

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

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# The Day of Pentecost

SUNDAY, MAY 24, 2026  
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

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

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*After the reading:*

Pastor    The Word of the Lord

Everyone    **Thanks be to God.**

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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

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.**

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 📖 *The Spirit Came as Promised* (Daniel Wicks, guest organist)  
*The hymn may be found on the next page.*



1. The Spi - rit came, as prom - ised, in God's ap - point - ed hour;
2. The Spi - rit makes our bo - dies the tem - ple of the Lord;
3. He bids us live to - geth - er in u - ni - ty and peace,
4. The Word, the Spi - rit's wea - pon, will bring all sin to light;



and now to each be - liev - er he comes in love and pow'r:  
he binds us all to - geth - er in faith and true ac - cord:  
em - ploy his gifts in bless - ing and let base pas - sions cease:  
and pray'r, by his di - rect - ing, will add new joy and might:



and by his Ho - ly Spi - rit God seals us as his own;  
the Spi - rit in his great - ness brings pow'r from God a - bove;  
we should not grieve the Spi - rit by o - pen sin or shame;  
be filled then with his Spi - rit, live out God's will and word;



and thru the Son and Spi - rit makes ac - cess to his throne.  
and with the Son and Fa - ther dwells in our hearts in love.  
nor let our words and ac - tions de - ny his ho - ly name.  
re - joice with hymns and sing - ing, make mu - sic to the Lord!

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God our Creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, 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.*

WORD OF WELCOME

READING: ACTS 2:22 – 36

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*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 33:12 – 15, 18 – 22

*Please join in reading our psalm responsively.*

Blessed is that nation whose God is the LORD,  
the people he chose for his inheritance.

**From heaven the LORD looks down  
and sees all mankind;  
from his dwelling place he watches  
all who live on earth –**

he who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.

**... the eyes of the LORD are on those who fear him,  
on those whose hope is in his unfailing love,  
to deliver them from death  
and keep them alive in famine.**

We wait in hope for the LORD;  
he is our help and our shield.

**In him our hearts rejoice,  
for we trust in his holy name.**

**May your unfailing love be with us, LORD,  
even as we put our hope in you.**

*Please stand for the gospel.*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: Festival Alleluia

Everyone sings the refrain. The choir sings the verse,  
then everyone repeats the refrain.

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

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

**Choir:** Holy Spirit, dwell within us now and evermore.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 20:19 – 23

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.

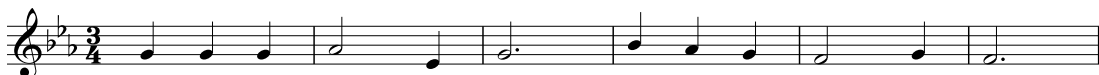
You may be seated.

SERMON: PASTOR MICHAELA ESKEW

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY 📖 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

The hymn may be found on the next page.



1. Breathe on me, Breath of God: fill me with life a - new,
2. Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,
3. Breathe on me, Breath of God; be all my heart's de - sire,
4. Breathe on me, Breath of God; so shall I nev - er die,



that as you love, I too may love, and do\_\_ what you would do.  
un - til my will is one with yours to do\_\_ and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with\_ your heav'n - ly fire.  
but live with you the per - fect life of your\_ e - ter - ni - ty.

## 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

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.



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

OFFERING MUSIC: *Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me*

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,

I would gracious be;

help me now thy grace to see,

I would be like thee;

and, with words that help and heal,

thy life would mine reveal;

and, with actions bold and meek,

for Christ, my Savior, speak.

Truthful Spirit, dwell with me,

I would truthful be;

help me now thy truth to see,

I would be like thee;

and, with wisdom kind and clear,

thy life in mine appear;

and, with actions brotherly,

speak Christ's sincerity.

Holy Spirit, dwell with me,

I would holy be;

show thy mercy tenderly,

make me more like thee;

separate from sin, I would

and cherish all things good,

and whatever I can be

give him who gave me thee.

Mighty Spirit, dwell with me,

I would mighty be;

Help me now thy pow'r to see,

I would be like thee;

'gainst all weapons hell can wield,

be thou my strength and shield;

let thy word my weapon be,  
Lord, thine the victory.

Gracious Spirit, dwell with me,  
I would be like thee!

## 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 Praises Ring

Let prai - ses ring; give thanks, and bring to \_\_\_\_\_  
Christ our Lord a - do - ra - tion. His ho - nor speed by  
word and deed to \_\_\_\_\_ ev - 'ry land, ev - 'ry na - tion. So  
shall his love give us a - bove, from mi - se - ry and  
death set free, all joy and full con - so - la - tion.

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. Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection, you pour out the fire of your Spirit, uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue. 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

SOLO: O Come, Creator Spirit (Brittany Bailey, soprano)

HYMN  No. 482 I Come with Joy

*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 📖 *Shine, Jesus, Shine*

*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



**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

**FUNDRAISER**  
FOR SUMMER SERVICE TRIPS

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



1. Lord, the light of your love is shin - ing,  
 2. Lord, I come to your awe - some pres - ence,  
 3. As we gaze on your king - ly bright - ness,



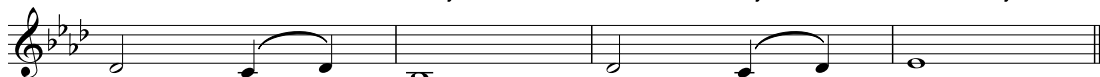
in the midst of the dark - ness, shin - ing;  
 from the sha - dows in - to your ra - diance;  
 so our fac - es dis - play your like - ness,



Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,  
 by the blood I may en - ter your bright - ness,  
 ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry;



set us free by the truth you now bring us.  
 search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.  
 mir - rored here, may our lives tell your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry;



blaze, Spi - rit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy;



send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light.

# 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  
Brittany Bailey, Soprano Section Leader  
Katelynn Granados, Alto Section Leader  
Zach Bailey, Baritone Section Leader  
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Harry Mosco, Property Manager  
Anna Banks, Lead Sexton  
David Lovelace, Perry Matheny,  
and Cynder Ros, Sextons  
Robert Kelley, Maintenance

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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>

## 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

## LIVE PODCAST EPISODE

MAY 28 | 7 – 8:30 P.M. | PEEL HOUSE PARLOR

Join us for a live recording of the Generation to Revelation podcast!

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

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**

# Today at First Lutheran

- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary ..... 8 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.

Traditional Sunday School will not meet today.  
Children are invited to worship with their families.



## 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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