

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

Baptism of Our Lord / Sunday, January 7, 2024

The order for contemporary worship is in the red hymnal. Songs are in the back of the hymnal. Liturgy is in the front.

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GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements	
Brief Order of Confession	p. 94
*Gathering Song <i>Awake! Awake!</i>	red 242
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Prayer of the Day	
Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life; through your Son, Jesus Christ, who <u>lives</u> and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	

WORD

Children's Sermon	Pastor Ken
First Reading	Genesis 1:1-5
Second Reading	Acts 19:1-7
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Halle, Halle, Halle-ujah</i>
Gospel	Mark 1:4-11
	Response: Thanks be to God
Sermon	God's Work in the Congo
*Hymn of the Day	<i>Love Has Come</i>
Apostles' Creed	p. 105
Prayers of Intercession	Response: Hear our Prayer
Sharing of the Peace	

MEAL

Offering	<i>In the Bleak Midwinter</i>	red 294
*Offering Prayer		
Merciful Father, we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.		
Great Thanksgiving		p. 190
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*Prayer after Communion		

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>He Came Down</i>
Dismissal	Response: Thanks be to God
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 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	MaryAnne Ricci	Linda Johnson
Assistants	Steve Marlow/John Kress	Karen Gourley/Donna Reiner
Greeters	Wilda Nussbaum	Mike & Jutta Romans
Nursery Attendants	Holly Hanson/Jenna Yonce	
Piano	Alexandra Cullen	
Readers	Roxie Larson	Rebecca Hohag
Recorder	Alex Gould	
Sound	Jack Yonce	Patrick Turechek
Ushers	Jim & Deanna Hormann	Cody & Amy Long
Wiggle Worshipers		Amy Churchill
		Jason Yonce
		Alex Lacomia

Flowers are given today in Celebration of Mitchell Russell's Birthday and by the Kerstein's to the Glory of God.

January 7 – Baptism of the Lord

First Reading

Genesis 1:1-5

1 In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, **2** the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. **3** Then God said, 'Let there be light'; and there was light. **4** And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. **5** God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

Second Reading

Acts 19:1-7

19 While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the inland regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. **2** He said to them, 'Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?' They replied, 'No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.' **3** Then he said, 'Into what then were you baptized?' They answered, 'Into John's baptism.' **4** Paul said, 'John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus.' **5** On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. **6** When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied— **7** altogether there were about twelve of them.

Gospel

Mark 1:4-11

1 **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.' **9** In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. **10** And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. **11** And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved, with you I am well pleased.'