

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
 Sixth Sunday of Easter / Sunday, May 14, 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 p. 94
 *Gathering Song *Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia v. 1, 4, 5* **red 364**
 Greeting/Kyrie p. 138
 Prayer of the Day
 O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them 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 *Recognizing High School Graduates* Andrew Koetsier
 First Reading Acts 17:22-31
 Second Reading 1 Peter 3:13-22
 Celtic Alleluia *Al-le-lu-ia 4x*
 Gospel John 14:15-21
 Response: **Thanks be to God**
 Sermon Not Orphans Pastor Ken
 *Hymn of the Day *Holy Spirit* insert
 Apostles' Creed p. 105
 Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**
 Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering 8:00a *Peace of Christ* Choir
 10:30a *Our Father, By Whose Name* **red 640**
 *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 781, 764, 493, 461**
 *Prayer after Communion

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction
 Sending Song *Now Thank We All Our God* **red 840**
 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 5th grade in the classrooms off of the fellowship hall, 6th through 12th graders meet in office off of the kitchen. The last day of Sunday School is May 21.

Celebrating High School Graduates!

Mary Benson, Dylan Gould, Shannon Kosman & Amelia Makowsky
Join us for cake in the fellowship hall between services!



	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Brian Gould	Aggie Weyers
Altar Guild	Mary Anne Ricci	Francesca Wahlborg and Linda Johnson
Assistants	Steve Marlow/Maureen Lang	Laura Betts/Steve Gurnett
Choir Director	Melanie Hohag	
Greeters	Quena Stropky	Bill & Jo Dieckhoff
Nursery Attendants	Holly Hanson & Jenna Yonce	
Organ	Barb Gurnett	
Piano	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Jim Kent	Karen Gourley
Recorder	Dave Williams	
Sound	Jack Yonce	Patrick Turechek
Uploader	George Cooper	
Ushers	Greg Kleine/Ken Kvols	Nate Johnson/Cesar Shinall
Wiggle Worshipers	Rosie Williams, Jason Yonce and Emma Jackson	

Flowers are given today by Roxie Larson in Memory of Paul Larson, and in Celebration of Baylor Bush's Birthday.

First Reading

Acts 17:22-31

17 ²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring." ²⁹ Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

1 ¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to give an answer to anyone who asks you to give a reason for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Gospel

John 14:15-21

14 ¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'