



Welcome Sunday
September 8, 2024



Welcome to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church!

We are so glad you are here!

If you'd like more information about this community of faith, please fill out a Welcome card (found in the pew pockets near the hymnals) and place it in the offering plate or hand it to Pastor Andrea or an usher following worship. Take the Grow card with you if you wish! We invite you to enjoy coffee and Bogart's Doughnuts following worship, along with brunch and service projects for Welcome Sunday! Please leave your nametag on during the fellowship time.

Children in Worship

Children are encouraged to be present for worship—build-your-own activity bags are located in the narthex, along with children's bulletins. Children are invited to use the Pray-Ground at the front of the sanctuary. A nursery is located on the lower level if you need it. Please ask an usher for directions. If you are a nursing parent, you are welcome to nurse anywhere. If you would like privacy, there is a nursing room in the nursery downstairs.

Special Assistance

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available. Please see the ushers for assistance.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Nick Schmidt

Coffee Host: Pete Anderson

Reader: Sean Laird

Communion Servers: Melinda Batz, Jan Michaletz, Joe Plummer

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Greeters: Paul Groskreutz, Anne Groskreutz

Ushers: Sean Laird, Julie Schmidt; Isabel McGee, Pat Courtney

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs, Chuck Linderkamp

Special Music: The Agape Quintet

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Clean-Up: Paul Groskreutz, Cyndi Kresse

The flowers on the altar today are given in memory of Iris and Eli's grandma, Arlene McKigney, and their great Aunt Geraldine McKigney Rasmusson, by the Darren and Christine McKigney family.

WELCOME SUNDAY

We invite those who are able to stand each time the † symbol appears.

PRELUDE

Down By the Riverside, arr. by Bradley Sowash

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

L: Let us confess our sin and come to God for healing

Silence is kept for reflection.

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

**We confess that we honor you with our lips,
but harm our neighbors with our tongues.**

**The cravings at war within us
cause conflicts and disputes.**

**In our desire to be first,
we make distinctions among ourselves.**

We place the needs of the poor and suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

**Draw near to us with grace in time of need,
and turn us to follow in the way of Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

L: God promises to forgive our iniquity
and to remember our sin no more.

By grace you have been saved.

In the name of Jesus Christ,
the source of eternal healing,
your sins are forgiven.

You are free, then,
to begin as a new creation.

C: Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

O Holy Spirit, Enter In.....ELW #786 vs. 1,3

‡ GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

KYRIE



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray,

C: **Lord God, Grand architect of the universe,
Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your
Creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to
destroy, but create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so
that your creation may be made perfect once again. Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



READING: Genesis 2:4b-3:8

R: A reading from the 2nd and 3rd chapters of Genesis.

At the time when God made the heavens and the earth, there was still no wild bush on the earth nor had any wild plant sprung up, for God had not yet sent rain to the earth, and there was no human being to till the soil. Instead, a flow of water would well up from the ground and irrigate the soil.

So God fashioned an earth creature out of the clay of the earth, and blew into their nostrils the breath of life. And the earth creature became a living being.

Then God took the earth creature and settled them in the garden of Eden so that they might cultivate and care for the land. God commanded the earth creature, "You may eat as much as you like from any of the trees of the garden--except from the Tree of the Knowledge of Good and Evil. You must not eat from that tree, for on the day you eat from that tree, that is the day you will die--yes, die."

Then God said, "It is not good for the earth creature to be alone. I will make a fitting companion for them." So from the soil God formed all the various wild beasts and all the birds of the air, and brought them all to the earth creature to be named. Whatever the earth creature called each one, that became its name. The earth creature gave names to all the cattle, all the birds of the air, and all the wild animals.

But none of them proved to be a fitting companion, so God made the earth creature fall into a deep sleep, and while they slept, God divided them in two,

then closed up the flesh on their side. God then fashioned the two halves into male and female, and presented them to one another.

When the man realized what had happened, he exclaimed,
"This time, this is the one!
Bone of my bone and flesh of my flesh!"

Now, the woman and the man were both naked, though they were not ashamed. But the snake was even more naked: the most cunning of all the animals that God had made.

The snake asked the woman, "Did God really tell you not to eat from the trees in the garden?"

The woman answered the snake, "We may eat fruit from all other trees in the garden. But of the fruit from the tree in the middle of the garden, God said, "Don't eat it and don't touch it, or you will die."

The snake said to the woman, "Die? You won't die! God knows well that on the day that you eat it, your eyes will be opened and you will be like gods, knowing good and evil!"

The woman knew that the tree was enticing to the eye, and now saw that the fruit was good to eat - that it was desirable for the knowledge it could give. So she took some of its fruit and ate it. She gave some also to the man beside her, and he ate it.

Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they realized that they were naked. So they sewed fig leaves together and made loincloths for themselves.

When they heard the sound of God walking in the garden in the cool of the evening, the man and the woman hid from God's presence among the trees of the garden.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf



1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound - ing God's de - light - ed laugh,
 2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
 3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



from the ti - ny ro - ly - po - ly to the tree - top - tall gi - raffe.
 Ev - 'ry crea - ture has a pur - pose, ev - 'ry flow'r and bum - ble - bee.
 cac - tus, sea slug, oak, and al - gae, from the mi - crobe to the whale.



All cre - a - tion sings in won - der; e - ven rocks and trees re - jice
 Spi - der, hu - man, red - wood, geck - o, mon - key, chick - en, mouse, and snake
 In this great and strange cre - a - tion, with a breath God gives us birth:



as they join the ring - ing cho - rus: ech - oes of our Mak - er's voice.
 live with - in a sin - gle fab - ric: cloth that on - ly God could make.
 born of soil to live as stew - ards, called to love and serve the earth.

