



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 Seventh Sunday of Easter

SUNDAY, MAY 17, 2026
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE: *Exultation*

Joy Ringers: Gini Dugan, Julie Furstenau, Candi Mountain Gaddie, Peter Hauer, Kathy Holmes, Paul Lindsey, Lisa Marting, Carol Olson, Aidan Spaziani, Leslie Spaziani, Chris White, Daniel Wicks, and John Wicks. Deacon Joan Kuehn, director.

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 📖 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus*



1. Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter,
 2. Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in
 3. Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of heav - en, here on earth our



his the throne. Al - le - lu - ia! His the tri - umph,
 sor - row now. Al - le - lu - ia! He is near us;
 food, our stay. Al - le - lu - ia! Here the sin - ful



his the vic - to - ry a - lone. Hark! the songs of
 faith be - lieves, nor ques - tions how. Tho' the cloud from
 flee to you from day to day. In - ter - ces - sor,



peace - ful Zi - on thun - der like a
 sight re - ceived him when the for - ty
 Friend of sin - ners, earth's Re - deem - er,



might - y flood: "Je - sus out of ev - 'ry
 days were o'er, shall our hearts for - get his
 hear our plea where the songs of all the



na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."
 prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more?"
 sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. O God, the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven. Do not leave us comfortless, but send us your Holy Spirit to strengthen us, and exalt us to that place where our Savior Christ has gone before; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: ACTS 1:6 – 14

In the black pew Bible · Page 881

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 68:1 – 10, 32 – 35

Please join in reading our psalm responsively.

May God arise, may his enemies be scattered;
may his foes flee before him.

May you blow them away like smoke –
as wax melts before the fire,
may the wicked perish before God.

**But may the righteous be glad
and rejoice before God;
may they be happy and joyful.**

Sing to God, sing in praise of his name,
extol him who rides on the clouds;
rejoice before him – his name is the Lord.

**A father to the fatherless, a defender of widows,
is God in his holy dwelling.**

Continued on the next page.

God sets the lonely in families,
he leads out the prisoners with singing;
but the rebellious live in a sun-scorched land.

**When you, God, went out before your people,
when you marched through the wilderness,
the earth shook, the heavens poured down rain,
before God, the One of Sinai,
before God, the God of Israel.**

You gave abundant showers, O God;
you refreshed your weary inheritance.

Your people settled in it,
and from your bounty, O God,
you provided for the poor.

**Sing to God, you kingdoms of the earth,
sing praise to the Lord,
to him who rides across the highest heavens,
the ancient heavens,
who thunders with mighty voice.**

Proclaim the power of God,
whose majesty is over Israel,
whose power is in the heavens.

**You, God, are awesome in your sanctuary;
the God of Israel gives power and strength to his people.
Praise be to God!**

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, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). 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 continues the melody and lyrics.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 17:1 – 11

In the black pew Bible · Page 875

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to John,
the seventeenth 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 📖 *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

The hymn may be found on the next page.

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.

1. How sweet the name of Je - sus sounds in
 2. It makes the wound - ed spi - rit whole and
 3. By thee my prayers ac - cep - tance gain al -
 4. O Je - sus, Shep - herd, Guar - dian, Friend, my

a be - liev - er's ear! It soothes our sor - rows,
 calms the heart's un - rest; 'tis man - na to the
 tho' with sin de - filed. The de - vil charg - es
 Pro - phet, Priest, and King, my Lord, my Life, my

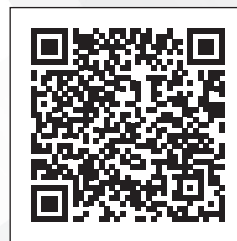
heals our wounds, and drives a - way all fear.
 hun - gry soul and to the wea - ry, rest.
 me in vain, and I am owned a child.
 Way, my End, ac - cept the praise I bring.

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

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

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: *Be Still, My Soul*

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side.

Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain.

Leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change God faithful will remain.

Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as in ages past.

Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.

Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.

Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

11 A.M. ■ RECOGNITION OF HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

The names of our graduates may be found on Page 12.

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!*

The music to the offertory may be found on the next page

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

HANDBELLS: *Just as I Am*, without *One Plea* • Mary Kerwin, flute

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 📖 *Your Hand, O God, Has Guided*
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

GRADUATING SENIORS

Dylan McConnell

Isabella Loper

Emmy Baylis

Riley Cole

Addison Weis

Leilani Eilert

Bridger Nelson

Conner Holiday

McKinzie MacDonald

Riley Huebner

Caden Mathiesen

Trond Ostrem

Preston Kahl

Layla Langley

Blake Chafetz



Well Done, Class of 2026!

First Lutheran Staff

CLERGY

The Rev. Travis Norton, Senior Pastor
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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/4pidHNN>

SPAGHETTI DINNER FUNDRAISER

FRIDAY, MAY 29 | 6 – 8 P.M.

PEEL HOUSE

Support our youth through this fun dinner!

JUNE "FOX TROT" LESSONS

SUNDAYS | JUNE 7 – 28

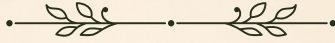
2 – 3 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE PARLOR

Angela Harder is back to teach us the "Fox Trot"! This is a four-week class. Keeping a maximum of twenty people allows Angela to introduce new moves each week while helping dancers progress at their own pace. Wear shoes that can slide on the wood floor of the Peel House parlor! Sign up here: <https://bit.ly/3PoBzVA>
\$80 couple / \$40 Single

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A lush garden scene with a waterfall, rocks, and various plants. The scene is bathed in soft, golden light, creating a serene and peaceful atmosphere. The waterfall flows over rocks into a small pond, surrounded by ferns, flowers, and trees. The overall mood is one of tranquility and natural beauty.

Imagine: Gardens



You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail. –Isaiah 58:11b, NIV

Gardens in Scripture are places of intimacy with God, divine provision, prayer, and flourishing life. Join us this summer for peaceful guided meditations as we encounter God through biblical garden imagery and enter into spaces of *rest, reflection, and renewal*.

Wednesdays in July – 8, 15, 22 & 29

10:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m. – Worship Center

30–45 Minute Guided Meditations

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.

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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