

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 in Lent

SUNDAY, MARCH 15, 2026
8, 9:30, AND 11 A.M.

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

PRELUDE

WORD OF WELCOME

Pastor The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

Everyone **And also with you.**


CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

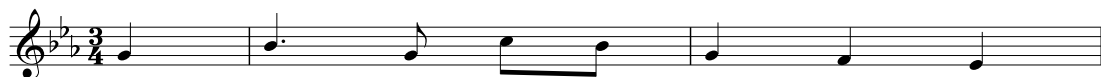
Please stand as you are able.

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.**

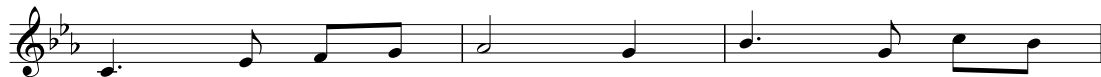
A moment for silent confession.

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.

OPENING HYMN  *Give Me a Sight, O Savior*
The hymn may be found on the next page.



1. Give me a sight, O Sav - ior, of
2. O won - der of all won - ders, that,
3. Then melt my heart, O Sav - ior, bend



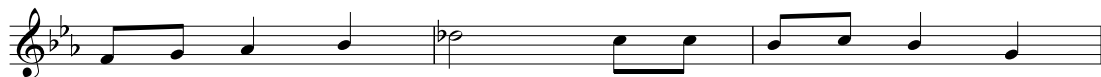
your great love to me - the love that bro't you
thru your death for me, my o - pen sins, my
me, yes, break me down, un - til I name you



down from heav'n to die on Cal - va - ry.
se - cret sins, can all for - giv - en be!
Con - quer - or, and Lord and Sov - 'reign crown.



O make me un - der - stand it, help



me to take it in - what it meant for you, the



Ho - ly One, to bear a - way my sin.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Jesus Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

You may be seated.

READING: EPHESIANS 5:8 – 14

In the black pew Bible · Page 950

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 23

The choir chants the psalm.

The Lord is my shepherd;

I shall not be in want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.

He revives my soul
and guides me along right pathways
for his name's sake.

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

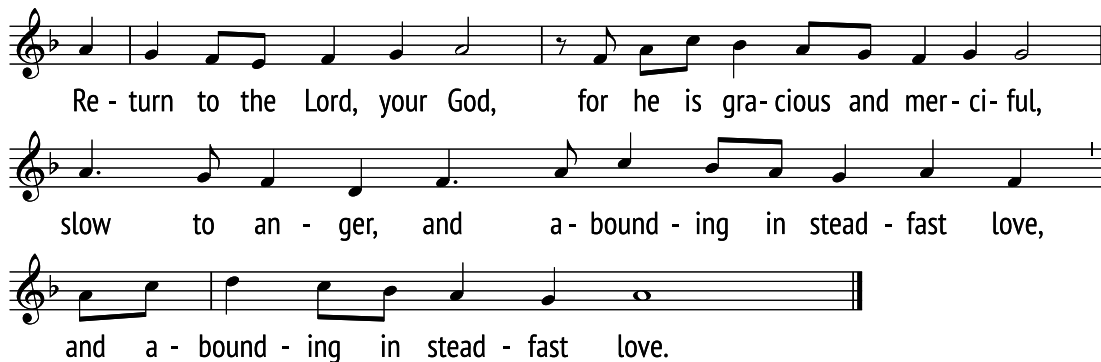
You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil,
and my cup is running over.

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

Please stand for the gospel.

LENTEN SENTENCE: *Return to the Lord, Your God*

The music may be found on the next page.



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and mer - ci - ful,
 slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love,
 and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

GOSPEL READING: JOHN 9:1 – 41

In the black pew Bible · Page 867

Before the reading:

The holy gospel according to John,
 the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

After the reading:

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

You may be seated.

GALLERY OF LIVING ART

Christ Healing the Blind Man: Jerry Branesky, Linda Branesky, Marcus Kochis, Kathleen Stott, Gina Rocha, Bill Busovsky, Mike Bauer, Lillie Weis, Addison Weis, and Emberly Ackerman

MEDITATION: *Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)*

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound

that saved a wretch like me!

I once was lost but now am found;

was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
and grace my fears relieved.

How precious did that grace appear
the hour I first believed.

My chains are gone; I've been set free!

*My God, my Savior, has ransomed me,
and like a flood his mercy reigns –
unending love, amazing grace.*

The Lord has promised good to me;
his Word my hope secures.

He will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

My chains are gone ...

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;

but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

You are forever mine!

SERMON: PASTOR TRAVIS NORTON

Following the sermon, please stand for the hymn.

HYMN OF THE DAY  No. 815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

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

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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

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 the Vineyards Be Fruitful*
The music to the offertory may be found on the next page

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.



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our
cup of__ bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the
dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we of - fer now.
Grace our__ ta - ble with your pres - ence, and give us
a fore - taste of the feast to come.

