

FIRST  
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COLORADO SPRINGS



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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.

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# The Third Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 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

*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  *Wonderful, Merciful Savior*  
*The hymn may be found on the next page.*



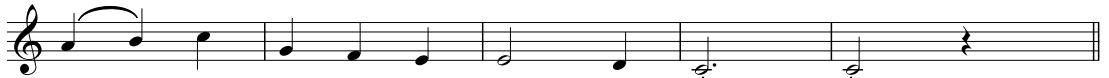
1. Won - der - ful, mer - ci - ful Sav - ior, pre - cious Re -  
 2. Coun - sel - lor, Com - for - ter, Keep - er, Spi - rit we  
 3. Al - migh - ty, In - fin - ite Fa - ther, faith - ful - ly



deem - er and Friend; \_\_\_\_\_ who would have thought that a  
 long to em - brace; \_\_\_\_\_ you of - fer hope when our  
 lov - ing your own; \_\_\_\_\_ here in our weak - ness you



Lamb could res - cue the souls of men?  
 hearts have hope - less - ly lost the way,  
 find us fall - ing be - fore your throne,



Oh, \_\_\_\_\_ you res - cue the souls of men. \_\_\_\_\_ **Back to Verse 2**  
 oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we hope - less - ly lost the way. \_\_\_\_\_ **On to Refrain**  
 oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we're fall - ing be - fore your throne. \_\_\_\_\_ **On to Refrain**



**Refrain**  
 You are the One that we praise, \_\_\_\_\_



you are the One we a - dore; \_\_\_\_\_



you give the heal - ing and grace our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for, oh, \_\_\_\_\_ our



hearts al - ways hun - ger for. \_\_\_\_\_ **Repeat Refrain last time**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through 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: EXODUS 17:1 – 7

In the black pew Bible · Page 56

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

INTRODUCTION TO THE SCENE

GALLERY OF LIVING ART

*The Woman at the Well: Chris Lieber and Vicki Lieber*

MEDITATION: *Come to Me*

Come to me, all you who labor,  
and I will give you rest.

Come to me, all you who labor,  
and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me,  
for I am meek and lowly of heart.

Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me.

Come to me, all you who labor,  
and I will give you rest.

Come to me, all you who labor,  
and I will give you rest.

*Words continue on the next page.*

For my yoke is easy, my burden is light.

My yoke is easy, my burden is light,  
and you shall find rest unto your souls,  
unto your souls.

Come to me, all you who labor,  
and I will give you rest.

Come to me, all you who labor,  
and I will give you rest.

Come to me, come to me,  
come to me.

PSALM 95:1 – 7

*The choir chants the psalm.*

Come, let us sing to the Lord;

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God,  
and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth,  
and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it,  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

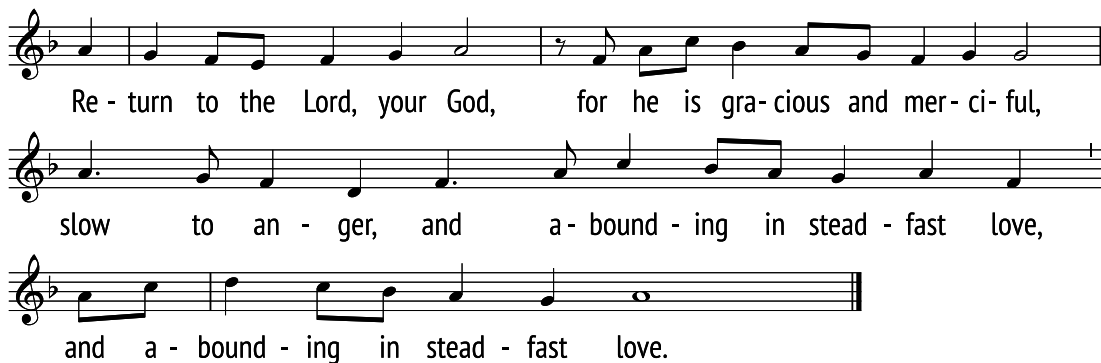
Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee,  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

