

# 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 of Easter / Sunday, April 21, 2024

The 8:00 Traditional Service is in the **red** hymnal in the first column and the 10:30 Contemporary Service is in the **black** book, Setting 4. Liturgy is listed as p.

<b><u>GATHERING</u></b>	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
	<b>red</b>	<b>black</b>

Prelude and Announcements		
NALC 20/20 Vision Video		
*Brief Order of Confession	p. 94	p. 3
Gathering Song	<b>502</b> v. 1-4	<b>7</b>
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138	p. 3

Prayer of the Day  
 God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understating: 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	Isaiah 53:3-6	
Second Reading	1 John 3:16-24	
*Celtic Alleluia	<i>Alleluia x4</i>	
Gospel	John 10:11-18	
	Response: <b>Thanks be to God</b>	
Sermon	The Good Shepherd	Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<b>780</b>	<b>64</b>
Apostles' Creed	p. 105	p. 7
Prayers of Intercession	Response: <b>Hear our prayer</b>	
Sharing of the Peace		

**MEAL**

Offering	<b>593</b>	<b>24</b>
*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. 144	p. 9
Lord's Prayer	p. 145	p. 10
Lamb of God	p. 146	<b>11</b>
Distribution Hymns	<b>781, 502</b> v. 4-6, <b>789</b>	<b>16, 81, 50</b>

\*Prayer after Communion

\*Congregation please stand

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**SENDING**

Benediction		
Sending Song	<b>764</b>	<b>33</b>
Dismissal	Response: <b>Thanks be to God</b>	
Postlude		

**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 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.

	<b><u>Serving Today</u></b>	
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Joiner	Alysha Snyder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Pat Holte	Kris Partridge
<b>Assistants</b>	Kathy Schwindt/Don Crist	Karen Gourley/Donna Reiner
<b>Greeters</b>	George & Chris Cooper	Shari Kraus
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Holly Hanson/Jenna Yonce	
<b>Organ</b>	Barb Gurnett	
<b>Piano</b>		Alexandra Cullen
<b>Readers</b>	Nancy Lord	Colin Schmeisser
<b>Recorder</b>	Dave Williams	
<b>Sound</b>	Jack Yonce	Patrick Turechek
<b>Uploader</b>	George Cooper	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jim & Deanna Hormann	Cody & Amy Long
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Amy Churchill
		Emma Jackson
		Alysha Snyder
		Alex Lacomia

*Flowers are given today in Celebration of Kent & Debbie Stalnaker's 43<sup>rd</sup> Wedding Anniversary.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 53:3-6**

**53** <sup>3</sup> He was despised and rejected by others; a man of suffering and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom others hide their faces he was despised, and we held him of no account. <sup>4</sup> Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our iniquities; yet we accounted him stricken, struck down by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup> But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the punishment that made us whole, and by his stripes we are healed. <sup>6</sup> All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 3:16-24**

<sup>16</sup> We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. <sup>17</sup> How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help? <sup>18</sup> Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. <sup>19</sup> And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him <sup>20</sup> whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. <sup>21</sup> Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; <sup>22</sup> and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him. <sup>23</sup> And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. <sup>24</sup> All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

**Gospel**

**John 10:11-18**

**10** <sup>11</sup> 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'