

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
 Second Sunday of Advent / Sunday, December 10, 2023

SENDING

Benediction
 Sending Song *Prepare the Royal Highway*
 Dismissal
 Postlude

red 264

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.

**Our mission is to glorify God through
 worship, prayer, education, and service as
 ambassadors of Christ.**

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements
 Brief Order of Confession p. 94
 *Gathering Song *Hark, the Glad Sound!* red 239
 Greeting/Kyrie p. 138
 Prayer of the Day
 Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

WORD

Children’s Sermon Andrew Koetsier
 Advent Candle Lighting
*Oh come, Oh come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
 That mourns in lonely exile here, until the Son of God appear,
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to you, O Israel.*
 First Reading Isaiah 40:1-8
 Second Reading 2 Peter 3:8-10; 14-15
 Gospel Acclamation p. 142
 Gospel Mark 1:1-8
 Response: **Thanks be to God**
 Sermon John: Confident or Confused? Pastor Ken
 *Hymn of the Day *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* red 249
 Apostles’ Creed p. 105
 Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**
 Sharing of the Peace

Christmas Eve Service
Sunday, December 24
One Morning Service @ 9:00a
Candlelight Services
 3:30, 5:30, 7:30p

MEAL

Offering *Percussive Praise* Handbell 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 257 v. 1, 4-6, 262, 483, 481, 487

<u>Serving Today</u>		
	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Jason Yonce	Alysha Snyder
Altar Guild	MaryAnne Ricci	Linda Johnson
Assistants	Steve Marlow/Jim Kent	Karen Gourley/Donna Reiner
Bell Choir Director	Bill Fitzpatrick	
Greeters	Jerry & Ginny Johnson	Walter Pryor & Linda Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Holly Hanson & Jenna Yonce	
Organ	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Roxie Larson	Sunny Wilson
Recorder	Amy White	
Sound	Nate Knapp	Cesar Shinall
Uploader	Patsy Wurster	
Ushers	Johnathan & Tiffany Brooks	David Meyer/Scott Buttermore
Wiggle Worshipers		Amy Churchill Emma Jackson

*Flowers are given today in
 Celebration of BFLC Children’s Christmas Program.*

*Prayer after Communion
 *Congregation please stand

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First Reading

Isaiah 40:1-8

40 Comfort, O comfort my people, says your God. ² Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that she has served her term, that her penalty is paid, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins. ³ A voice cries out: 'In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD, make straight in the desert a highway for our God. ⁴ Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. ⁵ Then the glory of the LORD shall be revealed, and all people shall see it together, for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.' ⁶ A voice says, 'Cry out!' And I said, 'What shall I cry?' All people are grass, their constancy is like the flower of the field. ⁷ The grass withers, the flower fades, when the breath of the LORD blows upon it; surely the people are grass. ⁸ The grass withers, the flower fades; but the word of our God will stand for ever.

Second Reading

2 Peter 3:8-10, 14-15

3 ⁸ But do not ignore this one fact, beloved, that with the Lord one day is like a thousand years, and a thousand years are like one day. ⁹ The Lord is not slow about his promise, as some think of slowness, but is patient with you, not wanting any to perish, but all to come to repentance. ¹⁰ But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a loud noise, and the elements will be dissolved with fire, and the earth and everything that is done on it will be disclosed. ¹⁴ Therefore, beloved, while you are waiting for these things, strive to be found by him at peace, without spot or blemish; ¹⁵ and regard the patience of our Lord as salvation. So also our beloved brother Paul wrote to you according to the wisdom given to him,

Gospel

Mark 1:1-8

1 The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God. ² As it is written in the prophet Isaiah, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way; ³ the voice of one crying out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight"', ⁴ John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. ⁵ And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁶ Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. ⁷ He proclaimed, 'The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. ⁸ I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit.'

Matthew 11:2-6

11 ² When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³ and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' ⁴ Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵ the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶ And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'