

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

Lisa Regennitter, Director of Ministries; Stephanie Strasner, Admin Assistant

Second Sunday in Lent / Sunday, February 25, 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.

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GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements	
Brief Order of Confession	p. 94
*Gathering Song	<i>All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly</i> red 461
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138
Prayer of the Day	
O God, by the passion of your Son you made an instrument of death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who <u>lives</u> and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen	

WORD

Children's Sermon		Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17a	
Second Reading	Romans 4:13, 18-25	
*Gospel Acclamation	<i>I wonder as I wander, out under the sky, how Jesus the Savior did come for to die for poor ord'n'ry people like you and like I. I wonder as I wander, out under the sky.</i>	
Gospel	Mark 8:31-35	
	Response: Thanks be to God	
Sermon	Take Up Your Cross	Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<i>In a Lowly Manger Born</i>	red 718
Apostles' Creed		p. 105
Prayers of Intercession	Response: Hear our Prayer	
Sharing of the Peace		

MEAL

Offering 10:30a	<i>In Love Christ Came Among Us</i>	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 336, 659, 635, 471

*Prayer after Communion

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown v. 1, 2, 6</i>
Dismissal	
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.

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	8:00	10:30
Acolytes	Hannah Joiner	Emma Webb
Altar Guild	Vonda Dowdy	Francesca Wahlborg
Assistants	Amy Churchill/Laura Betts	Lisa Fountain/Karen Gourley
Choir Director		Melanie Hohag
Greeters	Wilda Nussbaum	Duane & Pam Wagner
Nursery Attendants	Jessica Worrell/Clara Makowsky	
Organ/Piano	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Nancy Lord	Lisa Fountain
Recorder	Dave Williams	
Sound	Nate Knapp	Patrick Turechek
Uploader	George Cooper	
Ushers	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Dave Meyer/Steve Gurnett
Wiggle Worshipers		Amy Churchill
		Eleanor Makowsky
		Landon Toelle

Flowers are given today in Memory of Alysha Snyder's Donor

First Reading

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-17a

17 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. ² And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' ³ Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, ⁴ 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁵ No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. ⁶ I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. ⁷ I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. ¹⁵ God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. ¹⁶ I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.' ¹⁷ Then Abraham fell on his face and laughed.

Second Reading

Romans 4:13, 18-25

4 ¹³ For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁸ Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' ¹⁹ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. ²⁰ No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, ²¹ being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. ²² Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' ²³ Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, ²⁴ but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, ²⁵ who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

Gospel

Mark 8:31-35

8 ³¹ Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³ But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.' ³⁴ He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵ For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.