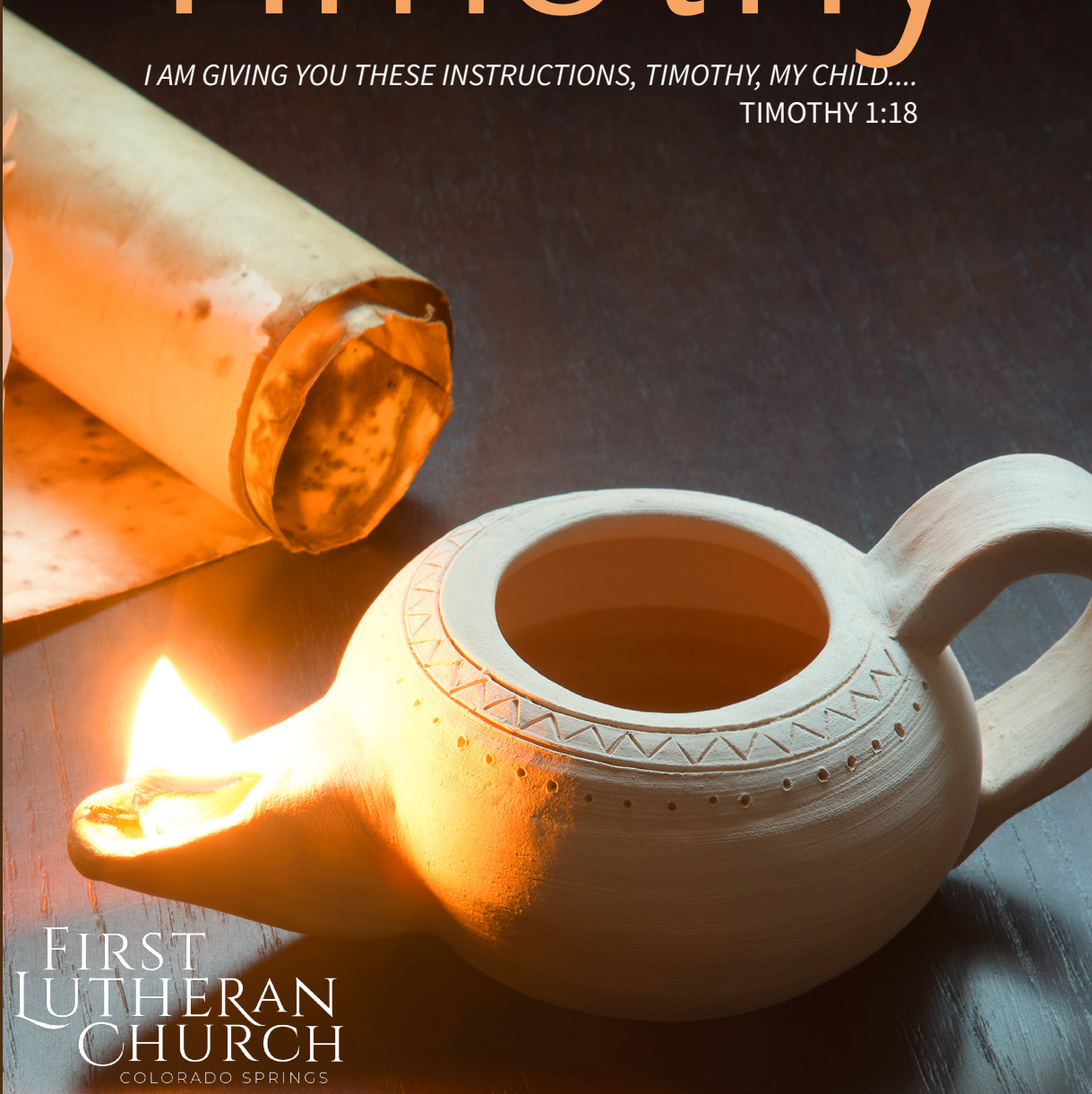


SEPTEMBER 21, 2025 ■ 8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

Timothy

I AM GIVING YOU THESE INSTRUCTIONS, TIMOTHY, MY CHILD....

