

# 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

Andrew Koetsier, Youth and Family Director

Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost / August 20, 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 *Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing v. 1-5* **red 886**

Greeting/Kyrie p. 138

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier

First Reading Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

Second Reading 11:1-2, 20-32

Celtic Alleluia *Al-le-lu-ia 4x*

Gospel Matthew 15:10-28

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Great Mercy Pastor Allan Oman

\*Hymn of the Day *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying* **red 752**

Apostles' Creed p. 105

Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* **red 712**

\*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, 466, 751, 481, 715**

\*Prayer after Communion

*\*Congregation please stand*

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## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song *Blest Are They v. 1-2*

Dismissal

Postlude

**red 728**

**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.

✠ *Today we welcome Allan Oman, a NALC pastor from Las Cruces, NM, and member of Black Forest Lutheran Church.*

✠ *Thank you to Maureen Lang for leading worship today while Pastor Ken is away. Pastor Ken will be back in the office on Wednesday.*

## Serving Today

**9:00a**

**Altar Guild**

Linda Johnson

**Assistants**

Steve Marlow / Laura Betts

**Greeter**

George & Chris Cooper

**Nursery Attendants**

Lydia Zelones / Amelia Makowsky

**Organist**

Barb Gurnett

**Reader**

Barbara Speir

**Recorder**

Dave Williams

**Sound**

Landra Decker

**Uploader**

George Cooper

**Ushers**

Jim & Deanna Hormann

*Flowers are given today by George & Norine Kerstein to the Glory of God.*

**First Reading - Isaiah 56:1, 6-8**

**56** <sup>1</sup> Thus says the LORD: Maintain justice, and do what is right, for soon my salvation will come, and my deliverance be revealed. <sup>6</sup> And the foreigners who join themselves to the LORD, to minister to him, to love the name of the LORD, and to be his servants, all who keep the sabbath, and do not profane it, and hold fast my covenant— <sup>7</sup> these I will bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer; their burnt-offerings and their sacrifices will be accepted on my altar; for my house shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples. <sup>8</sup> Thus says the Lord GOD, who gathers the outcasts of Israel, I will gather others to them besides those already gathered.

**Second Reading - Romans 11:1-2, 20-32**

**11** <sup>1</sup> I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. <sup>2</sup> God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew. <sup>29</sup> for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. <sup>30</sup> Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, <sup>31</sup> so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. <sup>32</sup> For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

**Gospel - Matthew 15:10-28**

**15** <sup>10</sup> Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, 'Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup> it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles.' <sup>12</sup> Then the disciples approached and said to him, 'Do you know that the Pharisees took offence when they heard what you said?' <sup>13</sup> He answered, 'Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup> Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit.' <sup>15</sup> But Peter said to him, 'Explain this parable to us.' <sup>16</sup> Then he said, 'Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup> Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup> But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup> For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup> These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile.' <sup>21</sup> Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup> Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, 'Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.' <sup>23</sup> But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, 'Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.' <sup>24</sup> He answered, 'I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.' <sup>25</sup> But she came and knelt before him, saying, 'Lord, help me.' <sup>26</sup> He answered, 'It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs.' <sup>27</sup> She said, 'Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table.' <sup>28</sup> Then Jesus answered her, 'Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.' And her daughter was healed instantly.