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Father, indeed we pray that you would grant fruitfulness and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. You have already given us all we need, and we return these gifts to you. Now we ask you to strengthen our faith with this bread and wine, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. **Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

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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. You call your people to cleanse their hearts and prepare with joy for the paschal feast, that renewed in the gift of baptism, we may come to the fullness of your grace. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS AND BENEDICTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
Lord God of pow'r 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.

The musical score is written on four staves. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a 3/2 time signature. The lyrics are placed below the notes. The second staff continues the melody. The third and fourth staves feature changes in time signature to 3/4 and 2/2, respectively, and end with a double bar line.

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.
- + Place your empty glass in the tray and return via the side aisle.
- + 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 📖 *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*
The hymn may be found on Page 12.

HYMN 📖 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*
The hymn may be found on Page 13.


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.**

HYMN  *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*



1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, let me to your
 2. Oth - er re - fuge have I none; all my hope is
 3. You, O Christ, are all I want, more than all in
 4. Bound - less grace with you is found, grace to cov - er



pre - sence fly, while the gath - 'ring wa - ters roll,
 you I see: leave, O leave me not a - lone;
 you I find: raise the fall - en, cheer the faint,
 all my sin: let the heal - ing streams a - bound;



while the tem - pest still is high. Hide me, O my
 still sup - port and streng - then me. All my trust on
 heal the sick and lead the blind. Just and ho - ly
 make and keep me clean with - in. Liv - ing Foun - tain,



Sav - ior, hide, till the storm of life is past; safe in - to the
 you is stayed, all my help from you I bring: cov - er my de -
 is your name, I am all un - worth - i - ness; weak and full of
 now im - part all your life and pu - ri - ty; spring for - ev - er



ha - ven, guide and re - ceive my soul at last.
 fense - less head with the shad - ow of your wing.
 sin I am, you are full of truth and grace.
 in my heart, rise to all e - ter - ni - ty!

HYMN 📖 *We Sing the Praise of Him Who Died*



1. We sing the praise of him who died,
 2. In - scribed up - on the cross we see
 3. The cross! It takes our guilt a - way;
 4. The balm of life, the cure of woe,



of him who died up - on the cross.
 in shin - ing let - ters, "God is love."
 it holds the faint - ing spi - rit up;
 the mea - sure and the pledge of love,



The sin - ner's hope let all de - ride;
 He bears our sins up - on the tree;
 it cheers with hope the gloom - y day
 the sin - ner's re - fuge here be - low,



for this we count the world but loss.
 he brings us mer - cy from a - bove.
 and sweet - ens ev - 'ry bit - ter cup.
 the an - gels' theme in heav'n a - bove.

BENEDICTION

CLOSING HYMN *Savior, Again to Your Dear Name*



1. Sav - ior, a - gain to your dear name we raise
2. Grant us your peace thru - out our earth - ly life,
with one ac - cord our part - ing hymn of praise;
our balm in sor - row, and our stay in strife;
once more we bless you ere our wor - ship cease,
then, when your voice shall bid our con - flict cease,
then, low - ly bend - ing, wait your word of peace.
call us, O Lord, to your e - ter - nal peace.

SENDING

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

VOCAL ENSEMBLE: Brittany Bailey and Breanna Whiting, soprano;
Katie Granados, alto; and Zach Bailey, baritone.

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IMAGINE: JESUS INSPIRES OUR FAITH

WEDNESDAYS | 11:30 A.M.

FEBRUARY 25 – APRIL 1 | WORSHIP CENTER

Join us six Wednesdays during Lent for a 30- to 45-minute guided Scripture meditation, where we will craft a quiet place to hear about Jesus and have our faith inspired to draw near to him. If you've never experienced entering into the Bible to encounter Jesus through guided meditation, come and touch the hem of his cloak.

EASTER BASKETS

DONATE IN GATHERING PLACE

Donate items (listed in Ekklesia) under the "Youth Posters" in the Gathering Place

MARCH 22: ASSEMBLE BASKETS

We need volunteers on Sunday, March 22, to give of their time and talent on the Easter Basket assembly line. If you can stop by after your worship service to make two or more Easter Baskets, we'll be done in no time!

EASTER FLOWER CROSS DONATIONS

Honor or memorialize a loved one with a \$15 donation to our 2026 Easter Flower Cross!

<https://bit.ly/4rWPzOs>

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN COMMITMENT CARDS

Please turn in your Inspire Faith Commitment cards by March 22. Cards are available in the pews if you need one.

Altar Flowers ...

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

💚 In honor of granddaughter Lauren Feichtinger's 21st birthday by Karolyn and Brooke Smith

Today at First Lutheran

- Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary 8 a.m.
- Evangelism Class, Peel House 2019:15 a.m.
Telling Your Story led by Pastor Glenn Zimbelman
- 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.
- Gallery of Living Art, Sanctuary 3 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.

THE ART OF NEIGHBORING

WEDNESDAYS IN THE GATHERING PLACE
DINNER 6 P.M. | DISCUSSION 6:30 P.M.

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