TIMOTHY 1:18



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS

WELCOME TO FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH!

Today, as since 1892, we welcome members and guests to glorify God and exalt his name.

HOLY COMMUNION

We celebrate Holy Communion at every worship service; all who believe in Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome. Please follow the lead of the ushers in going forward. In addition to bread and wine, white grape juice and gluten-free wafers are available.

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.

CHILD CARE

All ages are welcome in worship; however, our professionally-staffed child care center is 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 in-person Adult Seminar in the Peel House at 9:15 a.m.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Following the worship service, please join us in the Gathering Place for coffee and fellowship.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE

Join us Sundays at 10:15 a.m. for our newest service in the Worship Center on the second level – a distinctively Lutheran approach to contemporary worship. During the sermon, **First Kids** (PreK – 2) is offered in the Fireside Room for our younger worshippers.

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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Text “Guest” to 719-988-3524 to complete a Connection Card.

Text “Give” to 719-988-3524 for our online giving form.

The Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 21, 2025 ■ 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

Congregational responses are printed in **bold type**.

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

CONFESSION OF SIN AND ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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.....Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners! Je - sus!
2. Je - sus! what a Strength in weak - ness! Let me
3. Je - sus! what a Help in sor - row! While the
4. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive him; more than



Lov - er of my soul; friends may fail me, foes as -
hide my - self in him; tempt - ed, tried, and oft - en
bil - lows o'er me roll, e - ven when my heart is
all in him I find. He has grant - ed me for -



sail me; he, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.
fail - ing, he, my Strength, my vic - t'ry wins.
break - ing, he, my Com - fort, helps my soul.
give - ness: I am his, and he is mine.



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior! Hal - le - lu - jah!



what a Friend! Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing,



lov - ing, he is with me to the end.

SCRIPTURE READING ▪ 1 TIMOTHY 2:1 – 7

The reading may be found on Page 963 in the black pew Bibles.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116:1 – 9

Please join in reading our psalm responsively.

I love the Lord, for he heard my voice;
he heard my cry for mercy.

Because he turned his ear to me,
I will call on him as long as I live.

**The cords of death entangled me,
the anguish of the grave came upon me;
I was overcome by trouble and sorrow.**

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

“O Lord, save me!”

The Lord is gracious and righteous;
our God is full of compassion.

**The Lord protects the simplehearted;
when I was in great need, he saved me.**

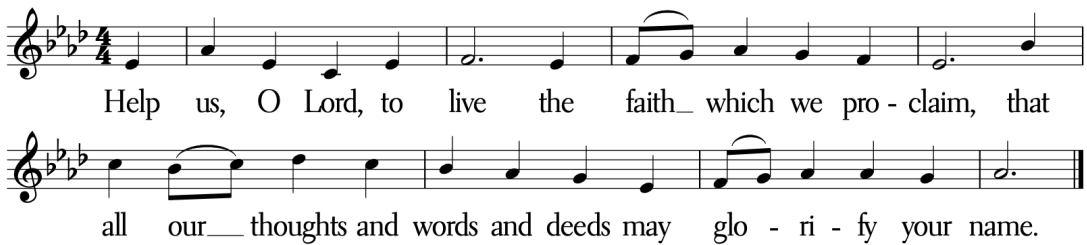
Be at rest once more, O my soul,
for the Lord has been good to you.

For you, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,

**that I may walk before the Lord
in the land of the living.**

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION.....Help Us, O Lord



GOSPEL READING ▪ LUKE 16:1 – 13

The reading may be found on Page 846 in the black pew Bibles.

