

# 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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Sixth Sunday of Easter / Sunday, May 5, 2024

The order of worship is the white Setting 4 booklet in the **black** Worship book.

The hymns are listed as **black**, liturgy pages as p.

## GATHERING

Prelude and Announcements

NALC 20/20 Vision: Fulfill

\*Brief Order of Confession p. 3

Gathering Song *Open the Eyes of My Heart* **black 69**

Greeting/Kyrie p. 3

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, draw our hearts to you, guide our minds, fill our imaginations, control our wills, so that we may be wholly yours. Use us as you will, always to your glory and the welfare of you people; through your Son, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen

## WORD

Children's Sermon Andrew Koetsier

First Reading Psalm 98

Second Reading 1 John 5:1-6

\*Gospel Acclamation p. 6

Gospel John 15:1a, 4-5, 7-12, 16

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Abide In Me Pastor Ken

\*Hymn of the Day *Holy Spirit v. 1-2* **black 78**

Apostles' Creed p. 7

Prayers of Intercession Response: **Hear our prayer**

Sharing of the Peace

## MEAL

Offering *Song Without Words* Handbell Choir

\*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. 9

Lord's Prayer p. 10

Lamb of God **11**

Distribution Hymns **38, 76, Good Soil** (bulletin), **70**

\*Prayer after Communion

## SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song *Lord of the Dance v. 1-3, 5* **black 39**

Dismissal Response: **Thanks be to God**

Postlude

\*Congregation please stand.

**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:** (Last day of Sunday School is May 19)

- 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>	Jason Yonce	Alysha Snyder
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vonda Dowdy	Shari Kraus
<b>Assistants</b>	Laura Betts/Andrew Betts	Karen Gourley/Lisa Fountain
<b>Bell Choir Director</b>	Bill Fitzpatrick	
<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry & Ginny Johnson	Freda Fry/Anne Hayes
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Jeanette & Brian Gould	
<b>Piano</b>	Alexandra Cullen	
<b>Readers</b>	Dinah Kress	Barbara Richardson
<b>Recorder</b>	Dave Williams	
<b>Sound</b>	Jack Yonce	Cesar Shinall
<b>Uploader</b>	George Cooper	
<b>Ushers</b>	Ray & Linda Sherrier	Dave Meyer/ Kris Partridge
<b>Wiggle Worshipers</b>		Rosie Williams Audrey Koetsier Eleanor Makowsky

*Flowers are given today in  
Celebration of Jon Stevenson's 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday*

## **Good Soil**

Lord, let my heart be good soil, open to the seed of your Word.

Lord, let my heart be good soil, where love can grow and peace is understood.

When my heart is hard, break the stone away,

When my heart is cold, warm it with the day.

When my heart is lost, lead me on your way.

Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil.

**First Reading**

**Psalm 98**

**98** <sup>1</sup> O sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things. His right hand and his holy arm have gained him victory.

**<sup>2</sup> The Lord has made known his victory; he has revealed his vindication in the sight of the nations.**

<sup>3</sup> He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**<sup>4</sup> Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises.**

<sup>5</sup> Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre, with the lyre and the sound of melody.

**<sup>6</sup> With trumpets and the sound of the horn make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord.**

<sup>7</sup> Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; the world and those who live in it.

**<sup>8</sup> Let the floods clap their hands; let the hills sing together for joy**

<sup>9</sup> at the presence of the Lord, for he is coming to judge the earth. He will judge the world with righteousness, and the peoples with equity.

**Second Reading**

**1 John 5:1-6**

**5** Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. <sup>2</sup> By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. <sup>3</sup> For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, <sup>4</sup> for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. <sup>5</sup> Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? <sup>6</sup> This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

**Gospel**

**John 15:1a, 4-5, 7-12, 16**

**15** 'I am the true vine. <sup>4</sup> 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. <sup>5</sup> 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. <sup>7</sup> If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup> My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples. <sup>9</sup> As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. <sup>10</sup> If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. <sup>11</sup> I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. <sup>12</sup> 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. <sup>16</sup> You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name.