



**Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi
& Blessing of the Animals**

October 5, 2025
9:30 am



**DIAMOND
LAKE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Facility Guide:

Accessibility

Hearing devices, noise-reduction earmuffs, and large print bulletins are available for worship services—please see the ushers for assistance. Automatic door openers are present on the main doors and restroom doors in the Commons Area. An elevator that accesses all floors can be found in the hallway to the right when entering from the main glass doors. Please feel free to borrow a walker or wheelchair (found in the entryway) for your time in our building.

Restrooms

Men's, women's, and all-gender restrooms are located in the Commons Area. They are to the left of the Lakeview Room entrance (or directly to your left when entering through the main glass doors).

Emergency and First Aid

A first aid kit, automated external defibrillator (AED), and fire extinguisher are located on the left when entering through the main doors. Other fire extinguishers can be found in the Narthex (the back of the sanctuary), the Vestry (front left of the sanctuary), and throughout the building.

Lost and Found

Missing something? Our Lost and Found is in the Commons Area coat room. Stop by anytime to check for items that may belong to you.

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 Area before and after worship. Please wear your name tag each Sunday—it helps us know one another and welcome guests. If you don't yet have one, visit the Commons Area name tag station to make yours. We encourage adding pronouns to name tags!

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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Jan Michaletz

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Natalie Remus

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Bakers: Alli and Katie Frey

Communion Leader: Judi Simons

Communion Servers:

Ushers: Jeff Simons, Alli Frey

A/V Tech: Gary Milne

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Harley and Lana Hanson

Pursers: Adam Podratz, Darrell Williams

Pray-Ground Cleanup:

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS & BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Today we observe the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi, servant of the poor and friend to all creatures. St. Francis' Day has been a traditional time to bless pets and animals, whom St. Francis called his siblings.

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

PRELUDE

"La Meneuse de Tortues d'Or" from Histoires, Ibert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33, Worst

‡ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

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

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

**We exploit the Earth.
 We reject your abundance,
 trusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.
 Repair our relationships,
 restore what we have broken,
 renew our hearts,
 and bring us to new life.
 Amen.**

Hear the good news:
 God the Faithful One loves you,
 in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,
 and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.
Amen.

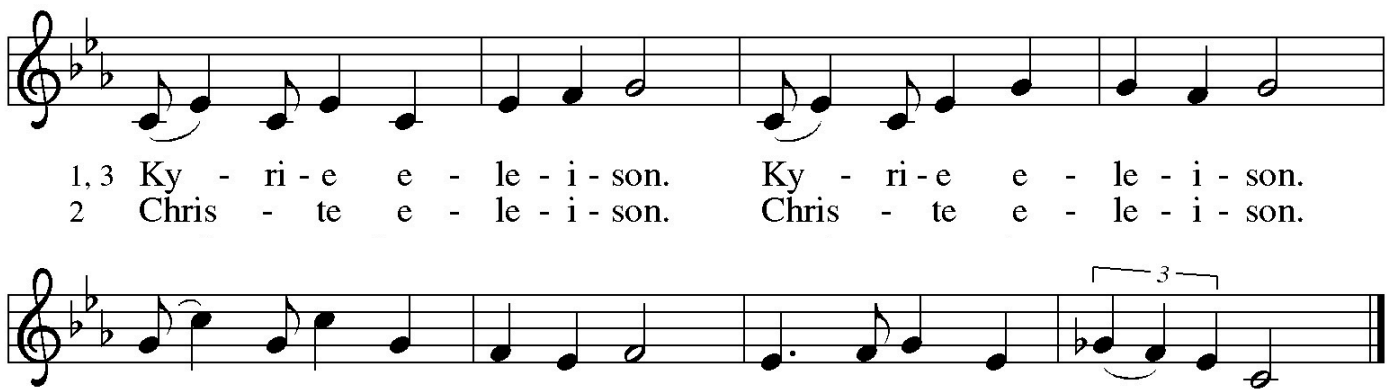
‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

All Creatures, Worship God Most High!.....ELW 835 (vs 1-4)

‡ **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.

