

FIRST  
LUTHERAN  
CHURCH  
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.

### DOWNLOAD OUR APP

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# The Fifth Sunday in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2026  
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

📖 · Hymn found in the red hymnal  
📄 · Hymn found in the bulletin

PRELUDE: *Let Everything That Has Breath Praise the Lord* by Kevin McChesney  
Joy Ringers: Gini Dugan, Peter Hauer, Cathy Holiday, Kathy Holmes, Paul Lindsey, Lisa Marting, Carol Olson, Liz Shoemaker, Margie Sisson, Aidan Smith, Leslie Spaziani, Chris White, and John Wicks. Conner Holiday, horn; and Deacon Joan Kuehn, director.

## 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 📖 *When Morning Gilds the Skies*



1. When morn - ing gilds the skies \_\_\_\_\_ my  
 2. To God the Word on high \_\_\_\_\_ the  
 3. Let earth's wide cir - cle round \_\_\_\_\_ in  
 4. The night be - comes as day \_\_\_\_\_ when



heart a - wak - ing cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 hosts of an - gels cry: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 joy - ful notes re - sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 from the heart we say: may Je - sus Christ be praised!



A - like at work and prayer, to Je - sus  
 Let mor - tals, too, up - raise their voice in  
 Let air and sea and sky from depth to  
 The pow'rs of dark - ness fear when this glad



I re - pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 hymns of praise: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 height re - ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!  
 song they hear: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, 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.*

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: *My Jesus, I Love Thee.*  
Joy Ringers; and Katie Granados, soloist.

PSALM 130

*Please join in reading our psalm responsively.*

Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

**If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?**

**But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.**

I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his Word I put my hope.

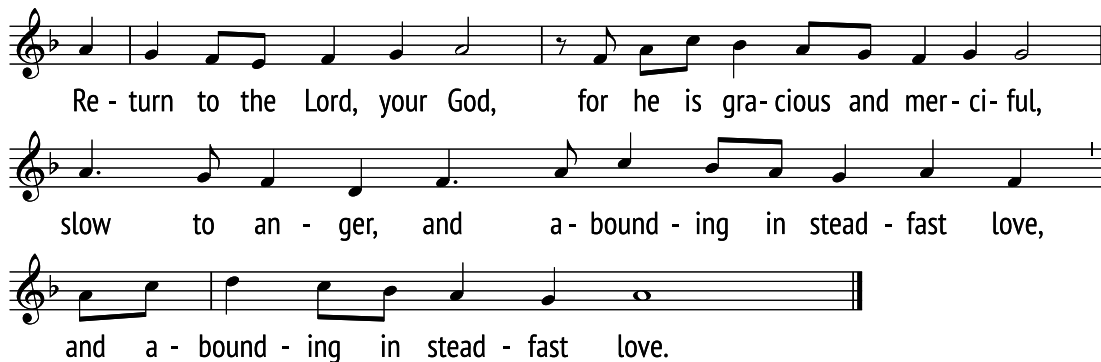
I wait for the Lord  
more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.

**Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.**

**He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.**

*Please stand for the gospel.*

LENTEN SENTENCE: *Return to the Lord, Your God*  
*The music may be found on the next page.*



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 11:1 – 45

In the black pew Bible · Page 869

*Before the reading:*

The holy gospel according to John,  
 the eleventh chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord!**

*After the reading:*

The gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ!**

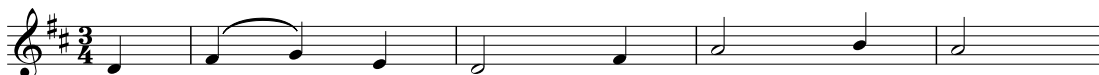
*You may be seated.*

SERMON: PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

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

HYMN OF THE DAY 📖 *God Loved the World*

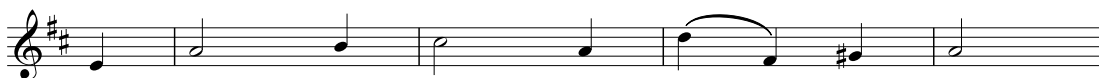
*The music to the hymn may be found on the next page.*



