

Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., PO Box 88080, Colorado Springs, CO 80908
Church office - 495-2221 Tues. - Thurs. 9:00a-2:00p; Fri. 9:00a-12:00p

Ken Hohag, Pastor

Andrew Koetsier, Youth and Family Director

Lisa Regennitter, Director of Ministries; Stephanie Strasner, Admin Assistant

Ninth Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday, July 26, 2026

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 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly* **red 461**

Greeting/Kyrie p. 138

Prayer of the Day

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORD

Children's Sermon VBS Kids

First Reading Deuteronomy 7:6-9

Second Reading Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

Celtic Alleluia *Alleluia x 4*

Gospel Matthew 13:44-46

Response: **Thanks be to God**

Sermon Hidden Treasure Pastor Ken

*Hymn of the Day *Amazing Grace* **red 779**

Apostles' Creed p. 105

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

Sharing of the Peace

MEAL

Offering *Take My Life, That I May Be* **red 583**

*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 814, 528, 595, 838, 816**

*Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

red 858

**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— We welcome all baptized Christians who have received instruction in Holy Communion to the table. We believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in this meal of bread and wine. Grape juice is available in the pre-filled glasses as is gluten free bread.

Large Print Hymnal. Large print hymnals are available. Please ask an usher if you would like to use one during worship.

Wiggle Worship—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.

Serving Today

9:00a

Acolyte

Landon Toelle

Altar Guild

Francesca Wahlborg

Assistants

Laura Betts/Andrew Betts

Greeters

Randy & Marcia Johnson

Nursery Attendants

Emma Webb/Emma Jackson

Organ

Barb Gurnett

Reader

Sunny Wilson

Recorder

Dave Williams

Sound

Stephanie Strasner

Uploader

Stephanie Strasner

Ushers

Scott & Ann Buttermore

Wiggle Worshipers

Rosie Williams/Eleanor Makowsky

Flowers are given today by Mark and Lisa Hatfield in praise of God for their daughter and son-in-law, and for the safe arrival of their first grandbaby.

First Reading
Deuteronomy 7:6-9

⁶ For you are a people holy to the Lord your God; the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. ⁷ It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. ⁸ It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt. ⁹ Know therefore that the Lord your God is God, the faithful God who maintains covenant loyalty with those who love him and keep his commandments.

Second Reading
Romans 8:31-35, 37-39

³¹ What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³² He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³ Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴ Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵ Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁷ No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸ For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹ nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Gospel
Matthew 13:44-46

⁴⁴ 'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. ⁴⁵ 'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.