

# 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

Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost / September 10, 2023

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

The order of worship is the **red** hymnal. **Hymns** are in the back of the hymnal.

Liturgy is in the front as p.

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## GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

\*Brief Order of Confession

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Gathering Song

*Earth and All Stars! v. 1, 3-5*

**red 731**

Greeting/Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon

Andrew Koetsier

First Reading

Ezekiel 33:7-11

Anthem

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

Choir

Second Reading

Romans 13:8-14

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 18:15-20

Response: **Thanks be to God**

## Sermon

Pastor Ken

\*Hymn of the Day

*In All Our Grief*

**red 615**

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

### Offering

8:00a *For the Beauty of the Earth*

Choir

10:30a \_\_\_\_\_

**red**

\*Offering Prayer 1, 2, 3, or 4

Great Thanksgiving

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Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

**red 612, 617, 483, 464**

\*Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

*Our Father, by Whose Name*

**red 640**

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 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 3-7 can follow a teacher for wiggle worship. They will return to their parents during the offering.

**Sunday School Classes @ 9:30a.** For children 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> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet in Andrew's office off of the kitchen.

### Serving Today

	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brian Gould	Aggie Wyers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Holte	Kris Partridge
<b>Assistants</b>	Amy Churchill/James Johnston	Karen Gourley/Lisa Fountain
<b>Greeters</b>	George & Chris Cooper	Mike & Jutta Romans
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Lisa Reginnitter/Emma Jackson	Jessica Worrel/
<b>Pianist</b>	Barb Gurnett	
<b>Choir Director</b>	Melanie Hohag	
<b>Reader</b>	Roxie Larson	Karen Gourley
<b>Recorder</b>	Amy White	
<b>Sound</b>	Jack Yonce	Patrick Turechek
<b>Uploader</b>		Patrick Turechek
<b>Ushers</b>	Tiffany & Johnathan Brooks	Nate & Jessica Johnson
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>	Amy Churchill, Jason Yonce, Hannah Joiner, Landon Toelle	

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

**First Reading**  
**Ezekiel 33:7-11**

**33** <sup>7</sup> So you, mortal, I have made a sentinel for the house of Israel; whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me. <sup>8</sup> If I say to the wicked, 'O wicked ones, you shall surely die', and you do not speak to warn the wicked to turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but their blood I will require at your hand. <sup>9</sup> But if you warn the wicked to turn from their ways, and they do not turn from their ways, the wicked shall die in their iniquity, but you will have saved your life. <sup>10</sup> Now you, mortal, say to the house of Israel, Thus you have said: 'Our transgressions and our sins weigh upon us, and we waste away because of them; how then can we live?' <sup>11</sup> Say to them, As I live, says the Lord GOD, I have no pleasure in the death of the wicked, but that the wicked turn from their ways and live; turn back, turn back from your evil ways; for why will you die, O house of Israel?

**Second Reading**  
**Romans 13:8-14**

**13** <sup>8</sup> Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, 'You shall not commit adultery; You shall not murder; You shall not steal; You shall not covet'; and any other commandment, are summed up in this word, 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' <sup>10</sup> Love does no wrong to a neighbour; therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law. <sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone, the day is near. Let us then lay aside the works of darkness and put on the armour of light; <sup>13</sup> let us live honourably as in the day, not in revelling and drunkenness, not in debauchery and licentiousness, not in quarrelling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires.

**Gospel**  
**Matthew 18:15-20**

**18** <sup>15</sup> 'If another member of the church sins against you, go and point out the fault when the two of you are alone. If the member listens to you, you have regained that one. <sup>16</sup> But if you are not listened to, take one or two others along with you, so that every word may be confirmed by the evidence of two or three witnesses. <sup>17</sup> If the member refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if the offender refuses to listen even to the church, let such a one be to you as a Gentile and a tax-collector. <sup>18</sup> Truly I tell you, whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven. <sup>19</sup> Again, truly I tell you, if two of you agree on earth about anything you ask, it will be done for you by my Father in heaven. <sup>20</sup> For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them.'