

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

Fifth Sunday After Pentecost / July 2, 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.

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GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Brief Order of Confession

Gathering Song *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

Greeting/Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Second Reading

Celtic Alleluia

Gospel

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Psalm 100

Romans 6:12-23

Al-le-lu-ia 4x

Matthew 10:40-42

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Cup of Cold Water

Come to the Water

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Andrew Koetsier

Pastor Ken

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MEAL

Offering

*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

Beneath the Tree of Life

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*Congregation please stand.

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SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

Baptized and Set Free

Response: **Thanks be to God**

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Visitors and Members—Please sign our blue Friendship Book and pass it down the row. A nursery for infants & toddlers is inside 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.

Baptism—We welcome *Tyler Mason Strasner* into God's family through Baptism. Parents are Kurt and Stephanie Strasner. His sponsors are James and Christina Bevan. Baptism will be inside following our worship service.

Serving Today

9:00a

Altar Guild

Assistants

Greeter

Nursery Attendants

Keyboard

Reader

Recorder

Sound

Uploader

Ushers

Mary Anne Ricci / Vonda Dowdy

Karen Gourley / Laura Betts

Jerry & Ginny Johnson

Shannon Kosman / Emma Jackson

Landra Decker

Nancy Lord

Alex Gould

Patrick Turechek

George Cooper

Mike & Lisa Regennitter

Flowers are given today by the Kerstein's to the Glory of God.

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

1. O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain:
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.
2. O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life:
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and ev'ry gain divine.
3. O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years,
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears:
America! America! God mend thine ev'ry flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

July 2 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading (Congregation read “**bold**”) Psalm 100

¹ Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth.

² **Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing.**

³ Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

⁴ **Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name.**

⁵ For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

Second Reading Romans 6:12-23

6 ¹² Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. ¹³ No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness.

¹⁴ For sin will have no dominion over you since you are not under law but under grace. ¹⁵ What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! ¹⁶ Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? ¹⁷ But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, ¹⁸ and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. ¹⁹ I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. ²⁰ When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. ²¹ So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. ²² But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. ²³ For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

10 ⁴⁰ Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹ Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴² and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’