

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

Fourth Sunday in Lent / Sunday, March 10, 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>There's a Wideness in God's Mercy v. 1, 2, 4</i> red 588
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138
Prayer of the Day	
God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.	

WORD

Children's Sermon	Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Numbers 21:4-9
Second Reading	Ephesians 2:1-10
Gospel Acclamation	<i>Turn my heart, O God, turn my heart, O God Take my pain and brokenness, shape my life for you, Come and turn my heart, O God.</i>
Gospel	John 3:14-21
Sermon	Response: Thanks be to God Who Do We Look To? Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<i>My Song Is Love Unknown v. 1, 2, 6</i> red 343
Apostles' Creed	p. 105
Prayers of Intercession	Response: Hear our Prayer
Sharing of the Peace	

MEAL

Offering 8:00a	<i>Welcome to Jesus</i>	Choir
10:30a	<i>Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound</i>	red 779
*Offering Prayer		
God of all creation, all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
Great Thanksgiving		p. 144
Lord's Prayer		p. 145
Lamb of God		p. 146
Distribution Hymns	red 483, 336, 592, 617	v. 1, 2, 4, 5

*Prayer after Communion

*Congregation please stand

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SENDING

Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>My Hope is Built on Nothing Less</i>
Dismissal	
Postlude	

red 597

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 at 9:30a:

- 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	Alysha Snyder
Altar Guild	Sue Wetzel	Shari Kraus
Assistants	Amy Churchill/Laura Betts	Kathy Schwindt/Steve Gurnett
Choir Director	Melanie Hohag	
Greeters	Wilda Nussbaum	Walter Pryor & Linda Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Jeanette Gould / Alex Gould	
Organ/Piano	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Todd Gould	Barbara Speir
Recorder	Pat Turechek	
Sound	Nate Knapp	Stephanie Strasner
Uploader	George Cooper	
Ushers	Mike & Lisa Regennitter	Cody & Amy Long
Wiggle Worshipers		Amy Churchill Eleanor Makowsky Landon Toelle

*Flowers are given today in
Celebration of Rick & Barbara Richardson's Wedding Anniversary.*

**First Reading
Numbers 21:4-9**

21 ⁴From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. ⁵The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' ⁶Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. ⁷The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' ⁹So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**Second Reading
Ephesians 2:1-10**

2 You were dead through the trespasses and sins ²in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. ³All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. ⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us ⁵even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved— ⁶and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, ⁷so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God— ⁹not the result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Gospel
John 3:14-21**

3 ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. ¹⁶'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. ¹⁷'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. ¹⁸Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. ¹⁹And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. ²⁰For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. ²¹But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.'