

# 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  
Ninth Sunday After Pentecost / July 30, 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.

*Please turn off your cellphone.*

## GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements  
\*Brief Order of Confession p. 3  
Gathering Song *All Things Bright and Beautiful* **bulletin**  
Greeting/Kyrie p. 3  
Prayer of the Day  
O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon Pastor Ken  
First Reading 1 Kings 3:5-12  
Second Reading Romans 8:26-39  
\*Gospel Acclamation p. 6  
Gospel Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52  
Response: **Thanks be to God**  
Sermon Buried Treasure! Pastor Ken  
\*Hymn of the Day *More Precious than Silver* **black 70**  
Holy Baptism *insert*  
Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our prayer**  
Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering *Give It Away* **black 30**  
\*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. 9  
Lord's Prayer p. 10  
Lamb of God **66**  
Distribution Hymns **7, 41, 6, 59, 72**  
\*Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

Benediction  
Sending Song *Lord of all Hopefulness* **black 73**  
Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God**  
Postlude

*\*Congregation please stand.*

**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.

**Our mission is to glorify God through worship, prayer, education, and service as ambassadors of Christ.**

### **Baptism**

Today we welcome two children into God's family through Baptism:

***Felicity Anne Wolfe***

Parents are Jacob and Emily Wolfe. Her sponsors are James and Dorothea Clapper.

***Griffin John Peters***

Parents are Austin & Quinn Peters. His sponsors are Vic & Kim Halverson.

### Serving Today

**9:00a**

<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vonda Dowdy / Kris Partridge
<b>Assistants</b>	Laura Betts / Donna Reiner
<b>Greeter</b>	Tiffany Brooks
<b>Keyboard</b>	Alexandra Cullen
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Shannon Kosman / Emma Jackson
<b>Reader</b>	Sunny Wilson
<b>Recorder</b>	Mary Benson
<b>Sound</b>	Jack Yonce
<b>Uploader</b>	Patsy Wurster
<b>Ushers</b>	Colin & Connie Schmeisser

*Flowers are given today by Lynn Anderson in Memory of Dick Anderson.*

### **All Things Bright and Beautiful**

**Refrain:** All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful, the Lord God made them all.

1. Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. **Refrain**
2. The purple headed mountains, the river running by,  
the sunset, and the morning that brightens up the sky. **Refrain**
3. The cold wind in the winter, the pleasant summer sun,  
the ripe fruits in the garden, God made them everyone. **Refrain**
4. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
How great is God Almighty, who has made all things well. **Refrain**

**First Reading - 1 Kings 3:5-12**

**3**<sup>5</sup> At Gibeon the LORD appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' <sup>6</sup> And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. <sup>7</sup> And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. <sup>8</sup> And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. <sup>9</sup> Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?' <sup>10</sup> It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. <sup>11</sup> God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, <sup>12</sup> I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.

**Second Reading - Romans 8:26-39**

**8**<sup>26</sup> Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. <sup>27</sup> And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. <sup>28</sup> We know that God works all things together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. <sup>29</sup> For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. <sup>30</sup> And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified. <sup>31</sup> What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? <sup>32</sup> He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? <sup>33</sup> Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. <sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. <sup>35</sup> Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? <sup>36</sup> As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' <sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**Gospel - Matthew 13:31-33, 44-46**

**13**<sup>31</sup> He put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; <sup>32</sup> it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.' <sup>33</sup> He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

<sup>44</sup> 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. <sup>45</sup> 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; <sup>46</sup> on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.