

# Black Forest Lutheran Church

12455 Black Forest Rd., Colorado Springs, CO 80908

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

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Fourth Sunday After Pentecost / Sunday, June 16, 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.

*Please turn off your cellphone.*

## **GATHERING**

Prelude and Announcements

\*Brief Order of Confession

Gathering Song

Greeting/Kyrie

Prayer of the Day

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Sing Out Earth and Skies*

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## **WORD**

Children's Sermon

First Reading

Second Reading

\*Gospel Acclamation

Gospel

Sermon

\*Hymn of the Day

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Ezekiel 17:22-24

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 4-17

Mark 4:26-34

Response: **Thanks be to God**

The Seed of His Word

*Good Soil*

Response: **Hear our prayer**

Andrew Koetsier

Pastor Ken

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## **MEAL**

Offering

\*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

Lord's Prayer

Lamb of God

Distribution Hymns

\*Prayer after Communion

*Beneath the Tree of Life v. 1-3*

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**46, 41, 50, 58** v. 4-5, 5

## **SENDING**

Benediction

Sending Song

Dismissal

Postlude

*The Harvest is Plentiful*

Response: **Thanks be to God**

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*\*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**–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.

### Serving Today

**9:00a**

**Altar Guild**

**Assistants**

**Greeter**

**Nursery Attendants**

**Piano**

**Reader**

**Recorder**

**Sound**

**Uploader**

**Ushers**

Francesca Wahlborg/Linda Johnson

Karen Gourley/Nancy Lord

Dana Clevenger

Clara Makowsky

Alexandra Cullen

Nancy Lord

Dave Williams

Jack Yonce

George Cooper

Nate Johnson/Cesar Shinall

*Flowers are given today in Celebration of Steve & Nancy Lord's Wedding Anniversary and in Memory of Rich Wesley.*

### **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 me heart, Lord, let my heart, Lord, let my heart be good soil

**First Reading**

**Ezekiel 17:22-24**

**17** <sup>22</sup> Thus says the Lord God: I myself will take a sprig from the lofty top of a cedar; I will set it out. I will break off a tender one from the topmost of its young twigs; I myself will plant it on a high and lofty mountain. <sup>23</sup> On the mountain height of Israel I will plant it, in order that it may produce boughs and bear fruit, and become a noble cedar. Under it every kind of bird will live; in the shade of its branches will nest winged creatures of every kind. <sup>24</sup> All the trees of the field shall know that I am the Lord. I bring low the high tree, I make high the low tree; I dry up the green tree and make the dry tree flourish. I the Lord have spoken; I will accomplish it.

**Second Reading**

**2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17**

**5** <sup>6</sup> So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord— <sup>7</sup> for we walk by faith, not by sight. <sup>8</sup> Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. <sup>9</sup> So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. <sup>10</sup> For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. <sup>14</sup> For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. <sup>15</sup> And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. <sup>16</sup> From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. <sup>17</sup> So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**Gospel**

**Mark 4:26-34**

**4** <sup>26</sup> He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, <sup>27</sup> and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. <sup>28</sup> The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. <sup>29</sup> But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

<sup>30</sup> He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? <sup>31</sup> It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; <sup>32</sup> yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' <sup>33</sup> With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; <sup>34</sup> he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.