1. God loved the world so that he gave  
2. If you are ill, if death draws near,  
3. Be of good cheer, for God's own Son  
4. All glo - ry to the Fa - ther, Son,



his on - ly Son the lost to save,  
this truth your trou - bled heart can cheer:  
for - gives all sins that you have done,  
and Ho - ly Spi - rit, Three in One!



that all who would in him be - lieve  
Christ Je - sus res - cued us from death;  
and jus - ti - fied by Je - sus' blood,  
To you, O bless - ed Trin - i - ty,



should ev - er - last - ing life re - ceive.  
that is the firm - est ground of faith.  
your bap - tism grants the high - est good.  
be praise now and e - ter - nal - ly!

#### 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: *My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone*

INSPIRE FAITH CAMPAIGN UPDATE

CAMPAIGN CAROL: *The First Narthex*

The first narthex the Luth'rans did build  
was a part of the chapel, with Luth'rans was filled.  
And soon the church became a place  
where saints young and old could tell of God's grace.

*Narthex, narthex, narthex, narthex,  
there we will welcome both member and guest!*

The next narthex the Luth'rans did raise  
was a low, rather dark room – a very tight space.  
Its lights were square, it had three rows of doors,  
and mostly red carpet on all of its floors.

*Narthex, narthex ...*

The new narthex the Luth'rans have planned  
will be spacious and bright and even quite grand,  
a place where God will usher us in  
and bless us in worship as we follow him.

*Narthex, narthex ...*

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.

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.



## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Almighty God, generous Father, you gather a harvest of faith, of righteousness, of new life in Christ from the seeds you've sown. Receive these gifts and strengthen our faith with this bread and wine, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **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. 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 in treble clef with a 3/2 time signature. It consists of four staves of music. The first staff contains the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,'. The second staff contains 'Lord God of pow'r and might, heav'n and earth are'. The third staff contains 'full of your glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est. Bless - ed is'. The fourth staff contains 'he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est.' The music features various note values including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. There are also some accidentals (sharps) and dynamic markings (like 'f' for fortissimo) visible in the notation.

## 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 📖 My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness

The hymn may be found on the next page.

HYMN 📖 No. 472 Eat This Bread

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.**

HYMN  *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



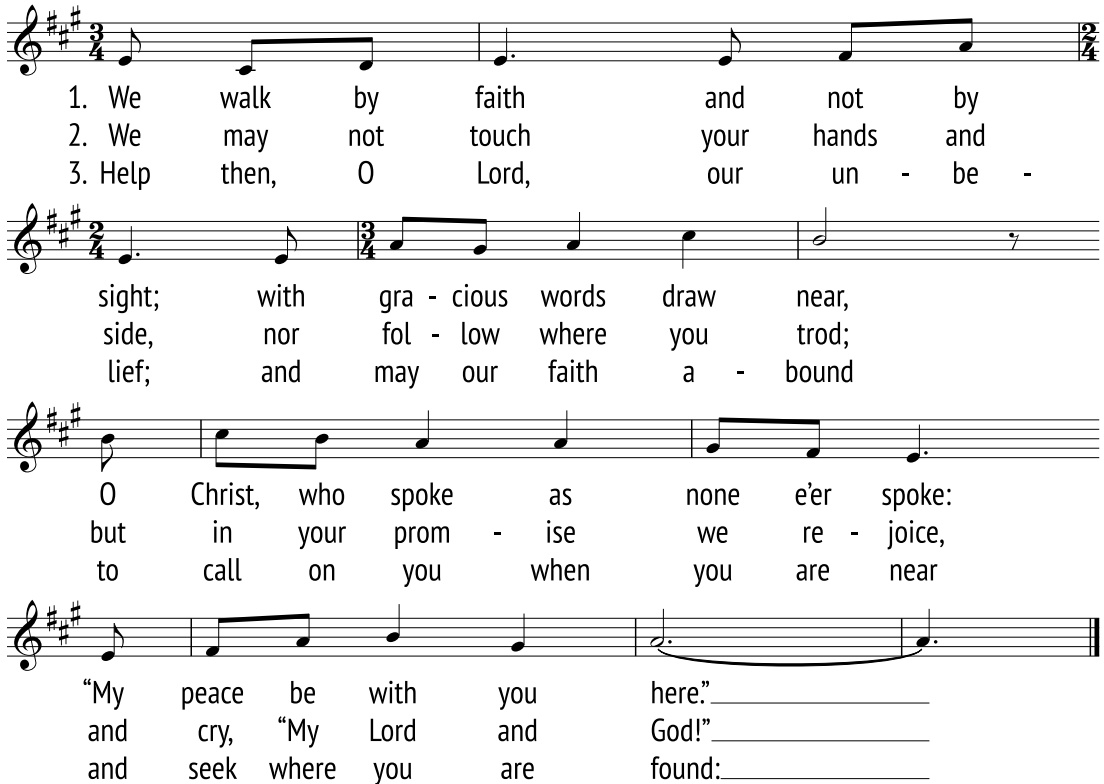
right - teous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
life, my all, to love and fol - low him.

