

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

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday, September 24, 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 *There's a Wideness in God's Mercy v.1, 2, 4* **red 588**
 Greeting/Kyrie p. 138
 Prayer of the Day
 Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier
 First Reading Jonah 2:10-4:11
 Second Reading Philippians 1:21-27
 Gospel Acclamation p. 142
 Gospel Matthew 20:1-16
 Response: **Thanks be to God**
 Sermon More than Fair Pastor Ken
 *Hymn of the Day *Have No Fear, Little Flock* **red 764**
 Apostles' Creed p. 105
 Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**
 Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering 8:00 *Be Thou My Vision* Choir
 10:30 *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* **red 733**
 *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 801, 744, 718, 708**
 *Prayer after Communion

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction
 Sending Song *Lord of All Hopefulness*
 Dismissal
 Postlude

red 765

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

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Brian Gould	Emma Webb
Altar Guild	Sue Wetzel	Shari Kraus
Assistants	Jim Kent/John Kress	Karen Gourley/Lisa Fountain
Choir Director	Melanie Hohag	
Greeters	Wilda Nussbaum	Walter Pryor & Linda Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Lisa Regennitter Clara Makowsky	Stephanie Strasner
Organ	Barb Gurnett	
Piano	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Todd Gould	Jon Fountain
Recorder	Alex Gould	
Sound	Patrick Turecheck	Patrick Turecheck
Uploader	Patrick Turecheck	
Ushers	Tiffany Brooks	Lisa Regennitter
Wiggle Worshipers		Karina Isley Audrey Joiner Eleanor Makowsky

Flowers are given today in Remembrance of Neale & Carol Wells' Wedding Anniversary by the Worrells and Don & Sue Vigil

September 24 – 17th Sunday after Pentecost

First Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:11

3 ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it. **4** But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. ²He prayed to the LORD and said, 'O LORD! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. ³And now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' ⁴And the LORD said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' ⁵Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city. ⁶The LORD God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. ⁷But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.' ⁹But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' ¹⁰Then the LORD said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

Second Reading

Philippians 1:21-27

Gospel

Matthew 20:1-16

20 ¹For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. ²After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. ³When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; ⁴and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. ⁵When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. ⁶And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" ⁷They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." ⁸When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." ⁹When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. ¹⁰Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. ¹¹And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, ¹²saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." ¹³But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? ¹⁴Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. ¹⁵Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" ¹⁶So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'