

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

Twenty First Sunday After Pentecost/Sunday, October 22, 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	<i>God of Grace and God of Glory</i> red 705
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138
Prayer of the Day	
Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name: through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	

WORD

Children's Sermon		Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Isaiah 45:1-7	
Anthem 10:30a	<i>Deep Waters</i>	Choir
Second Reading	1 Thessalonians 1	
Gospel Acclamation		p. 142
Gospel	Matthew 22:15-22	
	Response: Thanks be to God	
Sermon	You Can't Out Give God	Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<i>Take My Life, That I May Be</i>	red 583
Apostles' Creed 8:00a		p. 105
Reception of New Members 10:30a		p. 234
Prayers of Intercession	Response: Hear our Prayer	
Sharing of the Peace		

MEAL

Offering 8:00a	<i>Deep Waters</i>	Choir
10:30a	<i>To Be Your Presence</i>	red 546
*Offering Prayer		
Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
Great Thanksgiving		p. 144
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Lamb of God		p. 146
Distribution Hymns		red 528, 479, 611

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*Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Sing to the Lord of Harvest</i>	red 694
Dismissal		
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 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	Eleanor Makowsky	Emma Webb
Altar Guild	Mary Anne Ricci	Linda Johnson
Assistants	Steve Marlow/Maureen Lang	Laura Betts/Steve Gurnett
Choir Director	Melanie Hohag	
Greeters	Wilda Nussbaum	Randy & Marcia Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Jeanette Gould & Alex Gould	
Organ/Piano	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Todd Gould	David Reily
Sound	Nate Knapp	Patrick Turechek
Recorder	Patrick Turechek	
Ushers	Greg Kleine/Ken Kvols	Scott & Ann Buttermore
Upload	Rebecca Botvinik	
Wiggle Worshipers		Karina Isley Audrey Koetsier Jason Yonce

*Flowers are given today in loving
Memory of Linda Denney's Birthday.*

First Reading
Isaiah 45:1-7

45 Thus says the LORD to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I have grasped to subdue nations before him and strip kings of their robes, to open doors before him—and the gates shall not be closed: ²I will go before you and level the mountains, I will break in pieces the doors of bronze and cut through the bars of iron, ³I will give you the treasures of darkness and riches hidden in secret places, so that you may know that it is I, the LORD, the God of Israel, who call you by your name. ⁴For the sake of my servant Jacob, and Israel my chosen, I call you by your name, I surname you, though you do not know me. ⁵I am the LORD, and there is no other; besides me there is no god. I arm you, though you do not know me, ⁶so that they may know, from the rising of the sun and from the west, that there is no one besides me; I am the LORD, and there is no other. ⁷I form light and create darkness, I make weal and create woe; I the LORD do all these things.

Second Reading
1 Thessalonians 1

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace to you and peace. ²We always give thanks to God for all of you and mention you in our prayers, constantly ³remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and labour of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴For we know, brothers and sisters beloved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵because our message of the gospel came to you not in word only, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and with full conviction; just as you know what kind of people we proved to be among you for your sake. ⁶And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for in spite of persecution you received the word with joy inspired by the Holy Spirit, ⁷so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. ⁸For the word of the Lord has sounded forth from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but in every place where your faith in God has become known, so that we have no need to speak about it. ⁹For the people of those regions report about us what kind of welcome we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols, to serve a living and true God, ¹⁰and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescues us from the wrath that is coming.

Second Reading
Matthew 22:15-22

22 ¹⁵Then the Pharisees went and plotted to entrap him in what he said. ¹⁶So they sent their disciples to him, along with the Herodians, saying, 'Teacher, we know that you are sincere, and teach the way of God in accordance with truth, and show deference to no one; for you do not regard people with partiality. ¹⁷Tell us, then, what you think. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?' ¹⁸But Jesus, aware of their malice, said, 'Why are you putting me to the test, you hypocrites? ¹⁹Show me the coin used for the tax.' And they brought him a denarius. ²⁰Then he said to them, 'Whose head is this, and whose title?' ²¹They answered, 'Caesar's.' Then he said to them, 'Give therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.' ²²When they heard this, they were amazed; and they left him and went away.