

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

Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost / September 3, 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 all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord.

Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Second Reading

Celtic Alleluia

Gospel

Sermon

*Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Isaiah 51:1-9

Romans 12:1-8

Al-le-lu-ia 4x

Matthew 16:13-20

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Who Do You Say He Is?

Come and See

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Andrew Koetsier

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

I Believe

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SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

For God So Loved the World

Response: **Thanks be to God**

I Saw the Light

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bulletin

*Congregation please stand.

**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 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.

Serving Today

9:00a

Altar Guild

Assistants

Greeters

Nursery Attendants

Piano

Reader

Recorder

Sound

Uploader

Ushers

Vonda Dowdy / Francesca Wahlborg

Laura Betts / Donna Reiner

Randy & Marcia Johnson

Jeanette Gould / Alex Gould

Alexandra Cullen

Todd Gould

Mary Benson

Patrick Turechek

Patsy Wurster

Nate & Jessica Johnson

Flowers are given to the Glory of God by George and Norine Kerstein.

I Saw the Light

1. I wandered so aimless, my heart was filled with sin.

I wouldn't let my dear Savior in, Then Jesus came like a stranger in the night.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Refrain:

I saw the light, I saw the light

No more darkness, No more night

Now I'm so happy, no sorrow in sight.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

2. Just like a blind man I wandered along. Worries and cares I had for my own.

Then like the blind man that God gave back his sight.

Praise the Lord, I saw the light. Refrain

3. I was a fool to wander and stray. Straight is the gate and narrow the way.

Now I have traded the wrong for the right. Praise the Lord, I saw the light.

Refrain

First Reading

Isaiah 51:1-6

51 ¹ Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the LORD. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. ² Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the LORD will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the LORD; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song. ⁴ Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. ⁵ I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. ⁶ Lift up your eyes to the heavens and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be forever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

Second Reading

Romans 12:1-8

12 ¹ I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. ² Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God—what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgement, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. ⁴ For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, ⁵ so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. ⁶ We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ⁷ ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; ⁸ the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Gospel

Matthew 16:13-20

16 ¹³ Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' ¹⁴ And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' ¹⁵ He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' ¹⁶ Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' ¹⁷ And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. ¹⁸ And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. ¹⁹ I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.' ²⁰ Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.