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Calling on the spirit of Wisdom to guide our hearts and our minds, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered

L: We entrust these and all our prayers to you, holy God, in the name of your beloved child, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.
C: **And also with you.**

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

Just As I Am, arr. by David Miller

General Fund

We give thanks for all the ways members and friends of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church contribute to the mission and vision of this congregation - gifts of time, gifts of participation and expertise, as well as finances. Financial gifts to the general fund help to make possible both in-house and outreach ministries, as well as sharing of our resources with the wider community.

September Mission of the Month: Every Meal

Over 300,000 children in Minnesota live in food insecurity, never knowing if they will have food for their next meal. Sometimes, the only complete meals kids received are those in the school cafeteria. Every meal is working to combat this issue, focusing on closing the weekend food gap from Friday to Monday, when children aren't able to receive school meals.

At the end of each week, Every Meal provides children with 4-5 pounds of substantive, nutritious food, including a fruit, vegetable, protein, grain based such as rice, paster, or oatmeal, and soup/entrée. Families may choose from five food bag options tailored to various cultural dietary preferences or situation needs.

*We expect approximately 45-50 students at Barton Elementary School will register to received Every Meal food bags. **A contribution of \$368 provides one student with enough food bags for the entire school year.** Any donation, regardless of size, is welcome.*

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to Every Meal, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit "Give Back" page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose "Mission of the Month" from the drop-down menu.

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code or give online, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



‡ OFFERTORY

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer
for all things living, you have made good:
harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God, bless the labor we bring to serve you,
that with our neighbor we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling, we would work with you,
harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Father, providing food for your children,
by Wisdom's guiding teach us to share
one with another, so that, rejoicing
with us, all others may know your care.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Blessed are you, O God, source of every gift of your creation. By these gifts, help us to serve one another and all those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

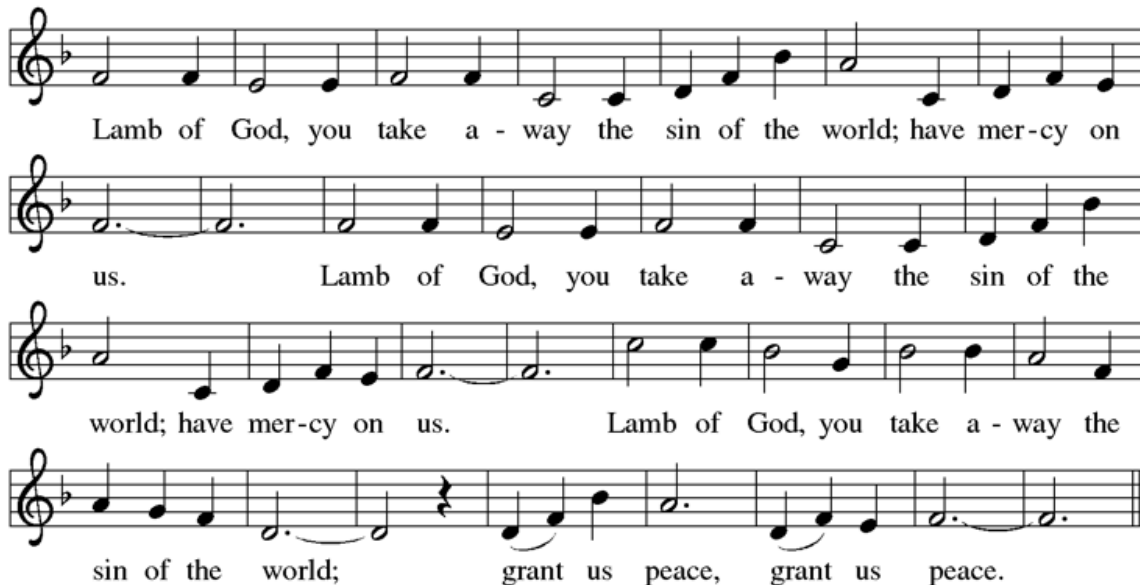
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

C: Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

L: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

As Christ offered himself without restriction to those gathered at the last supper, so too he invites all gathered here to partake in this meal. If you wish to receive the sacrament, come forward with your hands outstretched to receive the bread, and dip it either in the red wine or the white grape juice (both offered in each chalice).

If you wish to receive a blessing from the pastor instead, come forward with your hands over your heart.

Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and a chalice of grape juice is provided for gluten-free intinction. If it is difficult for you to come forward, please inform an usher, and the pastor will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

COMMUNION MUSIC

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence, arr. by CK Linderkamp

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.
Holy God,
you have welcomed us to this meal
and fed us with dignity at your table.
Send us now to welcome others
and to be at peace with one another,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: God all mighty,
God most merciful
bless you, keep you,
and give you peace.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING HYMN

God's Work, Our Hands

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1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



shar - ing the good news of your gos - pel.
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‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus as part of the new creation.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

Give Me That Old Time Religion, by CK Linderkamp

The Agape Quintet is so grateful for the opportunity to be a part of worship again at Diamond Lake! We hope that each of you have a blessed Fall and a great program year!

The Agape Quintet

David Miller - Keyboards

Ben Anderson - Percussion

Steve Truran-Acoustic Bass and Electric Bass

John Egnell-Trumpet, Flugelhorn, Percussion

Chuck Linderkamp-Woodwinds, Guitar, & Vocals

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*We acknowledge that we gather as Diamond Lake Lutheran Church
on the traditional land of the Wahpekute band of the Santee division
of the Dakota people past and present.*

Our mission: Stirred by the Spirit of Christ to learn, follow, and serve.

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