

# 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

Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday, September 17, 2023

The 8:00 Traditional Service is in the **red** hymnal in the first column and the 10:30 Contemporary Service is in the **black** book, Setting 4. Liturgy is listed as p.

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## GATHERING

	<b>8:00 red</b>	<b>10:30 black</b>
Prelude and Announcements		
*Brief Order of Confession	p. 94	p. 3
Gathering Song	<b>521</b>	<b>67</b>
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138	p. 3
Prayer of the Day		

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon	<i>Presenting Bibles</i>		Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Genesis 50:15-21		
Second Reading	Romans 14:1-12		
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>Turn my heart, O God, turn my heart, O God Take my pain and brokenness, shape my life for you, Come and turn my heart, O God.</i>		
Gospel	Matthew 18:21-35		
Sermon	Response: <b>Thanks be to God</b> When Do You Call It Quits?		Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<b>605</b>	<b>58 v. 1-3</b>	
Apostles' Creed	p. 105	p. 7	
Prayers of Intercession	Response: <b>Hear our prayer</b>		
Sharing of the Peace			

## MEAL

Offering	<b>780</b>	<b>64</b>
*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. 144	p. 9
Lord's Prayer	p. 145	p. 10
Lamb of God	p. 146	<b>11</b>
Distribution Hymns	<b>483, 528, Bulletin, 481, 608</b>	<b>58 v. 3-5, 10, Bulletin, 77</b>

\*Prayer after Communion

\*Congregation please stand.

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## SENDING

Benediction		
Sending Song	<b>543</b>	<b>29</b>
Dismissal	Response: <b>Thanks be to God</b>	
Postlude		

**Visitors and Members**—Please sign our blue Friendship Book and pass it down the row. A nursery for ages newborn to 3 years 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.** For children 4 years to 5<sup>th</sup> grade in the classrooms off of the fellowship hall, 6<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> graders meet in office off of the kitchen.

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Jason Yonce	Adam Weyers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Anne Ricci	Linda Johnson
<b>Assistants</b>	Kathy Schwindt & Laura Betts	Jon & Lisa Fountain
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Freda Fry
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Lydia Zelones & Jenna Yonce	
<b>Organist/Pianist</b>	Alexandra Cullen	
<b>Reader</b>	Roxie Larson	Sunny Wilson
<b>Recorder</b>	Dave Williams	
<b>Sound</b>	Patrick Turechek	Landra Decker
<b>Uploader</b>	Patrick Turechek	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Dianna Hormann	Scott & Ann Buttermore
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Rosie Williams Emma Jackson Hannah Joiner

*Flowers are given today in Memory of Richard and Donna Wesley's 67<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.*

## **Good Soil**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.  
Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.  
When my heart is hard, break the stone away,  
When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.  
When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.  
Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**First Reading**  
**Genesis 50:15-21**

50 <sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup> But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

**Second Reading**  
**Romans 14:7-12**

14 <sup>7</sup> We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup> If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup> For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living. <sup>10</sup> Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup> For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' <sup>12</sup> So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

**Gospel**  
**Matthew 18:21-35**

18 <sup>21</sup> Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often will my brother sin against me, and I forgive him? As many as seven times?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy-seven times." <sup>23</sup> "Therefore the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his servants. <sup>24</sup> When he began to settle, one was brought to him who owed him ten thousand talents. <sup>25</sup> And since he could not pay, his master ordered him to be sold, with his wife and children and all that he had, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup> So the servant fell on his knees, imploring him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' <sup>27</sup> And out of pity for him, the master of that servant released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup> But when that same servant went out, he found one of his fellow servants who owed him a hundred denarii, and seizing him, he began to choke him, saying, 'Pay what you owe.' <sup>29</sup> So his fellow servant fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' <sup>30</sup> He refused and went and put him in prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup> When his fellow servants saw what had taken place, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their master all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup> Then his master summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked servant! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup> And should not you have had mercy on your fellow servant, as I had mercy on you?' <sup>34</sup> And in anger his master delivered him to the jailers, until he should pay all his debt. <sup>35</sup> So also my heavenly Father will do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother from your heart."