



BREAKING TRADITION

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FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS

September 7, 2025 ■ 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.

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 Summer Sunday School is in session! Children attend the beginning of the 9:30 a.m. service with their parents, come forward for a special children's message, then leave the sanctuary for a lesson, returning to worship in time for communion. Adults are invited to join our 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, Children's Church 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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The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

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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..... No. 858 *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

9:30 A.M. ▪ SUNDAY SCHOOL BLESSING

SCRIPTURE READING ▪ DEUTERONOMY 30:15 – 20

The reading may be found on Page 167 in the black pew Bibles.

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 1

Please join in reading our psalm responsively.

Blessed is the one

who does not walk in step with the wicked

or stand in the way that sinners take

or sit in the company of mockers,

but whose delight is in the law of the Lord,

and who meditates on his law day and night.

That person is like a tree planted by streams of water,

which yields its fruit in season

and whose leaf does not wither –

whatever they do prospers.

Not so the wicked!

They are like chaff that the wind blows away.

Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,

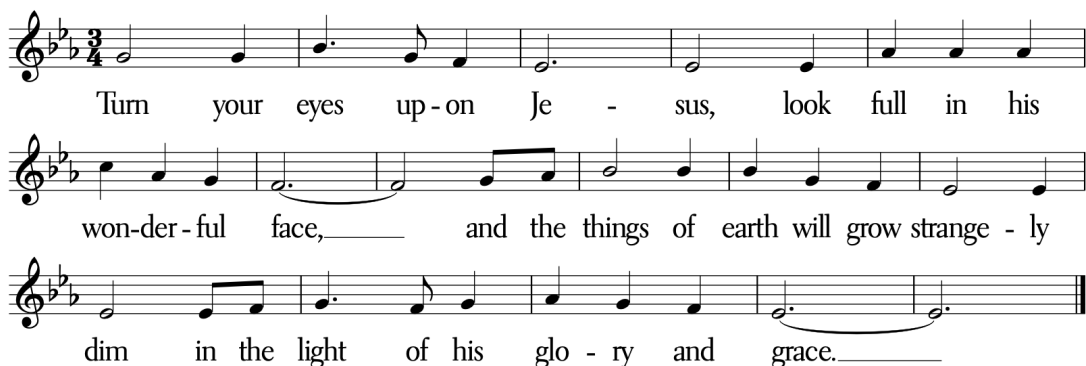
nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous.

For the Lord watches over the way of the righteous,

but the way of the wicked leads to destruction.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION..... Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus



GOSPEL READING ■ LUKE 14:25 – 33

The reading may be found on Page 845 in the black pew Bibles.

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to Luke,
the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord

After the reading:

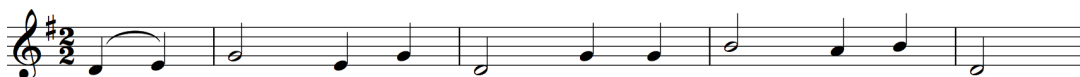
The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

SERMON Pastor Travis Norton

HYMN OF THE DAY How Firm a Foundation

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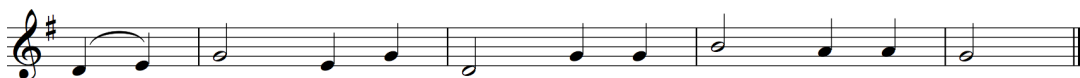
1. How_ firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear_ not! I am with thee; O be not dis-mayed,
3. "When thru fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
4. "The_ soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose;



is_ laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for_ I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
my_ grace, all - suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply.
I_ will not, I will not de - sert to his foes.



What more can he say than to you he hath said,
I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
The flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
That soul, tho' all hell should en - deav - or to shake,



to_ you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
thy_ dross to con - sume and thy gold to re - fine.
I'll_ nev - er, no nev - er, no nev - er for - sake!"

THE APOSTLES' CREED

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..... Look to Jesus

Open up your eyes; do not walk away.

He who calls the stars is calling you to stay and ...

Look to Jesus – all we need is found in him:

living water, flowing life down deep within.

Yes, it’s Jesus – the answer, you will find in him.

He knows ev’ry name, he knows ev’ry face.

He welcomes everyone to his amazing grace.

Look to Jesus ...

Look to Jesus ...

