

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
 Sixth Sunday After Pentecost / July 9, 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 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* **red 807**
 Greeting/Kyrie p. 138
 Prayer of the Day
 Heavenly Father, you want us to give thanks for all things, to fear nothing except losing you, and to lay all our cares on you, knowing that you care for us. Protect us from our fears and anxieties, and grant that nothing in this life may hide from us the light of your love shown to us in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children’s Sermon Pastor Ken
 First Reading Zechariah 9:9-12
 Second Reading Romans 7:15-25a
 Gospel Acclamation p. 142
 Gospel Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
 Response: **Thanks be to God**
 Resting in Him Pastor Ken
 *Hymn of the Day *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* **red 611**
 Apostles’ Creed p. 105
 Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**
 Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* **red 461**
 *Offering Prayer
 God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
 Great Thanksgiving p. 144
 Lord’s Prayer p. 145
 Lamb of God p. 146
 Distribution Hymns **red 483, 592, 777, 742**
 *Prayer after Communion

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction
 Sending Song *Lord of All Hopefulness* **red 765**
 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.

<u>Serving Today</u>	
9:00a	
Acolyte	Aggie Weyers
Altar Guild	Mary Anne Ricci
Assistants	Amy Churchill / Jon Fountain
Greeter	Tiffany Brooks
Nursery Attendants	Lydia Zelones & Clara Makowsky
Organist	Barb Gurnett
Reader	Dave Reily
Recorder	Dave Williams
Sound	Landra Decker
Uploader	Patsy Wurster
Ushers	Deanna Hormann / Linda Pratt

WEEK’S CALENDAR July 9 – July 16		
Sunday	9:00a	Worship (Indoor Service)
Wednesday	7:00p	Contemporary Worship Practice
Thursday	9:00a	Quilters
	9:30	Staff Mtg.
	11:00	Chuck Holte’s Memorial Service
	7:00p	Council Mtg.
Friday	6:00p	Men’s BBQ
Saturday	7:00a	Men’s Bible Study
Sunday	9:00a	Worship (Outdoor Service)
Attendance:		
7/2 - 185		

Flowers are given today in Celebration of Karen Gourley’s Birthday.

First Reading

Zechariah 9:9-12

9 Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey. **10** He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim and the warhorse from Jerusalem; and the battle-bow shall be cut off, and he shall command peace to the nations; his dominion shall be from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth. **11** As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you, I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit. **12** Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope; today I declare that I will restore to you double.

Second Reading

Romans 7:15-25a

7 ¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ²⁵Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, with my mind I am a slave to the law of God, but with my flesh I am a slave to the law of sin.

Gospel

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

11 ¹⁶But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, ¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.” ¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

²⁵At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’