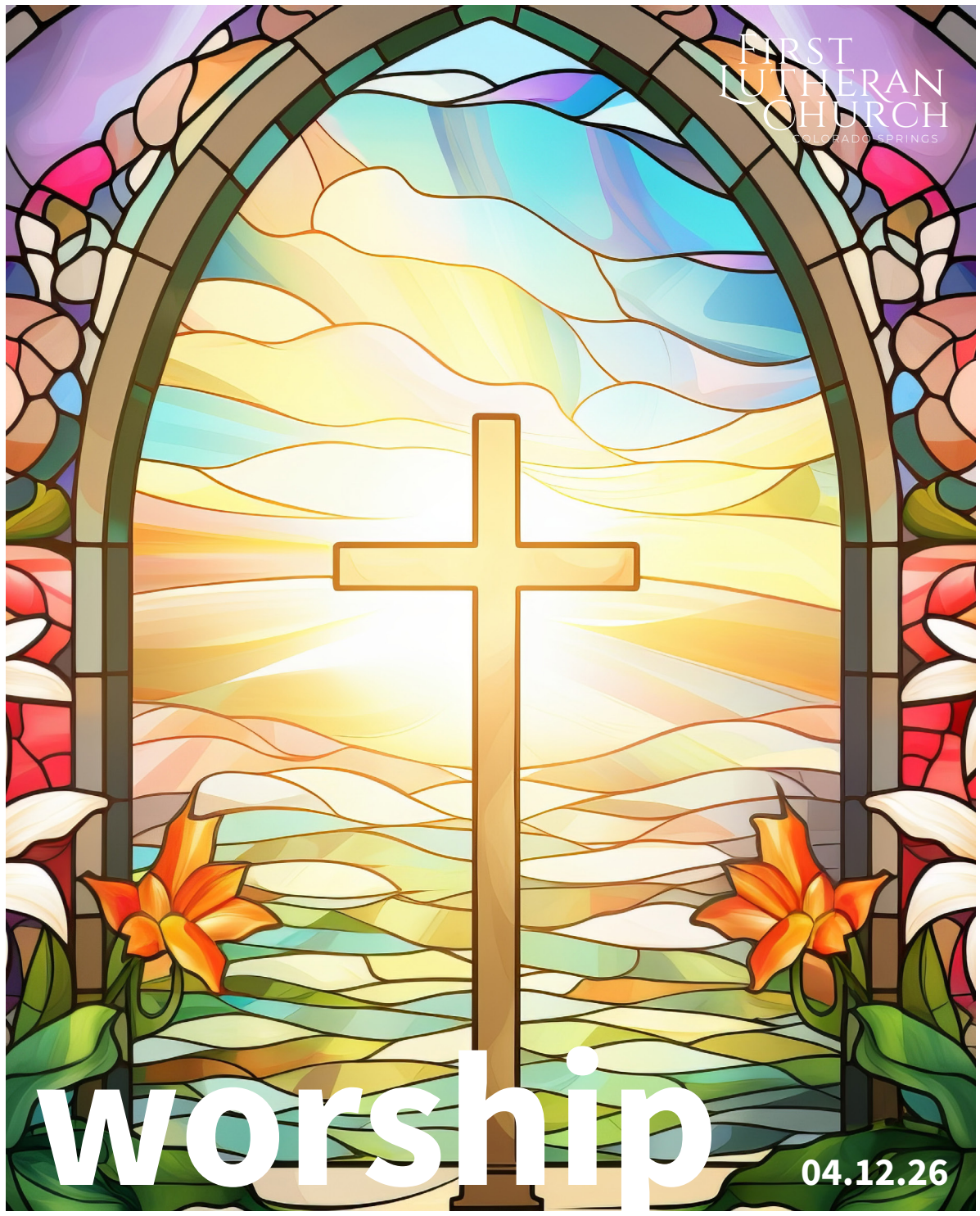


FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS



worship

04.12.26

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 Second Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 2026
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE:

WORD OF WELCOME

Please stand as you are able and turn to face the cross.