ANNOUNCEMENTS

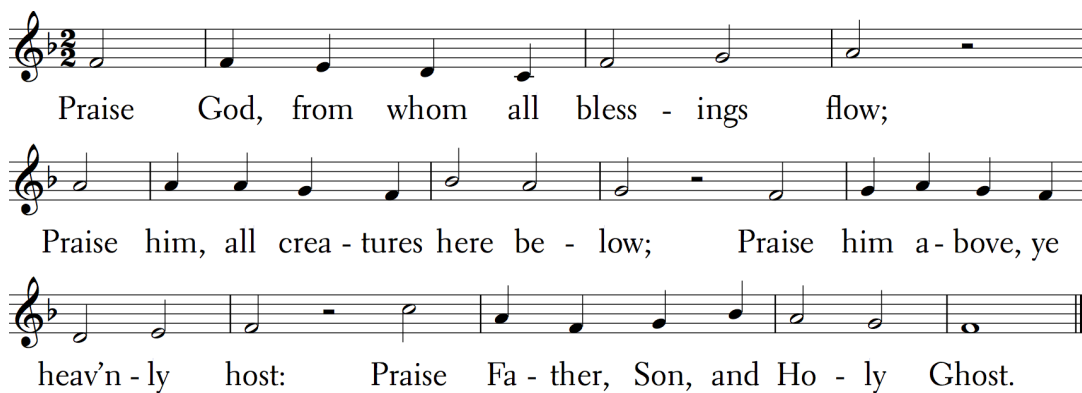
PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

OFFERTORY Doxology

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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. Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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....

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

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of pow - er, God of might, heav-en and earth are
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Bless - ed is he who comes in the name, in the name of the Lord.
 Ho - san-na in the high-est, ho - san-na in the high - est!
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
 God of might, heav-en and earth are full of your
 glo - ry. 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!

HYMNNo. 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN*We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*



1. We sing the praise of him who died,

2. In - scribed up - on the cross we see

3. The cross! It takes our guilt a - way;

4. The balm of life, the cure of woe,

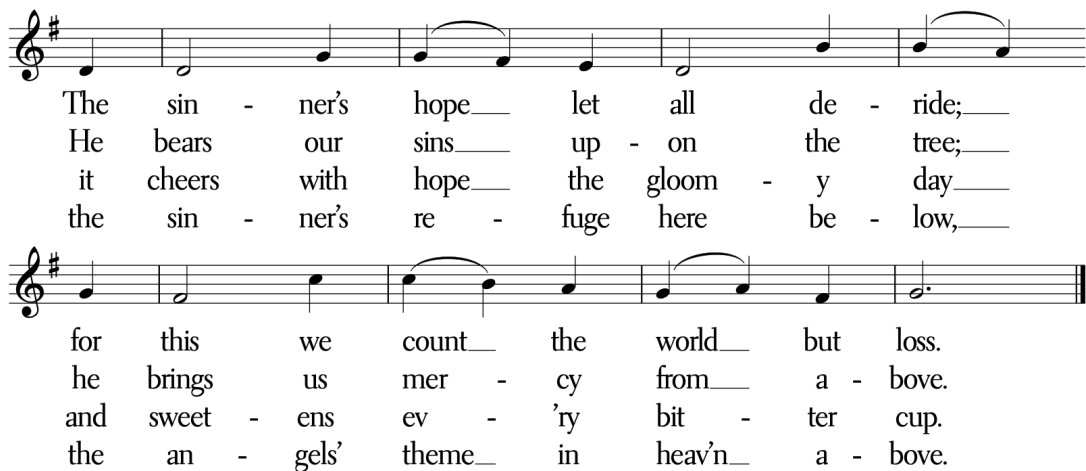


of him who died up - on the cross.

in shin - ing let - ters, "God is love."

it holds the faint - ing spi - rit up;

the mea - sure and the pledge of love,



The sin - ner's hope let all de - ride;____
 He bears our sins up - on the tree;____
 it cheers with hope the gloom - y day____
 the sin - ner's re - fuge here be - low,____
 for this we count the world but loss.
 he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
 and sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
 the an - gels' theme in heav'n a - bove.

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. 805 *Lead on, O King Eternal*

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.
Tech Support with Cheryl, Welcome Center.....	9 a.m., 10 a.m., and 12 p.m.
Adult Seminar, in the Peel House	9:15 a.m.
<i>Friends of Club 21 – Helping Families and Individuals with Down’s Syndrome to Flourish, led by Joe Mason.</i>	
Sunday School Rally Day / Pancake Breakfast	9:30 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
Contemporary Worship Service, Worship Center.....	10:15 a.m.
Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary	11 a.m.
Swing Dance Lessons, the Peel House	1:30 p.m.

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Senior Pastor

The Rev. Carrie Baylis
Associate Pastor

The Rev. Michaela Eskew
Associate Pastor of Faith Formation

Eric Wicks
Minister of Worship and Music

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Minister of Contemporary Worship



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