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  *We Walk by Faith*



1. We walk by faith and not by  
2. We may not touch your hands and  
3. Help then, O Lord, our un - be -  
sight; with gra - cious words draw near,  
side, nor fol - low where you trod;  
lief; and may our faith a - bound  
O Christ, who spoke as none e'er spoke:  
but in your prom - ise we re - joice,  
to call on you when you are near  
“My peace be with you here.”  
and cry, “My Lord and God!”  
and seek where you are found:

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

# First Lutheran Staff

## CLERGY

The Rev. Travis Norton, *Senior Pastor*  
The Rev. Carrie Baylis, *Associate Pastor*  
The Rev. Michaela Eskew, *Associate Pastor*

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## EASTER FLOWER CROSS DONATIONS

Honor or memorialize a loved one with a \$15 donation to our 2026 Easter Flower Cross!  
<https://bit.ly/4rWPzOs>

## WANT TO BE BAPTIZED?

### SATURDAY, APRIL 4: EASTER VIGIL SERVICE

Jesus calls us to publicly profess our faith through baptism. For thousands of years, the church has seen the Vigil of Easter as a particularly appropriate time to be baptized. If you (or a child in your family) would like to be baptized in worship on Saturday, April 4, during the 6:30 p.m. Vigil service, please contact the church office at 719.632.8836.



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# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

*In Holy Week, we journey with Jesus to the cross.*

## **PALM SUNDAY • SUNDAY, MARCH 29**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 8, 9:30, and 11 a.m.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP at 10:15 a.m.

## **MAUNDY THURSDAY • THURSDAY, APRIL 2**

SERVICE OF THE SHADOWS AND  
HOLY COMMUNION at 7 p.m.

## **GOOD FRIDAY • FRIDAY, APRIL 3**

READING OF THE PASSION AND  
VENERATION OF THE CROSS at Noon  
FAMILY SERVICE at 5:30 p.m.  
TENEBRAE (Service of Darkness) at 7 p.m.

## **HOLY SATURDAY • SATURDAY, APRIL 4**

EASTER EGG HUNT at 10 a.m.  
DECORATING THE FLOWER CROSS at 10 a.m.  
EASTER VIGIL (the first service of Easter) at 6:30 p.m.

On Easter Sunday, we celebrate Jesus' resurrection  
and victory over death.

## **THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD • SUNDAY, APRIL 5**

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP at 7:45, 9, 10:15, and 11:30 a.m.  
CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP at 10:15 a.m.

Easter Breakfast in the Peel House from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

# HOLY WEEK VOLUNTEERS

**SIGN UP TO HELP AT:**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY**

**GOOD FRIDAY**

**EASTER VIGIL**

**EASTER SUNDAY – TRADITIONAL  
AND CONTEMPORARY SERVICES**



# Today at First Lutheran

- Easter Basket Assembly, Gathering Place ..... 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary ..... 8 a.m.
- Evangelism Class, Peel House 201 ..... 9:15 a.m.  
*Telling Your Story* led by Pastor Glenn Zimbelman
- 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.
- Middle School and High School Bowling at PinHeadz ..... 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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