

# 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

Nineteenth Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday, October 8, 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 *Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer* **red 618**  
 Greeting/Kyrie p. 138  
 Prayer of the Day  
 Our Lord Jesus you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation.  
 Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to  
 acknowledge you as Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier  
 First Reading Isaiah 5:1-7  
 Second Reading Philippians 3:4b-14  
 Gospel Acclamation p. 142  
 Gospel Matthew 21:33-46  
 Response: **Thanks be to God**  
 Sermon Know Christ, Make Him Known Pastor Ken  
 \*Hymn of the Day *Give Me Jesus v. 1 Pastor, 4- 5 All* **red 770**  
 Apostles' Creed p. 105  
 Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**  
 Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering 8:00 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* **red 742**  
 10:30 *Praise the One* Choir  
 \*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 Hymns **red 838, 654, 635**  
 \*Prayer after Communion

\*Congregation please stand

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## SENDING

Benediction  
 Sending Song *In Christ Alone*  
 Dismissal  
 Postlude

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**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 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>	
	8:00	10:30
<b>Acolytes</b>	Alysha Snyder	Adam Weyers
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Roxie Larson	Francesca Wahlborg
<b>Assistants</b>	John & Dinah Kress	Lisa Fountain/Laura Betts
<b>Choir Director</b>		Melanie Hohag
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Linda Johnson & Walter Pryer
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Martha Johnson	Pam Wagner/Steve Gurnett
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Emma Jackson & Clara Makowsky	
<b>Organ/Piano</b>	Barb Gurnett	
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Lord	Sunny Wilson
<b>Recorder</b>	Patrick Turechek	
<b>Sound</b>	Nate Knapp	Patrick Turechek
<b>Uploader</b>	Rebecca Botnivik	
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Jessica Worrell
		Landon Yoelle
		Alex Lacomia

*Flowers are given today in celebration of Roxie Larson's birthday.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 5:1-7**

**5** <sup>1</sup> Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. <sup>2</sup> He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. <sup>3</sup> And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. <sup>4</sup> What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? <sup>5</sup> And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. <sup>6</sup> I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. <sup>7</sup> For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

**Second Reading**

**Philippians 3:4b-14**

**3** <sup>4</sup> If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup> circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup> as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. <sup>7</sup> Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup> More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup> and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup> I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup> if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. <sup>12</sup> Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup> Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup> I press on towards the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

**Gospel**

**Matthew 21:33-43, 45**

**21** <sup>33</sup> There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. <sup>34</sup> When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. <sup>35</sup> But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. <sup>36</sup> Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. <sup>37</sup> Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." <sup>38</sup> But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." <sup>39</sup> So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. <sup>40</sup> Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' <sup>41</sup> They said to him, '**He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.**' <sup>42</sup> Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"?' <sup>43</sup> Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. <sup>45</sup> When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.