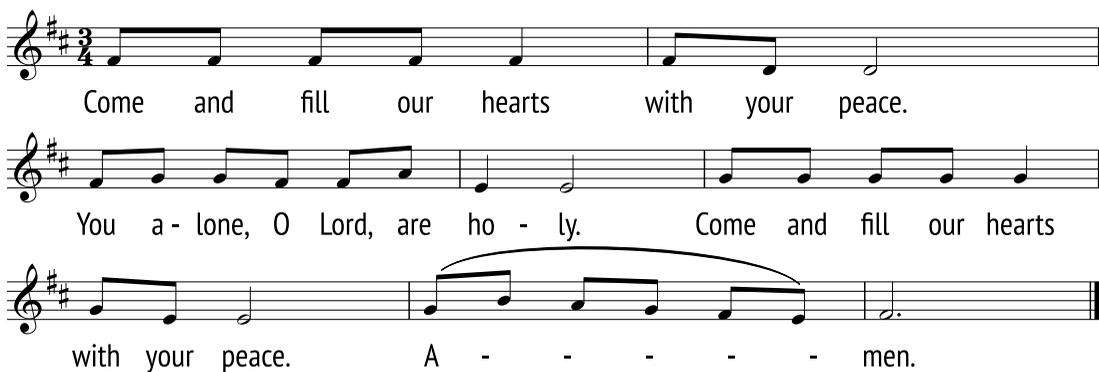
HYMN  Jesus, Lover of My Soul

The music to the hymn may be found on Page 12.

The choir sings the first verse.

Everyone joins in singing the subsequent verses.

HYMN  Come and Fill Our Hearts



Come and fill our hearts with your peace.

You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly. Come and fill our hearts

with your peace. A - - - - men.

Please stand for the blessing, found on Page 13.

HYMN  *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*



Choir: 1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to your  
 All: 2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none; all my hope is  
 All: 3. You, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in  
 All: 4. Bound - less grace with you is found, grace to cov - er



pre - sence fly, while the gath - 'ring wa - ters roll,  
 you I see: leave, O leave me not a - lone;  
 you I find: raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,  
 all my sin: let the heal - ing streams a - bound;



while the tem - pest still is high. Hide me, O my  
 still sup - port and streng - then me. All my trust on  
 heal the sick and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly  
 make and keep me clean with - in. Liv - ing Foun - tain,



Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe in - to the  
 you is stayed, all my help from you I bring: cov - er my de -  
 is your name, I am all un - worth - i - ness; weak and full of  
 now im - part all your life and pu - ri - ty; spring for - ev - er



ha - ven, guide and re - ceive my soul at last.  
 fense - less head with the shad - ow of your wing.  
 sin I am, you are full of truth and grace.  
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty!

## 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. 611 *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

## SENDING

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

## POSTLUDE

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## BOOK GROUP

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 4  
LIBRARY | 7 P.M.

Come join us on the first Wednesday of every month for our book group! This month we will be discussing *Theo of Golden* by Allen Levi.

## ALTAR FLOWERS

Altar flowers designated in memory or in honor of a loved one are now \$100. Order flowers here:  
<https://bit.ly/4nKyPYq>

## TELLING YOUR STORY

SUNDAYS, MARCH 15 AND 22  
PEEL HOUSE | 9:15 – 10:15 A.M.

Do you want to feel more comfortable and confident in sharing your faith? Do you want to partner with the Holy Spirit to change the world? Class participants will have the opportunity to develop their own faith story to share with others. The class is taught by retired pastor Glenn Zimbelman who was trained as mission developer by the ELCA and has served in two mission starts.

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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 BASKETS

DONATE IN GATHERING PLACE

Donate items (listed in Ekklesia) under the "Youth Posters" in the Gathering Place

MARCH 22, ASSEMBLE BASKETS

We need volunteers on Sunday, March 22, to give of their time and talent on the Easter Basket assembly line. If you can stop by after your worship service to make 2+ Easter Baskets, we'll be done in no time!

## 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>



# 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.

# 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.  
*First Communion Instructions for Families (Grade 3), Sunday School room*
- 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*
- Handbells for Children (Grades 2 – 5), Handbell Room ..... 10:45 a.m.
- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary ..... 11 a.m.
- First Communion Instruction for Families (Grade 3), Fireside Room ..... 11:30 a.m.
- Gallery of Living Art Rehearsal, Gathering Place ..... See Below
- 1 p.m. *The Judas Kiss (Scene 7)*
  - 1:30 p.m. *Mary Magdalene at the Sepulchre (Scene 12)*
  - 2 p.m. *Christ on the Cross (Scene 10)*
  - 2:30 p.m. *The Fall on the Road to Calvary (Scene 9)*
  - 3 p.m. Sunday Morning Scenes

## 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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## 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

