

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Church office - 495-2221 Tues. - Fri. 9:00a-2:00p

Ken Hohag, Pastor

Fourth Sunday of Easter /Sunday, April 30, 2023

The order of worship is in the **red** hymnal. **Hymns** are in the back of the hymnal.

Liturgy is in the front listed as p.

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## GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

Brief Order of Confession

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\*Gathering Song *Thine is the Glory*

**red 376**

Greeting/Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon

Pastor Ken

First Reading Acts 2:42-47

Second Reading Psalm 23

Celtic Alleluia *Al-le-lu-ia 4x*

Gospel John 10:1-10

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon The Good Shepherd

Pastor Ken

\*Hymn of the Day *He Will Hold Me Fast*

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Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering 10:30a *Living Water of Life*

Choir

\*Offering Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: ourselves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving p. 144

Lord's Prayer p. 145

Lamb of God p. 146

Distribution Hymns **red 764, 502, 469, 464**

\*Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

**red 611**

Dismissal

Postlude

**Our mission is to glorify God through  
worship, prayer, education, and service as  
ambassadors of Christ.**

**Visitors and Members**—Please sign our blue Friendship Book and pass it down the row. A nursery for infants & toddlers is through the narthex double doors. A nursing chair with a retractable privacy screen for mothers is available in the nursery.

**Holy Communion Instructions**—All baptized Christians are invited to the Lord's table. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses for those who cannot drink wine. Gluten-free bread is also available.

**Wiggle Worship at 10:30a**—After the children's sermon, kiddos ages 3-7 can follow a teacher for wiggle worship. They will return to their parents during the offering.

**Sunday School Classes.** For children 3 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the classrooms off of the fellowship hall, 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet in office off of the kitchen.

<u>Serving Today</u>		
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brian Gould	Emma Webb
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Holte	Kris Partridge
<b>Assistants</b>	Jim Johnston/Steve Marlow	Jon & Lisa Fountain
<b>Choir Director</b>		Melanie Hohag
<b>Flute</b>		Donna Yonce
<b>Greeters</b>	Monty & Jackie Sappenfield	Randy & Marcia Johnson
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Shannon Kosman	
<b>Organ</b>	Barb Gurnett	
<b>Piano</b>		Barb Gurnett
<b>Readers</b>	Todd Gould	Dave Reily
<b>Recorder</b>	Patrick Turechek	
<b>Sound</b>	Jack Yonce	Landra Decker
<b>Upload</b>	Patsy Wurster	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Deanna Hormann	Steve Gurnett/ Greg Kleine
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>	Rosie Williams, Landon Toelle and Jason Yonce	

*Flowers are given today by Kent & Debbie Stalnaker in Celebration of their 42<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary, by Duane & Kathy Steinke in Celebration of their 68<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and in Celebration of Jerry Johnson's Birthday.*

\*Congregation please stand

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**First Reading**  
**Acts 2:42-47**

**2** <sup>42</sup> (Those who were baptized) devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. <sup>43</sup> Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. <sup>44</sup> All who believed were together and had all things in common; <sup>45</sup> they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. <sup>46</sup> Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, <sup>47</sup> praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

**Second Reading**  
**Psalm 23**

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

He makes me lie down in green pastures; he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul. He leads me in right paths for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I 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 mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

**Gospel**  
**John 10:1-10**

**10** <sup>1</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. <sup>2</sup> The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. <sup>3</sup> The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. <sup>4</sup> When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. <sup>5</sup> They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' <sup>6</sup> Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them. <sup>7</sup> So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.'