

Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908
Church office - 495-2221 Tues. - Thur. 9:00-2:00 Fri. 9:00-Noon

Kenneth D. Hohag, Pastor

Andrew Koetsier, Youth/Family Ministries Director

1st Sunday of Advent Kindermesse / Sunday, December 3, 2023

Today's order of worship is in the Kindermesse booklet.

Songs are in the **red** book.

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

*Confession p. 1

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Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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 64:1-9

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Gospel Acclamation p. 2

*Gospel Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel Pastor Ken

*Sermon Hymn *He Came Down That We May Have Love* **red 253**

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Prayers

Kyrie Eleison p. 3

MEAL

Offering *The King Shall Come* **red 260**

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Distribution Hymns p. 6, **red 801, 595**

SENDING

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*Sending Song *Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn* **red 242**

Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

*Congregation please stand

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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 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 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	Brian Gould	Emma Webb
Altar Guild	Pat Holte	Shari Kraus
Assistants	Steve Marlow/James Johnston	Karen Gourley/Donna Reiner
Greeters	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Randy & Marcia Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Jeanette & Alex Gould	
Piano	Alexandra Cullen	
Readers	Todd Gould	Sunny Wilson
Sound		
Recorder	Dave Williams	
Uploader	George Cooper	
Ushers	Steve & Christine Makowsky	Cody & Amy Long
Wiggle Worshipers	Amy Churchill	
	Landon Toelle	
	Audrey Koetsier	

*Flowers are given today in
Thanksgiving of Steve and Nancy Lord's Children,
and to the Glory of God by George and Norine Kerstein*

First Reading

Isaiah 64:1-9

64 O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—² as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil—to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! ³When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. ⁴From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. ⁵You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. ⁶We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. ⁷There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity. ⁸Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. ⁹Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

1 ³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— ⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— ⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Gospel

Mark 13:24-37

²⁴But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, ²⁵and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. ²⁶Then they will see “the Son of Man coming in clouds” with great power and glory. ²⁷Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven. ²⁸From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. ²⁹So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. ³⁰Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. ³¹Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. ³²But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. ³⁴It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his servants in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. ³⁵Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, ³⁶or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. ³⁷And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.’