

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
 Andrew Koetsier, Youth and Family Director
 Seventh Sunday of Easter /Sunday, May 21, 2023

The 8:00 Traditional Service is in the **red** hymnal in the first column and the 10:30 Contemporary Service is in the **black** book, Setting 4. Liturgy is listed as p.

<u>GATHERING</u>	8:00 red	10:30 black
Prelude and Announcements		
*Brief Order of Confession	p. 94	p. 3
Gathering Song	663	38 v. 1-3
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138	p. 3
Prayer of the Day		
Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with you in eternal glory. Give us faith to see that, true to his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who <u>lives</u> and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.		

<u>WORD</u>		
Children's Sermon		Pastor Ken/Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Acts 1:6-14	
Second Reading	1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11	
Celtic Alleluia	<i>Al-le-lu-ia 4x</i>	
Gospel	John 17:1-11	
	Response: Thanks be to God	
Sermon		David Briedenbach
*Hymn of the Day	715	71
Apostles' Creed	p. 105	p. 7
Prayers of Intercession	Response: Hear our prayer	
Sharing of the Peace		

<u>MEAL</u>		
Offering	484	43
*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	p. 144	p. 9
Lord's Prayer	p. 145	p. 10
Lamb of God	p. 146	66
Distribution Hymns	718, 752, 659	10, 80, 75, 38 v. 4-5
*Prayer after Communion		

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction		
Sending Song	461	32
Dismissal	Response: Thanks be to God	
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. Today is the last Sunday for Wiggle Worship. We will resume in the fall.

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. Today is the last Sunday for Sunday School. We will resume in the fall.

Today we welcome David and Angela Briedenbach from Spiritual Orphans Network. Join them in the fellowship hall @ 9:30a to hear about their ministry to Christian churches and the relief work they are doing among Ukrainian refugees.

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Alex Gould	Adam Weyers
Altar Guild	Vonda Dowdy	Kris Partridge
Assistants	Don Crist/Amy Churchill	Jon Fountain/Donna Reiner
Greeters	George & Ginny West	Walter Pryor
Nursery Attendants	Lydia Zelones & Amelia Makowsky	
Organ/Piano	Alexandra Cullen	
Readers	Todd Gould	Sunny Wilson
Recorder	Dave Williams	
Sound	Jack Yonce	Patrick Turechek
Ushers	Jim & Deanna Hormann	Del Lang/Pam Wagner
Wiggle Worshipers	Amy Churchill, Landon Toelle and Alex Lacomia	

Flowers are given today by Marjorie Denney in Memory of Tom's Birthday.

First Reading

Acts 1:6-14

1 ⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' ⁷ He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' ⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹ They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.' ¹² Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. ¹³ When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James, son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴ All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Second Reading

1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11

1 ¹² Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. ¹³ But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. ¹⁴ If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

5 ⁶ Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. ⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. ⁸ Discipline yourselves; keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. ⁹ Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. ¹⁰ And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. ¹¹ To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Gospel

John 17:1-11

17 ¹ After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, ² since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. ³ And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. ⁴ I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. ⁵ So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. ⁶ I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸ for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹ I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰ All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹ And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.