

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

Church office - 495-2221 Tues. - Fri. 9:00a-2:00p

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The Holy Trinity / Sunday, May 26, 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>Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!</i> <b>red 413</b>
Greeting/Kyrie	p. 138
Prayer of the Day	
Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.	

## WORD

Children's Sermon		Andrew Koetsier
First Reading	Isaiah 6:1-8	
Second Reading	Romans 8:12-17	
Celtic Alleluia	<i>Alleluia x4</i>	
Gospel	John 3:1-17	
	Response: <b>Thanks be to God</b>	
Sermon	Seeing Him Face to Face	Pastor Ken
*Hymn of the Day	<i>Here I Am, Lord</i>	<b>red 574</b>
Apostles' Creed		p. 105
Prayers of Intercession	Response: <b>Hear our Prayer</b>	
Sharing of the Peace		

## MEAL

Offering	<i>Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing</i>	<b>red 886</b>
*Offering Prayer		
Holy God, gracious and merciful, you bring forth food from the earth and nourish your whole creation. Turn our hearts toward those who hunger in any way, that all may know your care; and prepare us now to feast on the bread of life, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.		
Great Thanksgiving		p. 144
Lord's Prayer		p. 145
Lamb of God		p. 146
Distribution Hymns		<b>red 814, 744, 659, 528</b>
*Prayer after Communion		

\*Congregation please stand

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## SENDING

Benediction		
Sending Song	<i>Come, Join the Dance of Trinity</i>	<b>red 412</b>
Dismissal		
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.

	<u>Serving Today</u>	
	<b>8:00</b>	<b>10:30</b>
<b>Acolytes</b>	Hannah Joiner	Emma Webb
<b>Altar Guild</b>	Vonda Dowdy	Kris Partridge
<b>Assistants</b>	Jim Kent/Jim Johnston	Jon & Lisa Fountain
<b>Greeters</b>	Wilda Nussbaum	Kris Partridge/Mania Black
<b>Nursery Attendants</b>	Jessica Worrell/Emma Jackson	
<b>Organ</b>	Barb Gurnett	
<b>Readers</b>	Kathleen Fitzpatrick	Sunny Wilson
<b>Recorder</b>	Alex Gould	
<b>Sound</b>	Nate Knapp	Stephanie Strasner
<b>Uploader</b>	Jonathan Brooks	
<b>Ushers</b>	Jonathan & Tiffaney Brooks	David Meyer/Steve Gurnett

*Flowers are given today to the Glory of God by George & Norine Kerstein.*

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 6:1-8**

**6** In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. <sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' <sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts!' <sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' <sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

**Second Reading**

**Romans 8:12-17**

**8** <sup>12</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— <sup>13</sup> for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. <sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**Gospel**

**John 3:1-17**

**3** Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. <sup>2</sup> He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' <sup>3</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' <sup>4</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' <sup>5</sup> Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. <sup>6</sup> What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. <sup>7</sup> Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." <sup>8</sup> The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' <sup>9</sup> Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' <sup>10</sup> Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? <sup>11</sup> 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. <sup>12</sup> If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? <sup>13</sup> No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. <sup>14</sup> And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, <sup>15</sup> that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. <sup>16</sup> 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. <sup>17</sup> 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'