

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

Fifth Sunday of Easter / Sunday, April 28, 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>Spread, Oh, Spread, Almighty Word</i> red 663
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138
Prayer of the Day	
O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through 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	Acts 8:26-40
Second Reading	1 John 4:7-14
Gospel Acclamation	p. 142
Gospel	John 15:1-8
	Response: Thanks be to God
Sermon	Coincidence? Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<i>Rise, Shine, You People!</i> red 665
Apostles' Creed 8:00a	p. 105
Holy Baptism 10:30a	p. 227
Prayers of Intercession	Response: Hear our Prayer
Sharing of the Peace	

MEAL

Offering 8:00a	<i>In Christ Called to Baptize</i> red 575
10:30a	<i>Still I Sing Alleluia</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 491, 661, 814, 448
*Prayer after Communion	
*Congregation please stand	<i>Continued on next page</i>

SENDING

Benediction	
Sending Song	<i>On Our Way Rejoicing</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.

Holy Baptism—We welcome *Connor Isley, James, Walker, & Wyatt Pennington, Samantha & Isabelle Ysebaert* into God's family through Baptism.

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	Jason Yonce	Eleanor Makowsky
Altar Guild	Sue Wetzel	Francesca Wahlborg
Assistants	John & Dinah Kress	Laura & Andrew Betts
Choir Director		Melanie Hohag
Greeters	Wilda Nussbaum	Randy & Marcia Johnson
Nursery Attendants	Jessica Worrell & Clara Makowsky	
Organ/Piano	Barb Gurnett	
Readers	Nancy Lord	Sunny Wilson
Recorder	Alex Gould	
Sound	Jack Yonce	Stephanie Strasner
Uploader	Patrick Turechek	
Ushers	Steve & Christine Makowsky	Dave Meyer/Cesar Shinall
Wiggle Worshipers		Amy Churchill Eleanor Makowsky Landon Toelle

*Flowers are given today in
Celebration of Keith & Shari Kraus's 50th Wedding Anniversary.*

First Reading

Acts 8:26-40

8 ²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' ³¹ He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth. ³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth.' ³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?' ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Second Reading

1 John 4:7-14

4 ⁷ Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸ Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹ God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. ¹⁰ In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. ¹¹ Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. ¹² No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us. ¹³ By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. ¹⁴ And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Saviour of the world.

Gospel

John 15:1-8

15 ¹ 'I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ² He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³ You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴ Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵ I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶ Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷ If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸ My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.