



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 Sixth Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 10, 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 📖 *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. \_\_\_\_\_  
 oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we hope - less - ly lost the way. \_\_\_\_\_  
 oh, \_\_\_\_\_ we're fall - ing be - fore your throne. \_\_\_\_\_

**Back to Verse 2**  
**On to Refrain**  
**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. Almighty and everliving God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, 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.*

9:30 A.M. ■ SUNDAY SCHOOL SONG

READING: ACTS 17:22 – 31

In the black pew Bible · Page 898

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 66:1 – 4, 8 – 10, 16 – 20

*Please join in reading our psalm responsively.*

Shout for joy to God, all the earth!

Sing the glory of his name;

make his praise glorious.

**Say to God, “How awesome are your deeds!**

**So great is your power**

**that your enemies cringe before you.**

All the earth bows down to you;

they sing praise to you,

they sing the praises of your name.”

**Praise our God, all peoples,**

**let the sound of his praise be heard;**

**he has preserved our lives**

**and kept our feet from slipping.**

*Continued on the next page.*

For you, God, tested us;  
you refined us like silver.  
Come and hear, all you who fear God;  
let me tell you what he has done for me.

**I cried out to him with my mouth;  
his praise was on my tongue.**

If I had cherished sin in my heart,  
the Lord would not have listened;  
but God has surely listened  
and has heard my prayer.

**Praise be to God,  
who has not rejected my prayer  
or withheld his love from me!**

*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 ends with a double bar line, and the second staff ends with a double bar line.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 14:15 – 21  
In the black pew Bible · Page 873

*Before the reading:*

The holy gospel according to John,  
the fourteenth 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 📖 *Before the Throne of God Above*

*The hymn may be found on Pages 8 and 9.*

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.*



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
 2. When Sa - tan tempts me to des - pair, and tells me  
 3. Be - hold him there! the ris - en Lamb, my per - fect,



strong and per - fect plea, a great High Priest whose name is  
 of the guilt with - in, up - ward I look and see him  
 spot - less Right - eous - ness; the great un - change - a - ble I



Love, who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is  
 there, who made an end to all my sin. Be - cause the  
 AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace! One with him -



gra - ven on his hands, my name is writ - ten on his  
 sin - less Sav - ior died, my sin - ful soul is count - ed  
 self I can - not die; my soul is pur - chased by his

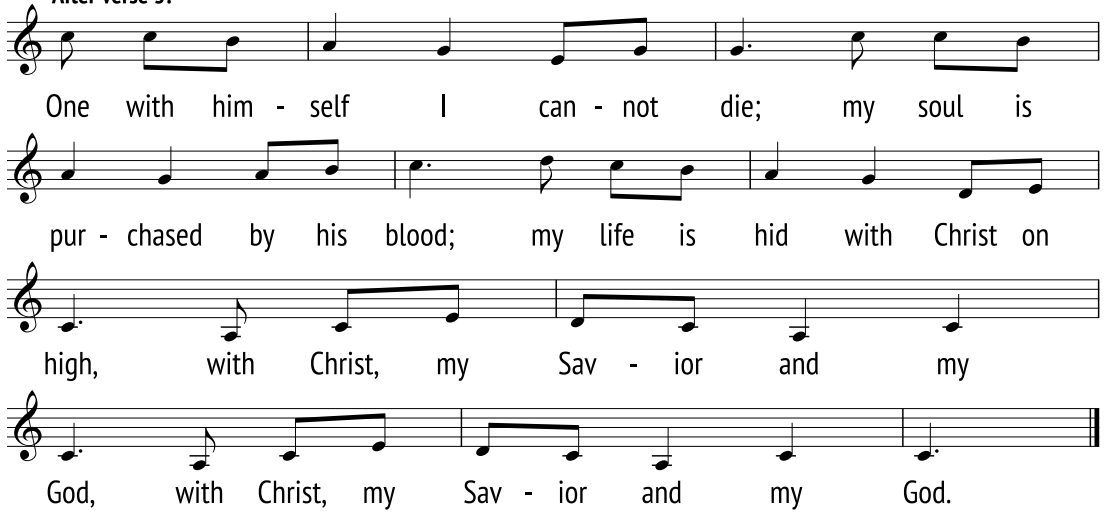


heart; I know that while in heav'n he stands, no tongue can  
 free; for God the Just is sat - is - fied to look on  
 blood; my life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my



bid me thence de - part, no tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
 him and par - don me, to look on him and par - don me.  
 Sav - ior and my God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

After Verse 3:



One with him - self I can - not die; my soul is  
pur - chased by his blood; my life is hid with Christ on  
high, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my  
God, with Christ, my Sav - ior and my God.

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.



