



Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost

August 24, 2025

9:30 am



**DIAMOND
LAKE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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 in the Commons before and after worship. 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Paul and Anne Groskreutz in honor of their 58th wedding anniversary.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf
Assisting Minister: Rob Bass
Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Acolyte:
Greeters:
Reader: Lisa Bass
Special Music: Scott Benson, Joe Anderson

Communion Leader: Nancy Zemske
Communion Servers: Sue Nelson, Carol Anderson
Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Adam Podratz
A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Coffee Host: Sue Nelson
Pursers: Gene Zemske, Russ Michaeltz

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For six Sundays in July and August we dive into the book of Revelation. It is, first of all, an apocalypse (as “Revelation” directly translates from the Greek): a disclosure of Jesus Christ, presented in deliberately startling images and time-bending episodes, to shake off the narrow vision of ordinary life and time. Left uninterpreted, Revelation will be exploited and distorted again and again, but carefully considered, it offers us a supremely beautiful confession of faith in Christ and a visionary experience of hope for the persecuted. Revelation can inspire courage in the face of unsettled and unsettling times.

We invite you to rise in body or in spirit each time the ‡ symbol appears.

PRELUDE

Graceful Ghost Rag, Bolcom

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Triune God. Gathered, then, as one, and baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from your life abundant.

You surround us with patience, kindness,

and generosity,

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

**Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision.....ELW 793

‡ GREETING

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

And also with you.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

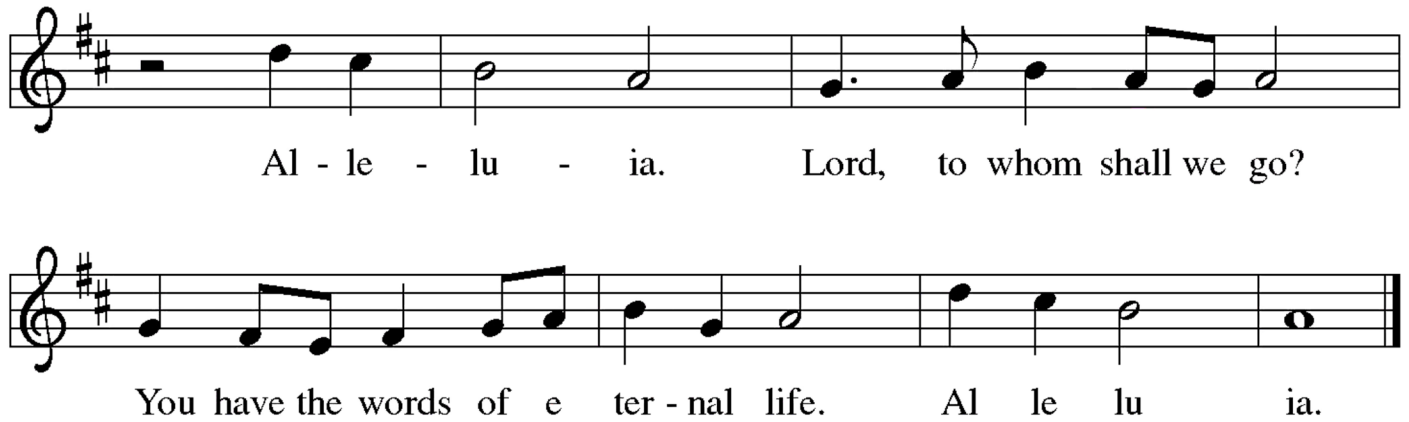
Let us pray.

O God of every time and place, help us to seek you always, even when it seems that you are lost. Remind us that you are constant, and that you will never leave us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ READING: REVELATION 13:1-18

A reading from the book of Revelation, the thirteenth chapter.

And I saw a beast rising out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and on its horns were ten diadems, and on its heads were blasphemous names. And the beast that I saw was like a leopard, its feet were like a bear's, and its mouth was like a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave it his power and his throne and great authority. One of its heads seemed to have received a death blow, but its fatal wound had been healed. In amazement the whole earth followed the beast. They worshiped the dragon, for he had given his authority to the beast, and they worshiped the beast, saying, "Who is like the beast, and who can fight against it?"

The beast was given a mouth speaking arrogant and blasphemous words, and it was allowed to exercise authority for forty-two months. It opened its mouth to speak blasphemies against God, blaspheming his name and his dwelling, that is, those who dwell in heaven. Also, it was allowed to wage war on the saints and to conquer them. It was given authority over every tribe and people and language and nation, and all the inhabitants of the earth will worship it, everyone whose name has not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life of the Lamb that was slaughtered.

Let anyone who has an ear listen:

If you are to be taken captive, into captivity you go;
if you kill with the sword, with the sword you must be killed.

Here is a call for the endurance and faith of the saints.

Then I saw another beast that rose out of the earth; it had two horns like a lamb, and it spoke like a dragon. It exercises all the authority of the first beast on its behalf, and it makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose fatal wound had been healed. It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in the sight of all, and by the signs that it is allowed to perform on behalf of the beast it deceives the inhabitants of earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that had been wounded by the sword and yet lived, and it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast so that the image of the beast could even speak and cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be killed. Also, it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be given a brand on the right hand or the forehead, so that no one can buy or sell who does not have the brand, that is, the name of the beast or the number for its name. This calls for wisdom: let anyone with understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number for a person. Its number is six hundred sixty-six.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

O God, Why Are You Silent.....ELW 703 (vs 1, 3, 4)

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
Amen.

‡ **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

*The King of Love My Shepherd Is, Shelley
Scott Benson, Joe Andrews*

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.

August Mission of the Month: Lutheran Disaster Response

This month, gifts to the Mission of the Month will go to Lutheran Disaster Response to support communities across the United States affected by severe flooding, including those in South Central Texas. Lutheran Disaster Response works with synods and partners to respond to urgent needs, give emotional and spiritual care, support long-term recovery (including disaster case management and meeting unmet needs) and providing educational training for synods and partners in affected regions.

Give to the General Fund or Mission of the Month via:

Cash – Use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation.

Check – Write the name of the designated fund in the memo line.

Phone – Scan the QR code to visit the Give Back page of www.dllc.org and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.



Scan to Give

Thank you!

♯ OFFERTORY

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a tion shares this feast with you.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Creator God,

in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good,
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts,
both from the Earth and from our labor,
that we may work for the good of all,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat, and rejoice!

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, 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 HYMNS

The Trumpets Sound, The Angels Sing.....ELW 531

We Come to the Hungry Feast.....ELW 479

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and to proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

Now may the love of God abound in you,

may the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts,

and may the life of the Spirit

bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

We All Are One in Mission.....ELW 576

‡ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“Old Adam” from the Garden of Eden, Bolcom

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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