

# 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

Reformation Sunday / Sunday, October 29, 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>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God v. 1, 2, 4</i> <b>red 504</b>
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138
Prayer of the Day	
Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who <u>lives</u> and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	

## WORD

Children's Sermon		Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Jeremiah 31:31-34	
Psalms	Psalms 46	p.338+
Second Reading	Romans 3:19-28	
Gospel Acclamation		p. 142
Gospel	John 8:31-36	
	Response: <b>Thanks be to God</b>	
Sermon	If, Then / Because, Therefore	Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<i>My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less v.1-3</i> <b>red 597</b>	
Apostles' Creed		p. 105
Prayers of Intercession	Response: <b>Hear our Prayer</b>	
Sharing of the Peace		

## MEAL

Offering	<i>Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil</i> <b>red 512</b>
*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
Lord's Prayer	p. 145
Lamb of God	p. 146
Distribution	
*Prayer after Communion	

\*Congregation please stand.

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## SENDING

Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>Lift High the Cross v. 1-3</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude	

**red 660**

**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 and changing table are 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 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> to 12<sup>th</sup> Grade: Andrew's office, next to the kitchen.

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Joiner	Alysha Snyder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Roxie Larson	Kris Partridge
<b>Assistants</b>	Steve Marlow/Steve Lord	Karen Gourley/Bob Uzman
<b>Crucifers</b>	Clara Makowsky	Aggie Weyers
<b>Greeters</b>	George & Ginny West	Duane & Pam Wagner
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Lydia Zelones & Emma Jackson	
<b>Organ</b>	Janice Kinsley	
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Lord	Sunny Wilson
<b>Recorder</b>	Alex Gould	
<b>Sound</b>		Patrick Turecheck
<b>Uploader</b>	George Cooper	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Deanna Hormann	Cody & Amy Long
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Misty Hopp
		Alex Lacomia
		Emma Webb

*Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by the Wahlborg's.*

**First Reading**

**Jeremiah 31:31-34**

**31** <sup>31</sup> The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup> It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup> But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup> No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

**Second Reading**

**Romans 3:19-28**

**3** <sup>19</sup> Now we know that whatever the law says, it speaks to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced, and the whole world may be held accountable to God. <sup>20</sup> For 'no human being will be justified in his sight' by deeds prescribed by the law, for through the law comes the knowledge of sin. <sup>21</sup> But now, irrespective of law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, <sup>22</sup> the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe. For there is no distinction, <sup>23</sup> since all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; <sup>24</sup> they are now justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, <sup>25</sup> whom God put forward as a sacrifice of atonement by his blood, effective through faith. He did this to show his righteousness, because in his divine forbearance he had passed over the sins previously committed; <sup>26</sup> it was to prove at the present time that he himself is righteous and that he justifies the one who has faith in Jesus. <sup>27</sup> Then what becomes of boasting? It is excluded. By what law? By that of works? No, but by the law of faith. <sup>28</sup> For we hold that a person is justified by faith apart from works prescribed by the law.

**Gospel**

**John 8:31-36**

**8** <sup>31</sup> Then Jesus said to the Jews who had believed in him, 'If you continue in my word, you are truly my disciples; <sup>32</sup> and you will know the truth, and the truth will make you free.' <sup>33</sup> They answered him, 'We are descendants of Abraham and have never been slaves to anyone. What do you mean by saying, "You will be made free"?' <sup>34</sup> Jesus answered them, 'Very truly, I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave to sin. <sup>35</sup> The slave does not have a permanent place in the household; the son has a place there forever. <sup>36</sup> So if the Son makes you free, you will be free indeed.'