

Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908
Church Office - 495-2221 Tues. – Thur. 9:00-2:00p / Fri. 9:00-12:00p
Ken Hohag, Pastor
Andrew Koetsier, Youth and Family Director
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost / June 25, 2023

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

Prelude and Announcements
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*Gathering Song *All Creatures Of Our God and King v. 1, 3, 5* *bulletin*
Greeting/Kyrie p. 138
Prayer of the Day
O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier
First Reading Jeremiah 20:7-13
Second Reading Romans 6:1b-11
Gospel Acclamation p. 142
Gospel Matthew 10:24-33
Response: **Thanks be to God**
Sermon Sheep Among Wolves Pastor Lanning
*Hymn of the Day *We Are Baptized in Christ Jesus* **red 451**
Apostles' Creed p. 105
Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**
Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering
*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, 781, 483, 464**
*Prayer after Communion

**Congregation please stand*

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SENDING

Benediction
Sending Song *Let All Things Now Living* **red 881**
Dismissal
Postlude

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.

- ✠ *Today we welcome Craig Lanning, a NALC pastor from Highlands Ranch.*
- ✠ *Thank you to Maureen Lang for leading worship today while Pastor Ken is on vacation. Will return on Tuesday.*

<u>Serving Today</u>	
9:00a	
Altar Guild	Sue Wetzel
Assistants	Jon & Lisa Fountain
Greeter	Quena Stropky
Nursery Attendants	Jessica Worrell & Brian Gould
Organist	Barb Gurnett
Reader	Dave Reily
Recorder	Alex Gould
Sound	Patrick Turechek
Uploader	Jonathan Brooks
Ushers	Jonathan & Tiffany Brooks

Flowers are given today in Celebration of Jenna Yonce's Birthday, and in Memory of Sheryl Keene's brother and Rich Wesley.

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King, Lift up your voice with us and sing: Al-le-lu-ia! 2x.
O burning sun with golden beam and silver moon with softer gleam: **Refrain**
Refrain: Oh, praise him! Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia 3x
3. O flowing waters, pure and clear, make music for your Lord to hear.
Oh, praise him! Al-le-lu-ia! O fire so masterful and bright,
Providing us with warmth and light, **Refrain**
5. O ev'ryone of tender heart, forgiving others, take your part,
Oh, praise him! Alleluia! All you who pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and lay on him your care. **Refrain**

First Reading - Jeremiah 20:7-13

20 ⁷ O Lord, you have enticed me, and I was enticed; you have overpowered me, and you have prevailed. I have become a laughingstock all day long; everyone mocks me. ⁸ For whenever I speak, I must cry out, I must shout, 'Violence and destruction!' For the word of the LORD has become for me a reproach and derision all day long. ⁹ If I say, 'I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name', then within me there is something like a burning fire shut up in my bones; I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot. ¹⁰ For I hear many whispering: 'Terror is all around! Denounce him! Let us denounce him!' All my close friends are watching for me to stumble. 'Perhaps he can be enticed, and we can prevail against him, and take our revenge on him.' ¹¹ But the LORD is with me like a dread warrior; therefore, my persecutors will stumble, and they will not prevail. They will be greatly shamed, for they will not succeed. Their eternal dishonour will never be forgotten. ¹² O LORD of hosts, you test the righteous, you see the heart and the mind; let me see your retribution upon them, for to you I have committed my cause. ¹³ Sing to the LORD; praise the LORD! For he has delivered the life of the needy from the hands of evildoers.

Second Reading - Romans 6:1b-11

6 What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? ² By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? ³ Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? ⁴ Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. ⁵ For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. ⁶ We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. ⁷ For whoever has died is freed from sin. ⁸ But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. ⁹ We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. ¹⁰ The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. ¹¹ So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

Gospel - Matthew 10:24-33

10 ²⁴ 'A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; ²⁵ it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they malign those of his household! ²⁶ 'So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. ²⁷ What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. ²⁸ Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. ²⁹ Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. ³⁰ And even the hairs of your head are all counted. ³¹ So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ³² 'Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; ³³ but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.