*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 4:5 – 42

In the black pew Bible · Page 860

*Before the reading:*

The holy gospel according to John,  
the fourth 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 CARRIE BAYLIS

*Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.*

HYMN OF THE DAY 📖 *Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

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



1. "Come to me, all pil - grims thirst - y; drink the wa - ter
2. "Come to me, all trav - 'lers wea - ry; come that I may
3. "Come to me, re - pen - tant sin - ners; leave be - hind your



I will give. If you knew what gift I of - fer,  
give you rest. Drink the cup of life I of - fer;  
guilt and shame. Come and know di - vine com - pas - sion,



you would come to me and live."  
at this ta - ble be my guest." Je - sus, ev - er - flow - ing  
turn to me, I call your name."



foun - tain, give us wa - ter from your well. In the gra - cious gift you



of - fer there is joy no tongue can tell.

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.



## 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

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

## OFFERING MUSIC

## 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*

*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.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. O God, maker of heaven and earth, your steadfast love embraces all creation. You send rain and sunshine to nourish the earth and bring forth its bounty. Through these gifts of bread and wine, draw us into the death and life of your Son, who calls us to bear witness to his saving work. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

9:30 A.M. ■ CELEBRATION OF FIRST COMMUNION

Emberly Lenaette Ackerman, Kearsley Ashley Anderson, Gracelynn Ann Auten, Peyton Maggie Duncan, Palmer Daniel Friedell, Jane Frances Fritzsche, and Ellie Marie Segura

When each of you were baptized God claimed you as his own child. You were united with Jesus and made a member of the one holy church. Jesus has given his church the meal of Holy Communion that we might receive forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We receive these gifts because we receive Jesus himself in the bread and the

wine. You have been taught what we believe about this meal, although it will forever be a mystery to be received through faith. God will reveal even more to you through this meal as you faithfully come to Christ's table to receive his gifts and learn his ways.

*Addressing the communicants:*

Do you believe that Jesus died on the cross to forgive your sins? **I believe.**

Do you believe that Jesus comes to you in, with and under the bread and the wine?  
**I believe.**

Do you believe that God unites us to one another in this holy meal? **I believe.**

This is Christ's table and he welcomes you to receive this meal. This is a gift to you, meant to be received regularly. Come to worship each week to hear God's Word, share in his supper, and care for the community of the church. This is how you grow as a Christian. Do you promise to regularly come to this table and receive this meal that you may be strengthened in your faith? **I do, with the help of God.**

*Turning and addressing the congregation:*

You have heard the confession of these young people and their commitment to continue growing in their relationship with the church and with Jesus Christ. God's whole family shares in the promise and responsibility for helping them to grow in Christ. On behalf of the church and of the young people whom you serve as sponsors, will you help them to fulfill their promises? **We will, with the help of God.**

I now invite each of you to the Lord's table where you will receive the sacrament of Holy Communion, a gift from God; the promise of forgiveness, strength, and new life in Christ. Please kneel.

ALL SERVICES ■ 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 lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves feature changes in time signature to 3/4 and 2/2, respectively, and end 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  No. 471 *Let Us Break Bread Together*

HYMN  No. 803 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

*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  Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing  
*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

1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bles - sing, fill our hearts with  
 2. Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's  
 joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - ses - sing,  
 joy - ful sound. May the fruits of your sal - va - tion  
 tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace. Oh, re - fresh us;  
 in our hearts and lives a - bound. Ev - er faith - ful,  
 oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling thru this wil - der - ness.  
 ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.

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## 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 two or more Easter Baskets, we'll be done in no time!

## GALLERY OF LIVING ART 2026

Gallery of Living Art brings biblical scenes to life through powerful storytelling, music, and dramatic tableaux. This unique production invites all ages to experience Scripture in a vivid and memorable way.

### 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.
- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary ..... 9:30 a.m.  
*First Communion for Third Graders*
- 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.
- Extra Choir Rehearsal, Choir Loft..... 3 p.m.

## 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.

## THE ART OF NEIGHBORING

WEDNESDAYS IN THE GATHERING PLACE  
DINNER 6 P.M. | DISCUSSION 6:30 P.M.

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