Pastor Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Everyone **He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

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 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.

PROCESSIONAL HYMN  No. 361 *The Day of Resurrection!*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt: May we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: 1 PETER 1:3 – 9

In the black pew Bible · Page 987

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 16

Please join in reading our psalm responsively.

Keep me safe, my God,
for in you I take refuge.

**I say to the Lord, “You are my Lord;
apart from you I have no good thing.”**

I say of the holy people who are in the land,
“They are the noble ones in whom is all my delight.”

Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.

**I will not pour out libations of blood to such gods
or take up their names on my lips.**

Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup;
you make my lot secure.

**The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places;
surely I have a delightful inheritance.**

I will praise the Lord, who counsels me;
even at night my heart instructs me.

I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;
my body also will rest secure,
because you will not abandon me to the realm of the dead,
nor will you let your faithful one see decay.

You make known to me the path of life;

**you will fill me with joy in your presence,
with eternal pleasures at your right hand.**

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!*

Christ is ris - en, tru - ly ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia!

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The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19 – 31

In the black pew Bible · Page 879

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to John,
the twentieth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Following the reading, everyone repeats the Acclamation.

You may be seated.

SERMON: PASTOR MICHAELA ESKEW

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY  No. 635 We Walk by Faith

8 AND 11 A.M. ■ 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: *Jesus Lives! The Victory's Won!*

Jesus lives! The victory's won!

Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!

Jesus lives! O praise his name!

Jesus lives! God's love proclaim!

Jesus lives ...

He lives triumphant from the grave;

he lives eternally to save;

he lives exalted, throned above;

he lives to rule his church in love.

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He lives to bless me with his love;
he lives to plead for me above;
he lives my hungry soul to feed;
he lives to help in time of need.

Jesus lives ...

He lives, my kind and heav'nly Friend;
he lives and loves me to the end;
he lives, and while he lives I'll sing;
he lives, my Prophet, Priest, and King!

I know that my Redeemer lives!
What joy this blest assurance gives!
Alleluia, alleluia!

He lives, he lives, who once was dead;
he lives, my ever-living Head!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia!

Christ lives – all glory to his name!
He lives, my Savior, still the same!
Alleluia, alleluia!

What joy this blest assurance gives:
I know that my Redeemer lives!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!

Jesus lives! The victory's won!
Jesus lives! Death's reign is done!
Jesus lives! Jesus lives!
Jesus lives!

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.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

9:30 A.M. ■ HOLY BAPTISM

The baptismal liturgy may be found on Page 227 in the red hymnals.

Leo John Mackiewicz

is the son of Kyle Mackiewicz and Carley Muller

and is sponsored by Andrew and Ashley Palski.

Luca Majd Muller

is the son of Jay and Megan Muller

and is sponsored by Sydney Majd and Alexander Noroccea.

Zachary Andrew Palski

and Wesley Walter Palski

are sons of Andrew and Ashley Palski

and are sponsored by Carley Muller and Kyle Mackiewicz.

PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Please remain standing as we sing the Offertory.

OFFERTORY: Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!

Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of lyrics, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are: 'Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!' and 'Sing his prais - es! Al - le - lu - ia! Christ is ris - en from the dead!'.

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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin, who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS



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!

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.*
- + *As you return to your seat via the side aisle, place your empty glass in the white rack.*
- + *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

TRIO: *Till He Comes Again*

HYMN  No. 477 *I Received the Living God*

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 📖 *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

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



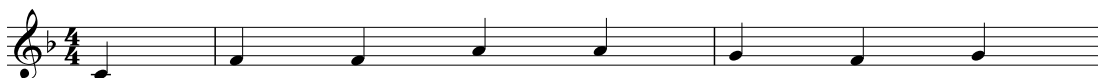
SEASON TWO

Generation to Revelation

First Lutheran Church Podcast

Our podcast is an open conversation on the Christian faith, hosted by three people from different generations and religious backgrounds. This season, we're tackling some of the big questions Christians are asking today. We're especially mindful of those who may have stepped away from the faith they grew up with—or who never had much experience with faith at all—and are now wondering if Christianity has something meaningful to offer.