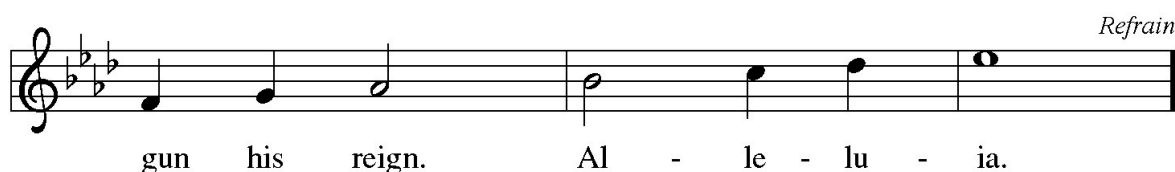
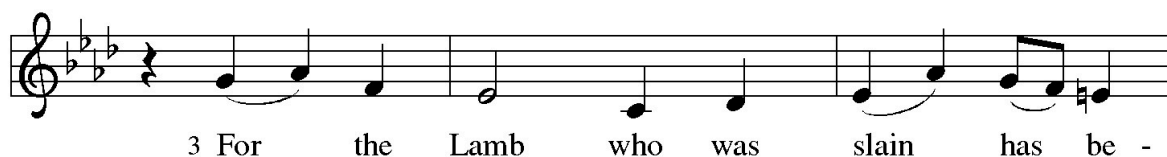
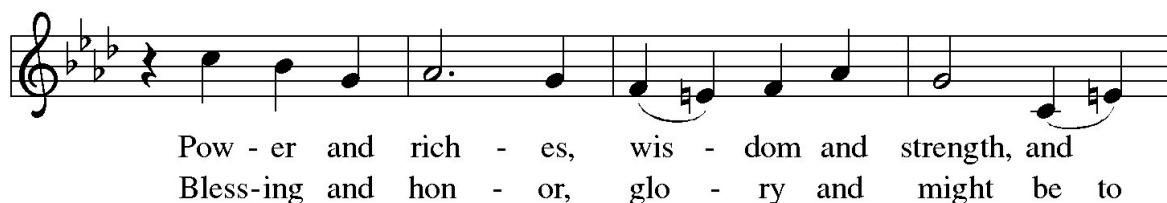
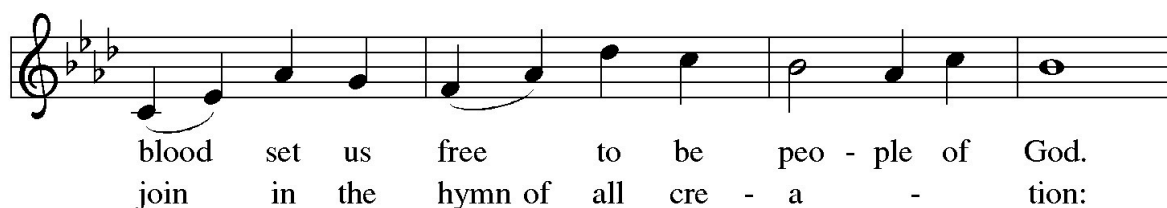
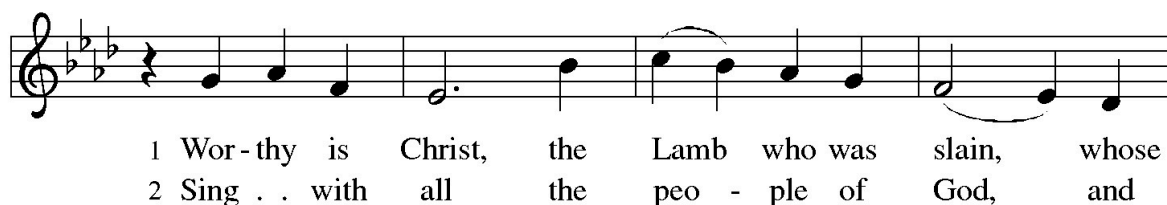
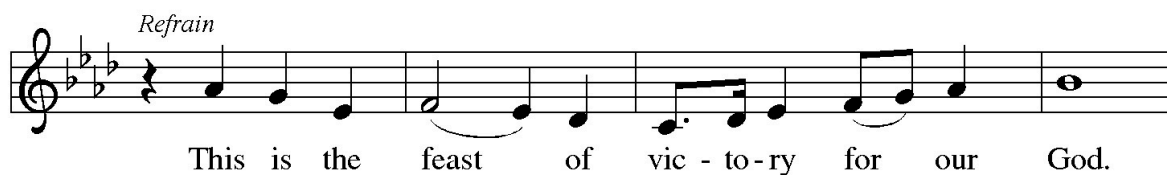
‡ **KYRIE**



1, 3 Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.
 2 Chris - te e - le - i - son. Chris - te e - le - i - son.

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‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God of all creation,
you surround us with animals and plants,
oceans and rivers,
and in them we come to know you more clearly.
Grant that we might be good stewards of all you've entrusted to us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
Amen.**

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

‡ READING: PHILIPPIANS 1:1-18a

A reading from the letter to the Philippians, the first chapter.

Paul and Timothy, servants of Christ Jesus, to all the saints in Christ Jesus who are in Philippi, with the bishops and deacons: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I thank my God for every remembrance of you,

always in every one of my prayers for all of you, praying with joy for your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work in you will continue to complete it until the day of Jesus Christ. It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because I hold you in my heart, for all of you are my partners in God's grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the tender affection of Christ Jesus. And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what really matters, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

I want you to know, my siblings, that what has happened to me has actually resulted in the progress of the gospel, so that it has become known throughout the whole imperial guard and to everyone else that my imprisonment is for Christ, and most of the siblings, having been made confident in the Lord by my imprisonment, dare to speak the word with greater boldness and without fear.

