

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

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Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany / Sunday, January 28, 2024

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.

GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

Brief Order of Confession p. 94

*Gathering Song *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **red 834**

Greeting/Kyrie p. 138

Prayer of the Day

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier

First Reading Deuteronomy 18:15-20

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 8:6-13

Gospel Acclamation p. 142

Gospel Mark 1:21-31

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Driving Out the Enemy Pastor Ken

*Hymn of the Day *Rise, Shine, You People!* **red 665**

Apostles' Creed p. 105

Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our Prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering *Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us* **red 789**

*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 764, 781, 777**

*Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* **red 843**

Dismissal

Postlude

*Congregation please stand

**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	Hannah Joiner	Ashley Snyder
Altar Guild	Vonda Dowdy	Francesca Wahlborg
Assistants	Amy Churchill/Dinah Kress	Andrew & Laura Betts
Greeters	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Duane & Pam Wagner
Nursery Attendants	Jessica Worrell / Emma Jackson	
Organ	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Nancy Lord	Jon Fountain
Sound	Nate Knapp	Patrick Turechek
Recorder	Alex Gould	
Uploader	George Cooper	
Ushers	Steve Gurnett/John Kress	Cody & Amy Long
Wiggle Worshipers		Amy Churchill Landon Toelle Audrey Koetsier

*Flowers are given today in Celebration of Nancy Lord's Parents Birthdays
And in Celebration of Ray Sherrier's Birthday.*

First Reading
Deuteronomy 18:15-20

18 ¹⁵The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. ¹⁶This is what you requested of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: 'If I hear the voice of the Lord my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die.' ¹⁷Then the Lord replied to me: 'They are right in what they have said. ¹⁸I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. ¹⁹Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. ²⁰But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die.'

Second Reading
1 Corinthians 8:6-13

8 ⁶For us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. ⁷It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸'Food will not bring us close to God.' We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. ⁹But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling-block to the weak. ¹⁰For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? ¹¹So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. ¹²But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Gospel
Mark 1:21-31

1 ²¹They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. ²²They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. ²³Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, ²⁴and he cried out, 'What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God.' ²⁵But Jesus rebuked him, saying, 'Be silent, and come out of him!' ²⁶And the unclean spirit, throwing him into convulsions and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. ²⁷They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, 'What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him.' ²⁸At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

²⁹As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. ³⁰Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. ³¹He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.