

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
Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost / August 27, 2023

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

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 p. 3
Gathering Song *Canticle of the Sun (Praise for...) v. 1-3* **black 48**
Greeting/Kyrie p. 3
Prayer of the Day
O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.
Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow
his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier
First Reading Psalm 67
Second Reading Romans 12:9-21
Celtic Alleluia *Al-le-lu-ia 4x*
Gospel Matthew 16:21-28
Response: **Thanks be to God**
Sermon Appalachian Mission Trip Andrew Koetsier and
Mission Trip Team
*Hymn of the Day *Make Me a Servant* **black 68**
Holy Baptism *insert*
Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our prayer**
Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering *Step by Step* *bulletin*
*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 **10, 72, 78, 75, 76**
*Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction
Sending Song *Let All Things Now Living* **black 37**
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.

Baptism – We welcome *Baylor Diane Bush* into God's family through Baptism.
Parents are Carson & Kirsten Bush. Her sponsors are Zach Regennitter and
Carlos Ahumada.

Serving Today

9:00a

Altar Guild	Kris Partridge / Sue Wetzel
Assistants	Steve Marlow / Karen Gourley
Greeter	Stephanie Strasner
Nursery Attendants	Clara Makowsky / Emma Jackson
Piano	Alexandra Cullen
Reader	Rebecca Hohag
Recorder	Patrick Turechek
Sound	Jack Yonce
Uploader	Patrick Turechek
Ushers	Mike & Lisa Regennitter

Flowers are given today in Celebration of Baylor Bush's Baptism.

Step by Step

O God, You are my God,
I will ever praise you. 2x

I will seek You in the morning,
and I will learn to walk in Your way.

And step by step, You'll lead me,
and I will follow You all of my days.

First Reading (congregation read 'bold' print)

Psalm 67

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face shine on us—² so that your ways may be known on earth, your salvation among all nations. ³ **May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.** ⁴ May the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you rule the peoples with equity and guide the nations of the earth. ⁵ **May the peoples praise you, God; may all the peoples praise you.** ⁶ The land yields its harvest; God, our God, blesses us. ⁷ May God bless us still, so that all the ends of the earth will fear him.

Second Reading

Romans 12:9-21

¹² ⁹ Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; ¹⁰ love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. ¹¹ Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. ¹² Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. ¹³ Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers. ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. ¹⁶ Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. ¹⁷ Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. ¹⁸ If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. ¹⁹ Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' ²⁰ No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' ²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

Gospel

Matthew 16:21-28

¹⁶ ²¹ From that time on Jesus began to explain to his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things at the hands of the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and on the third day be raised to life. ²² Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. "Never, Lord!" he said. "This shall never happen to you!" ²³ Jesus turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; you do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns." ²⁴ Then Jesus said to his disciples, "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ²⁵ For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me will find it. ²⁶ What good will it be for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? ²⁷ For the Son of Man is going to come in his Father's glory with his angels, and then he will reward each person according to what they have done. ²⁸ "Truly I tell you, some who are standing here will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."