Some proclaim Christ from envy and rivalry but others from goodwill. These proclaim Christ out of love, knowing that I have been put here for the defense of the gospel; the others proclaim Christ out of selfish ambition, not sincerely but intending to increase my suffering in my imprisonment. What does it matter? Just this, that Christ is proclaimed in every way, whether out of false motives or true, and in that I rejoice.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

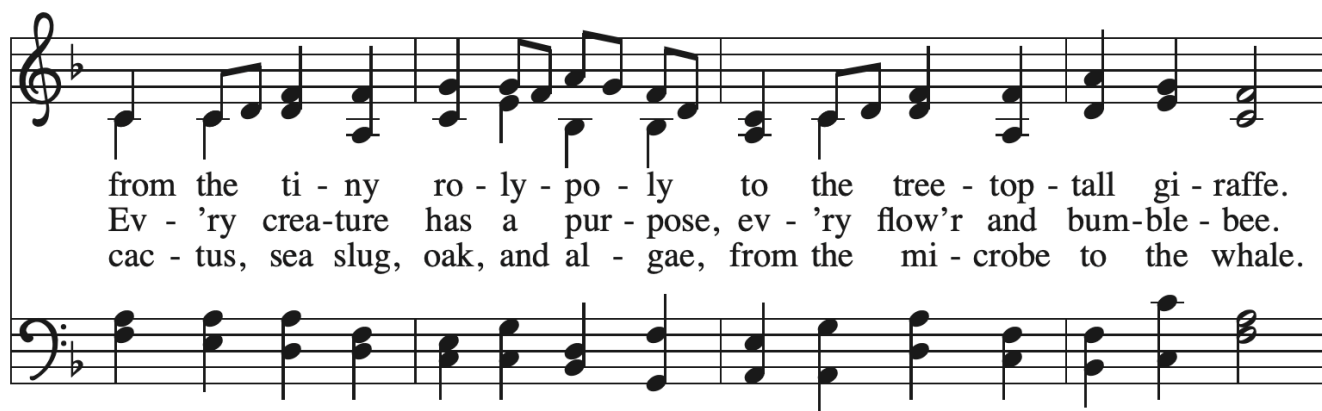
Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

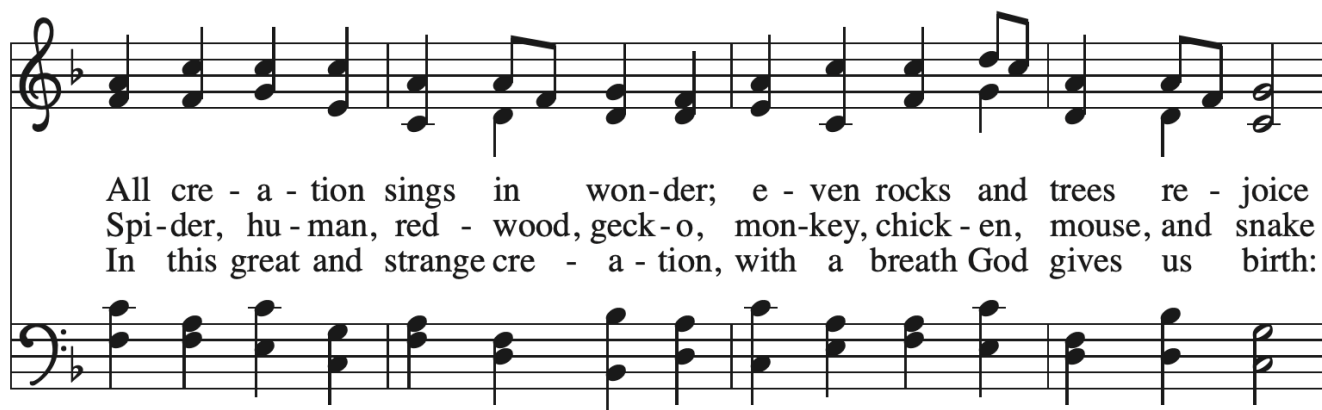
Earth is Full of Wit and Wisdom.....ACS 1064



