



FIRST
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
COLORADO SPRINGS

worship

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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

With the First Lutheran app, you can watch online services and live streams, manage your giving, update your contact information, sign up for events, and more. Navigate to your app store and download *Church by MinistryOne*. Search for **FIRST LUTHERAN CHURCH** or use our ZIP code, 80907.

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, APRIL 26, 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

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.**

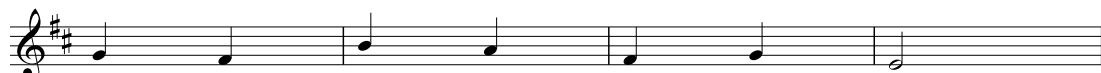
A moment for silent confession.

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.

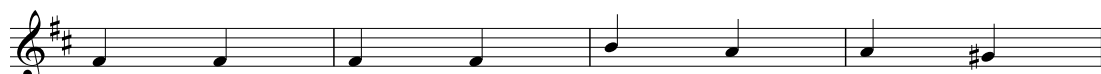
PROCESSIONAL HYMN 📖 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven*
The hymn may be found on the next page.



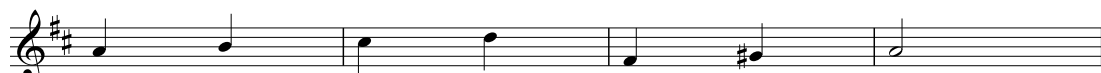
1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en;
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor
3. Fa - ther - like he tends and spares us;
4. An - gels in the height, a - dore him,



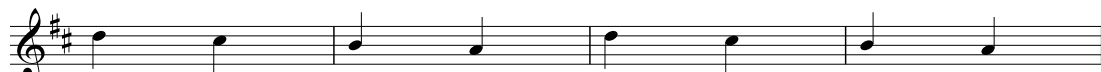
to his feet your tri - bute bring,
to his peo - ple in dis - tress;
well our fee - ble frame he knows;
ye be - hold him face to face;



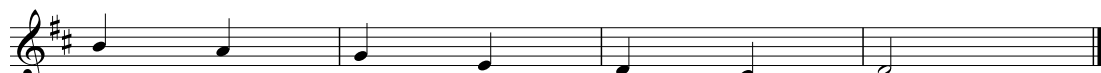
Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
praise him still, the same as ev - er,
In his hands he gent - ly bears us,
saints tri - um - phant, bow be - fore him;



ev - er - more his prais - es sing.
slow to chide, and swift to bless.
res - cues us from all our foes.
gath - ered in from ev - 'ry race.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



Praise the ev - er - last - ing King!
Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness!
Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
Praise with us the God of grace!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, whose Son Jesus is the good shepherd of your people: Grant that when we hear his voice we may know him who calls us each by name, and follow where he leads; who, with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

MINISTRY OF MUSIC: CHORALSONG – *The Morning Trumpet*

PSALM 23

Please join in reading our psalm responsively.

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he restores my soul.

**He guides me in paths of righteousness
for his name's sake.**

Even though I walk
through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

**You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.**

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Please stand for the gospel.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Christ Is Risen, Alleluia!*

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

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, G major. The melody is simple and repetitive, with lyrics written below each staff. The first staff starts with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The second staff is identical to the first.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 10:1 – 10

In the black pew Bible · Page 868

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to John,
the tenth 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 TRAVIS NORTON

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY 📖 *Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus*

The hymn may be found on the next page.



1. Hail, thou_ once de - spis - ed__ Je - sus! Hail, thou_ Gal - i -
2. Pas - cha_ Lamb, by God ap - point - ed, all our_ sins on__
3. Je - sus, hail! en - throned in__ glo - ry, there for - ev - er__



-le - an__ King! Thou didst_ suf - fer to re - lease us;
thee_ were_ laid: by al - might - y love a - noint - ed,
to__ a - bide; all the__ heav'n - ly hosts a - dore thee,



thou didst_ free sal - va - tion__ bring. Hail, thou_ on - ly
thou hast_ full a - tone - ment_ made. All thy_ peo - ple
seat - ed__ at thy__ Fa - ther's_ side. There for__ sin - ners



Lord and Sav - ior, bear - er__ of our sin and_ shame!_
are for - giv - en thru the__ vir - tue of thy__ blood:_
thou art plead - ing: there thou_ dost our place pre - pare;__



By thy_ mer - it we find_ fa - vor; life is__ giv - en__ thru thy__ name.
o - pened is the gate of__ hea - ven, re - con - ciled are_ we__ with_ God.
ev - er__ for us in - ter - ced - ing, till in__ glo - ry__ we__ ap - pear.

