

# 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

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Second Sunday of Easter / Sunday, April 7, 2024

The order of worship is in the **blue** book. Hymns are listed as **blue**.

Liturgy pages are listed as p.

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## GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

\*Brief Order of Confession

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Gathering Song

*Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen v. 1-3*

**blue 674**

Greeting/Kyrie

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Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; 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

Acts 4:32-35

Second Reading

1 John 1:1-2, 5-7; 2:1-2

Celtic Alleluia

*Alleluia x4*

\*Gospel

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon

Behind Locked Doors

Pastor Ken

\*Hymn of the Day

*We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight*

**blue 675**

Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering

*Now the Green Blade Riseth*

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\*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

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Lord's Prayer

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Lamb of God

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Distribution Hymns

**blue 671 v. 1-3, 709, 711, 713**

\*Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

*Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia*

**blue 678**

Dismissal

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

\*Congregation please stand.

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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 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.
- 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>	Hannah Joiner	Alysha Snyder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Mary Anne Ricci	Linda Johnson
<b>Assistants</b>	Amy Churchill/Jim Johnston	Karen Gourley/Lisa Fountain
<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry & Ginny Johnson	Mike & Jutta Romans
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Amy Long & Emma Jackson	
<b>Piano</b>	Alexandra Cullen	
<b>Readers</b>	Roxie Larson	Sunny Wilson
<b>Recorder</b>	Dave Williams	
<b>Sound</b>	Jack Yonce	Cesar Shinall
<b>Uploader</b>	Patsy Wurster	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Nate & Jessica Johnson
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Amy Churchill
		Jason Yonce
		Audrey Koetsier

*Flowers are given today in Celebration of Freda Fry's Birthday.*

**First Reading**

**Acts 4:32-35**

**4** <sup>32</sup> Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. <sup>33</sup> With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. <sup>34</sup> There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. <sup>35</sup> They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 1:1-2, 5-7; 2:1-2**

**1** We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— <sup>2</sup> this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— <sup>5</sup> This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. <sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; <sup>7</sup> but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. **2** My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; <sup>2</sup> and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

**Gospel**

**John 20:19-31**

**20** <sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

<sup>24</sup> But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' <sup>28</sup> Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' <sup>29</sup> Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

<sup>30</sup> Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.