HYMN  *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name!
 2. O seed of Is - ra - el's cho - sen race
 3. Sin - ners, whose love can ne'er for - get
 4. Oh, that with you - der sa - cred throng



Let an - gels pros - trate fall;
 now ran - somed from the fall,
 the worm - wood and the gall,
 we at his feet may fall!



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem
 hail him who saves you by his grace
 go spread your tro - phies at his feet
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song



and crown him Lord of all.



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DINING OUT WITH FIRST LUTHERAN

SELECT TUESDAYS | 5:30 P.M.
VARIOUS RESTAURANTS

All are welcome to join this group, which meets at local restaurants on two Tuesdays of each month to enjoy various cuisines and fellowship. Reservations will be made two weeks in advance, so be sure to sign up early. To register, visit <https://bit.ly/4iRh4ff>

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

April 14	Bourbon Brothers 13021 Bass Pro Drive
April 28	PF Changs 1725 Briargate Parkway
May 12	Nakhon Luang Thai 805 Village Center Drive
May 26	Jake & Telly's Greek Taverna, 2616 Colorado Avenue, #24

Altar Flowers ...

... have been given to the
glory of God and:

🌿 In loving memory of
Ron Devish by his family

MUSICIANS

Trio: Brittany and Zach Bailey,
and Katie Granados
Deacon Joan Kuehn, *guest organist*

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 **BASIC**

WEDNESDAYS, APRIL 22 - AUGUST 12
6 - 7:30 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE, ROOM 201
LED BY DEACON JANICE ZIMBELMAN

APRIL 22	BIBLE, PART ONE
APRIL 29	BIBLE, PART TWO
MAY 20	ABIDE, PART ONE
MAY 27	ABIDE, PART TWO
JUNE 10	SALVATION, PART ONE
JUNE 24	SALVATION, PART TWO
JULY 15	IMITATION, PART ONE
JULY 22	IMITATION, PART TWO
AUGUST 5	CHURCH, PART ONE
AUGUST 12	CHURCH, PART TWO

Don't miss this opportunity to build a stronger foundation – together!

ALPHA

WEDNESDAYS, 6 - 8 P.M.
GATHERING PLACE
MAY 6 - JUNE 24

8 WEEK COURSE
DINNER | VIDEO | DISCUSSION

Explore life's big questions no matter who you are or what you believe, there's a seat for you at the Alpha table. Dinner is free. Sign up through QR code.



**OPEN INVITATION TO
OPEN CONVERSATIONS**

CHAIR YOGA

WITH FIRST LUTHERAN'S MARGIE SISSON



WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15
11 A.M. – 12 P.M.
POTLUCK LUNCH | NOON

SIGN UP DEADLINE
MONDAY, APRIL 13



Are you ready for a workout, OWLS? Our very own Margie Sisson is going to lead us all through a Chair Yoga routine which we can then use at home.

Have mobility or balance issues? No worries, this is for you – we are sitting down. Please wear comfortable and loose clothing. The theme is “Will exercise for food!” as we will exercise before we eat!

Join in as we fellowship during a potluck lunch AFTER the presentation.



Answering God
PRAYING
the **PSALMS**

SUNDAYS | APRIL 12, 19, & 26
PEEL HOUSE | 9:15 A.M.

APRIL 12: THE PSALMS IN COMMUNAL WORSHIP SUNDAY
APRIL 19: THE PSALMS AS TOOLS FOR PRAYER SUNDAY
APRIL 26: A PLAN FOR PRAYING THE PSALMS

Today at First Lutheran

- Adult Education, Peel House Parlor9:15 a.m.
Praying the Psalms
- 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.
- 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 Pizza and Game Night, Fellowship Hall 5 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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

WEDNESDAYS IN THE WORSHIP CENTER
DINNER 5:15 P.M. | SERVICE 6:30 P.M.

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