

Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

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

Ken Hohag, Pastor

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Sunday, May 7, 2023

The order of worship is the white Setting 4 booklet in the **black** Worship book.

The hymns are listed as **black**, liturgy pages as p.

Please turn off your cellphone.

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Brief Order of Confession

Gathering Song

Greeting/Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Kyrie Eleison (Lord Have Mercy)

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WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Anthem 10:30a

Second Reading

Celtic Alleluia

Gospel

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Acts 7:55-60

Abide With Me

1 Peter 2:2-10

Al-le-lu-ia 4x

John 14:1-14

Response: **Thanks be to God**

A Place for You

You Are Mine

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Andrew Koetsier

Trio

Pastor Ken

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MEAL

Offering 8:00a

10:30a

*Offering Prayer

Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Great Thanksgiving

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Distribution Hymns

*Prayer after Communion

Abide With Me

We Were Baptized in Christ Jesus

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SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

In Christ Alone v. 1-3

Response: **Thanks be to God**

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*Congregation please stand.

**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 5th grade in the classrooms off of the fellowship hall, 6th through 12th graders meet in office off of the kitchen. **Last day of Sunday School is May 21.**

<u>Serving Today</u>		
	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Alex Gould	Adam Weyers
Altar Guild	Mary Anne Ricci	Sue Wetzel
Assistants	John & Dinah Kress	Karen Gourley /Jon Fountain
Greeters	Jerry & Ginny Johnson	Walter Pryor & Linda Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Jeannette Gould & Dylan Gould	
Piano	Landra Decker	
Readers	Nancy Lord	Sunny Wilson
Recorder	Mary Benson	
Sound	Jack Yonce	Landra Decker
Trio Instrumentalists	Bells – Mary Benson Piano – Landra Decker Flute – Donna Yonce	
Uploader	Jonathan Brooks	
Ushers	Johnathan & Tiffaney Brooks	Nate & Jessica Johnson
Wiggle Worshipers	Jessica Worrell, Landon Toelle, and Brian Gould	

*Flowers are given today by Donna Reiner in Memory of Corey Reiner,
and to the Glory of God by George and Norine Kerstein.*

First Reading

Acts 7:55-60

7⁵⁵ But filled with the Holy Spirit, Stephen gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶ 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!' ⁵⁷ But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸ Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹ While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' ⁶⁰ Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

Second Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

1² Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— ³ if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴ Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵ like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶ For it stands in scripture: 'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.' ⁷ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner', ⁸ and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.' They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. ⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰ Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Gospel

John 14:1-14

14¹ 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me.² In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³ And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴ And you know the way to the place where I am going.' ⁵ Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?' ⁶ Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷ If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.' ⁸ Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.' ⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? ¹⁰ Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹ Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹² Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³ I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴ If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'