OFFERING MUSIC: *Come, Gracious Spirit*

Come, gracious Spirit, heav'nly dove,  
with light and comfort from above.  
Come, be our Guardian and our Guide;  
o'er ev'ry thought and step preside.  
The light of truth to us display  
and make us know and choose your way.  
Plant holy fear in ev'ry heart,  
that we from God may ne'er depart.

Lead us to Christ, the living Way,  
nor let us from his pastures stray.  
Lead us to holiness, the road  
that we must take to dwell with God.  
Lead us to heaven that we may share  
the fullness of joy forever there.  
Lead us to our eternal rest,  
to be with God forever blest.

Come, gracious Spirit, lead the way,  
lead us to Christ – lead on,  
lead us to Christ, the living Way!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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

HYMN 📖 *Here, O My Lord, May I Behold Your Face*  
*The music to the hymn may be found on the next page.*

HYMN 📖 *Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus*  
*The music to the hymn may be found on Page 14.*

*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.**

1. Here, O my Lord, may I be - hold your face;  
 2. Here let me feed up - on the bread of God,  
 3. Mine is the sin, but yours the righ - teous - ness;

here may I touch and han - dle things un - seen;  
 here drink with you the roy - al wine of heav'n;  
 mine is the guilt, but yours the cleans - ing blood!

here grasp with firm - er hand e - ter - nal grace  
 here let me lay a - side each earth - ly load,  
 Here is my robe, my ref - uge and my peace -

and all my wea - ri - ness up - on you lean.  
 here taste a - fresh the calm of sin for - giv'n.  
 your blood, your righ - teous - ness, O Lord my God.

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  No. 661 *I Love to Tell the Story*

SENDING

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

POSTLUDE

HYMN 📖 Come with Us, O Blessed Jesus



1. Come with us, O bless - ed Je - sus, with us ev - er - more\_ to be.  
2. Thou art God from ev - er - last - ing, God of God and Light\_ of Light;



And, in leav - ing now thine al - tar, let us nev - er - more\_ leave thee!  
Thou art God, thy glo - ry veil - ing, that our eyes may bear\_ the sight.



Let thy bright ce - les - tial cho - rus nev - er cease the heav'n - ly strain;  
Now be - yond these walls go with us, in our dai - ly life to share,



but in us, thy lov - ing child - ren, come with peace, good will\_ to reign.  
that in us thy ra - dian - t full - ness may shine bright - ly ev - 'ry - where.

## Beating the Bounds

Thursday, May 14, 2026



Your pastors are coming to your side of the city. Find the stop nearest you and join us for good food and real conversation with your church family. Come for one stop or stay all day. All are welcome!

8:30–10:00 A.M. – Coffee Cup Café, Monument (breakfast)

11:00 AM–12:00 P.M. – Third Space Coffee, N Academy (coffee & pastry)

1:00–2:30 P.M. – Amanda's Fonda, Manitou Springs (lunch)

3:00–4:00 P.M. – Black Bear Coffee, Cheyenne Mountain (coffee stop)

6:00–8:00 P.M. – Peel House at First Lutheran Church

# First Lutheran Staff

## CLERGY

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

## MUSIC MINISTRY

Eric Wicks, *Minister of Worship and Music*  
Becca Winn, *Minister of Contemporary Worship*  
Deacon Joan Kuehn, *Interim Handbell Director*  
Breanna Whiting, *Song Leader*  
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Zach Bailey, *Baritone Section Leader*  
Carolyn Kurtz, *Music Librarian*  
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## CHRISTIAN FORMATION

Lori Duncan, *Minister of Spiritual Care*  
Linda Loflin, *Director of Children's Ministries*  
Colton Laptad, *Director of Youth Ministries*  
Annie Sorvald, *Cathy Stanley,*  
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## ADMINISTRATION

Cheryl Mahon, *Minister of Congregational Service*  
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Anna Banks, *Lead Sexton*  
David Lovelace, *Perry Matheny,*  
*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>

## SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 29 | 6 – 8 P.M.  
PEEL HOUSE

Support our youth through this fun dinner!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 8 – 12  
AGE 4 TO CURRENT 4TH GRADERS

Join us in a fun-filled adventure on the open road, taking all the kids (Travelers) on thrilling journeys to exciting destinations. Led by the Navigator and an adventurous pup Scout, kids will learn that God is always with them. Through engaging stories from the Navigators' Guide (the Bible), Travelers will delve into timeless tales of faith from the Old and New Testaments. Get ready for twists, turns, and excitement as they face new challenges and find strength in God's presence on this unforgettable trip! Register through the following link. <https://bit.ly/4p1dHNN>

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# 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.
- 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.



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.



## 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!

## 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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