

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Church office - 495-2221 Tues. - Fri. 9:00-2:00p

Ken Hohag, Pastor

Andrew Koetsier, Youth and Family Director

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Fifth Sunday After the Epiphany / Sunday, February 4, 2024

The order of worship is the white Setting 4 booklet in the **black** Worship book.

The hymns are listed as **black**, liturgy pages as p.

*Please turn off your cellphone.*

## GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

\*Brief Order of Confession

Gathering Song *Canticle of the Sun ("Praise for...")*

Greeting/Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## WORD

Children's Sermon

First Reading Isaiah 40:28-30

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

\*Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon To Busy to Pray?

\*Hymn of the Day *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*

Apostles' Creed

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

Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering *Come to the Water*

\*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

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Distribution Hymns

\*Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

*Lord of All Hopefulness*

Response: **Thanks be to God**

*\*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 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>	
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Brian Gould	Eleanor Makowsky
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Anne Ricci	Linda Johnson
<b>Assistants</b>	Jim Johnston/Steve Marlow	Karen Gourley/Jon Fountain
<b>Greeters</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Shari Kraus
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Amy Long/Alex Gould	
<b>Piano</b>	Alexandra Cullen	
<b>Recorder</b>	Pat Turechek	
<b>Readers</b>	Roxie Larson	Keith Kraus
<b>Sound</b>	Patrick Turechek	
<b>Uploader</b>	Patrick Turechek	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Scott & Ann Buttermore
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Jessica Worrell Landon Toelle Jason Yonce

*Flowers are given today by Dave & Jenn Reily in Gratitude for God's Blessings.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 40:28-30**

**40** <sup>28</sup> Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. <sup>29</sup> He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. <sup>30</sup> Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted.

**Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 9:16-23**

**9** <sup>16</sup> If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe betide me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup> For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup> What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel. <sup>19</sup> For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup> To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup> To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup> To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that I might by any means save some. <sup>23</sup> I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

**Gospel**

**Mark 1:29-39**

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

<sup>32</sup> That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup> And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup> And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup> In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup> And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup> When they found him, they said to him, 'Everyone is searching for you.' <sup>38</sup> He answered, 'Let us go on to the neighbouring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.' <sup>39</sup> And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.