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: *God so Loved the World*

*God so loved the world,
God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son,
that he gave his only Son,
so that all who believe,
all who believe in him should never perish,
should never perish, but live forever,
ever and ever – for God so loved the world.*

*God did not send his Son for condemnation;
God sent his Son so that all might be saved through him,
might be saved through him.*

God so loved the world ...

For God so loved the world!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING OF COLTON LAPTAD

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!*

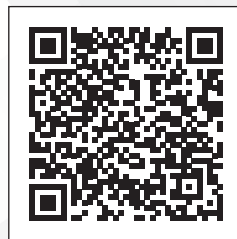
Christ is ris - en! Al - le - lu - ia! Ris - en our vic - to - rious head!

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

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#). 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 printed below the notes.

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.



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

CHOIR: *This Is Not My Place of Resting*

HYMN  No. 388 *Be Not Afraid*

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN  *O Jesus, I Have Promised*



1. O Je - sus, I have pro - mised to serve you to the end;
2. Oh, let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still
3. O Je - sus, you have pro - mised to all who fol - low you



re - main for - e - ver near me, my Mas - ter and my Friend.
a - bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will.
that where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too.



I shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side,
Now speak to re - as - sure me, to has - ten or con - trol;
And Je - sus, I have pro - mised to serve you to the end;



nor wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.
now speak and make me lis - ten, O Guar - dian of my soul.
oh, give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my Friend.

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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and Cynder Ros, Sextons
Robert Kelley, *Maintenance*

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/41Rh4ff>

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

May 12	Nakhon Luang Thai 805 Village Center Drive
May 26	Jake & Telly's Greek Taverna, 2616 Colorado Avenue, #24
June 9	Lumen 8 402 South Tejon
June 23	Old Spaghetti Factory 3101 N New Center Point

REFUGEES IN NEED OF A FEW ITEMS IN COLORADO SPRINGS

Our Colorado Springs Refugee and Asylee Office is looking for floor lamps, deodorant and all-purpose cleaner to support clients in need. **If you can support this request, please reach out to Adalie Duncan at Adalie.duncan@lfsrm.org or 719.922.4580.**

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STARSMORE VISITOR AND NATURE CENTER HUMMINGBIRD PRESENTATION



TUESDAY, MAY 12

LEAVE FLC: 9:30 A.M. | TOUR TIME: 10 A.M.

COST: \$10 DONATION

LUNCH: Creekwalk Shopping Center restaurants
(pay on your own)

**SIGN UP DEADLINE
WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**



Please join the OWLS as we step into nature in North Cheyenne Cañon at the Starsmore Visitor and Nature Center for a hummingbird presentation. The presentation will be out on the veranda, so remember to bring a jacket. We will have time to walk around the Nature Center and enjoy all the blooms of Colorado.

The graphic features a spiral-bound notebook on a dark wooden surface. The notebook page is titled "BASIC" in large, bold, black letters. To the left of the title is a circular logo containing a cross, an open book, and a house. Below the title, the schedule is listed in a clean, sans-serif font. To the right of the notebook, there is a white coffee cup with a saucer, a black pen, and several coffee beans scattered on the wood.

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!



OPEN INVITATION TO
OPEN CONVERSATIONS

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.



Today at First Lutheran

- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary 8 a.m.
- Adult Education, Peel House Parlor 9:15 a.m.
Praying the Psalms
- 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.

We are happy this morning to welcome singers from ChoralSong of Colorado Springs, led by their Artistic Director, Daniel Price. ChoralSong will be presenting their Spring concert entitled “The State of Colorado: Celebrating 150 Years” two times – once in Woodland Park on Sunday afternoon, May 3, at 3 p.m. at the Ute Pass Cultural Center; and then Monday night, May 4, at 7 p.m. right here at First Lutheran. Tickets are available on their website at www.choralsong.org.

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.

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WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIGHT

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

GENERATION TO REVELATION

FIRST LUTHERAN'S NEW PODCAST
FIND ON YOUTUBE OR OUR WEBSITE