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke,
the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Pastor Carrie Baylis

HYMN OF THE DAY Behold the Throne of Grace

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

1. Be - hold the throne of grace, the prom - ise calls us
 2. Be - yond our deep - est need his love and pow'r can

near; there mer - cy shines in Je - sus' face, who
 bless; he al - ways grants to those who plead more

waits to an - swer prayer. That rich a - ton - ing
 than they can ex - press. Your im - age, Lord, re -

blood, which at the cross we see, pro - vides for those who
 new, your pre - sence and your love; we ask to work on

come to God an all - pre - vail - ing plea.
 earth for you and live with you a - bove.

THE APOSTLES' CREEED

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

OFFERING MUSIC..... *The Lord Is Kind and Merciful*

*The Lord is kind and merciful,
the Lord is kind and merciful.*

*Slow to anger, rich in kindness,
the Lord is kind and merciful.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
all my being bless God’s name.*

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
forget not all God’s blessings.*

The Lord is kind and merciful ...

*The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger, full of kindness.*

*God is good to all creation,
full of compassion.*

The Lord is kind and merciful ...

*The goodness of God is from age to age,
blessing those who choose to love.*

*And justice toward God’s children;
on all who keep the covenant.*

The Lord is kind and merciful ...

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Hannah Statezny, Care and Share

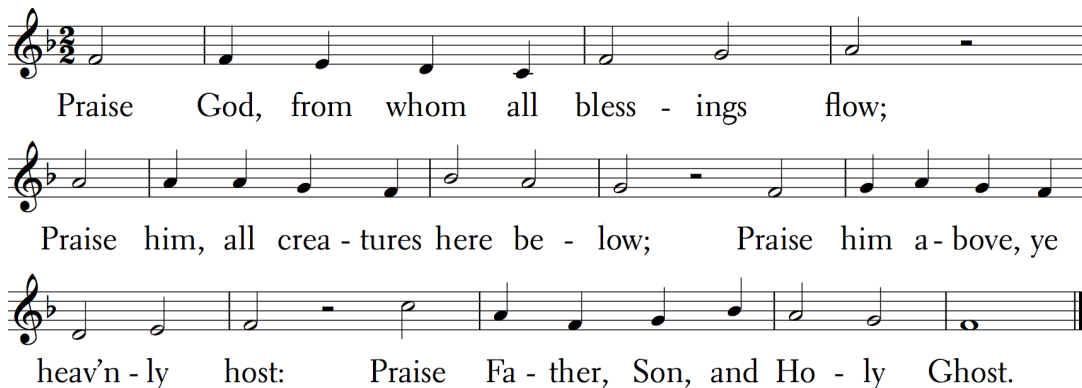
ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

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

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....

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The Sanctus and Benedictus may be found on the next page.

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!

HYMN No. 483 *Here Is Bread*

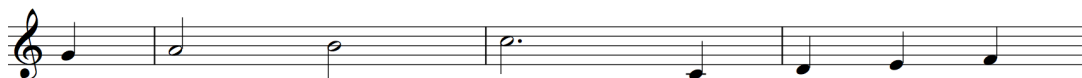
HYMN Now Lives the Lamb of God



1. Now lives the Lamb of God, our Pass - o - ver, the Christ,
2. Now ris - en from the dead, Christ nev - er dies a - gain;
3. Give praise to God a - lone who life from death can bring;



who once with nails and wood for us was sac - ri - ficed:
in us, with Christ as head, sin nev - er - more shall reign:
whose might - y pow'r can turn the win - ter in - to spring:



Come, keep the feast, the an - them sing



that Christ in - deed is Lord and King!

COMMUNION BLESSING AND POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray together ...

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. 545 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

TODAY AT FIRST LUTHERAN

Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	8 a.m.
Adult Seminar, Peel House Parlor.....	9:15 a.m.
Senior Living and Care Innovation Programs, led by Patrick Bultema	
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.
Lunch and Learn: <i>In the Footsteps of Paul</i> , Peel House Parlor.....	Noon
Swing Dance Lessons, Peel House Parlor	1:30 p.m.

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