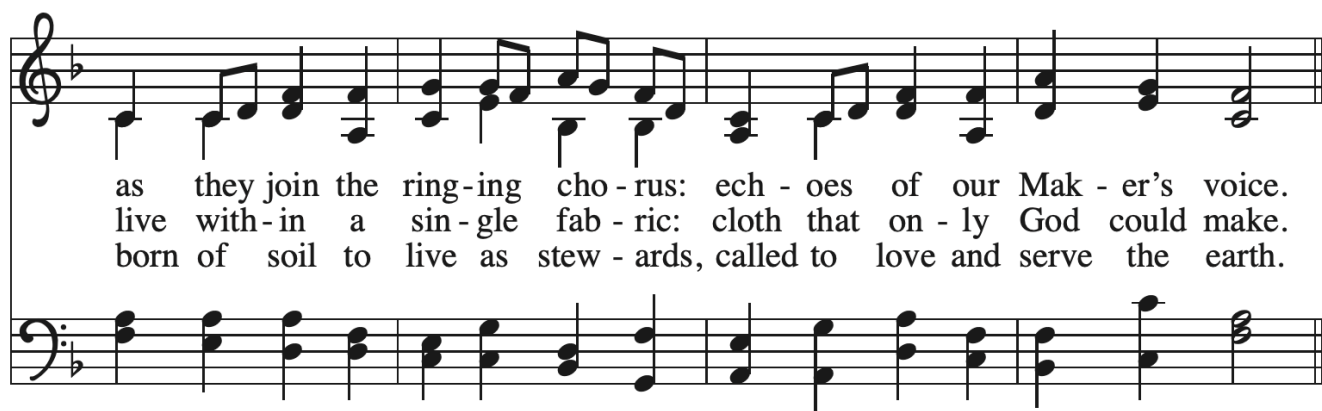
1 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, sound-ing God's de - light-ed laugh,
2 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom, wo - ven in - to har - mo - ny.
3 Earth is full of wit and wis - dom: pen - guin, pla - ty - pus, and snail,



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**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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 Lord is My Shepherd, Goodall
Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir*

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.

October Mission of the Month: Every Meal

Over 300,000 kids in Minnesota face food insecurity, and for many, school lunches are their only reliable meals. Every Meal helps close the weekend gap by sending home 4–5 pounds of healthy food each Friday, with options that fit different cultural and dietary needs. Diamond Lake Lutheran supports Barton Elementary in this initiative where about 40–45 students are expected to take part this year. \$440 feeds one student for the whole school year—and gifts of any amount make a difference.

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.

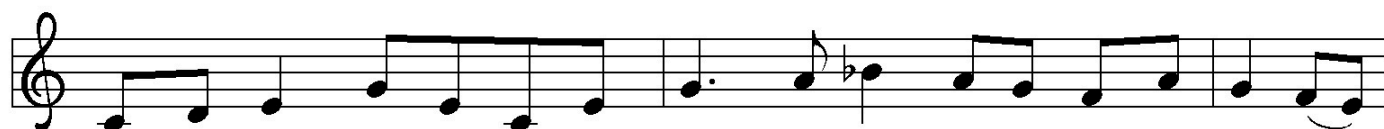
Phone – Scan the QR code to visit the Give Back page of www.dllc.org and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.



Scan to Give

Thank you!

‡ OFFERTORY



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.

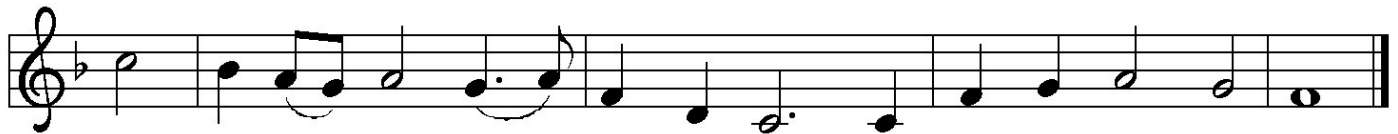
INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

DISTRIBUTION AND BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

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.

If you would like a blessing for your animal family member, please carry or walk them up the center aisle as you come forward for communion. You can hand your pet information card to Pastor Andrea in the Chancel, she will bless your animal, and then you can walk down the steps and rejoin the communion line. If your pet cannot come up the steps, Pastor Andrea will come down to you on the floor.

COMMUNION HYMNS

All Things Bright and Beautiful.....WOV 767



All things bright and beau - ti - ful, all crea - tures great and small,



all things wise and won - der - ful, the Lord God made them all.



- 1 Each lit - tle flow'r that o - pens, each lit - tle bird that sings,
- 2 The pur - ple - head - ed moun - tains, the riv - er run - ning by,
- 3 The cold wind in the win - ter, the pleas - ant sum - mer sun,
- 4 God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell



God made their glow - ing col - ors, God made their ti - ny wings.
the sun - set, and the morn - ing that bright - ens up the sky.
the ripe fruits in the gar - den, God made them ev - 'ry one.
how great is God Al - might - y, who has made all things well.

As Rain from the Clouds.....ELW 508

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

On What Has Now Been Sown.....ELW 550

‡ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

Thanks be to God.

CHORAL AMEN (*Please remain in place until the choir is finished.*)

POSTLUDE

"Le Petit âne Blanc" from Histoires, Ibert

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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