

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Church office - 495-2221 Tues. - Fri. 9:00-2:00p

Ken Hohag, Pastor

Andrew Koetsier, Youth and Family Director

Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday, October 1, 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

Gathering Song

Greeting/Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Second Reading

\*Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

Holy Baptism

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Ezekiel 18:26-28, 30-32

Philippians 2:1-13

*Alleluia*

Matthew 21:23-32

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Having the Mind of Christ

*Make Me A Servant*

8:00

10:30

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Andrew Koetsier

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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

*Shepherd Me, O God*

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## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

*Lord I Lift Your Name On High*

Response: **Thanks be to God**

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**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.

**Wiggle Worship at 10:30a**–After the children's sermon, kiddos ages 4-7 can follow a teacher for wiggle worship. They will return to their parents during the offering.

### Sunday School Classes:

- Pre-K to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade meet in Room #12 (down hallway off of Fellowship Hall) for first part of class, 3<sup>rd</sup> to 5<sup>th</sup> grade will move to Room #22 (upstairs) for the second part of class.
- 6<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Andrew's office, next to the kitchen.

**Baptism** – We welcome *Amelia Allison Rankin* into God's family through Baptism. Parents are Jason & Lauryn Rankin. Her sponsors are David & Tammy Klein.

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	8:00	10:30
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alex Gould	Aggie Weyers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Holte	Shari Kraus
<b>Assistants</b>	Laura Betts/Kathy Schwindt	Jon & Lisa Fountain
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Mike & Jutta Romans
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Jeanette Gould & Brian Gould	
<b>Piano</b>	Alexandra Cullen	
<b>Readers</b>	Rebecca Hohag	Jon Fountain
<b>Recorder</b>	Amy White	
<b>Sound</b>	Landra Decker/Nate Knapp	Landra Decker/Cesar Shinall
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Deanna Hormann	Nate & Jessica Johnson
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Jessica Worell Landon Toelle Alex Lacomia

*Flowers are given today in Celebration of David & Misty Hopp's  
20<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary*

**First Reading**  
**Ezekiel 18:26-28, 30-32**

**18** <sup>26</sup> When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. <sup>27</sup> Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. <sup>28</sup> Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. <sup>30</sup> Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord God. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin. <sup>31</sup> Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? <sup>32</sup> For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord God. Turn, then, and live.

**Second Reading**  
**Philippians 2:1-13**

**2** Therefore, if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort provided by love, any fellowship in the Spirit, any affection or mercy, <sup>2</sup> complete my joy and be of the same mind, by having the same love, being united in spirit, and having one purpose. <sup>3</sup> Instead of being motivated by selfish ambition or vanity, each of you should, in humility, be moved to treat one another as more important than yourself. <sup>4</sup> Each of you should be concerned not only about your own interests, but about the interests of others as well. <sup>5</sup> You should have the same attitude toward one another that Christ Jesus had, <sup>6</sup> who though he existed in the form of God did not regard equality with God as something to be grasped, <sup>7</sup> but emptied himself by taking on the form of a slave, by looking like other men, and by sharing in human nature. <sup>8</sup> He humbled himself, by becoming obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross! <sup>9</sup> As a result God highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, <sup>10</sup> so that at the name of Jesus every knee will bow—in heaven and on earth and under the earth—<sup>11</sup> and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father. <sup>12</sup> So then, my dear friends, just as you have always obeyed, not only in my presence but even more in my absence, continue working out your salvation with awe and reverence, <sup>13</sup> for the one bringing forth in you both the desire and the effort—for the sake of his good pleasure—is God.

**Gospel**  
**Matthew 21:23-32**

**21** <sup>23</sup> When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' <sup>24</sup> Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. <sup>25</sup> Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?"' <sup>26</sup> But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' <sup>27</sup> So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things. <sup>28</sup> What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." <sup>29</sup> He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. <sup>30</sup> The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. <sup>31</sup> Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. <sup>32</sup> For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.'