

**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**October 6, 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. 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-Metcalfe Assisting Minister: Gene Zemske

Coffee Host:

Reader: Sue Haffield

Communion Servers: Sabrina Falk, Clementine Roske-Metcalfe

A/V Tech: Ben Craig, Frank Anderson

Greeters:

Ushers: Sean Laird, Cyndi Kresse, Bob Kresse

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Nursery: Mary Teurman Pray-Ground Clean-Up:

#### TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

Throughout the history of God's people, God has made covenants - agreements with promises on both sides - with God's beloved people. But a tragic pattern emerged. God and the people made promises to each other, and then the people failed to live God's way. God made promises to Adam and Eve at creation, but they ate the forbidden fruit. God delivered the people of Israel from slavery and gave them the Torah, but they worshipped a golden calf. However, God always keeps God's promises, as God did with Abram, Joseph, Hannah, and David. Even when the people have broken their part of the covenant, God is faithful and renews the promise again and again.

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

#### PRELUDE

#### WORDS OF WELCOME

#### TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 33 John Worst

### **# CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

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

C: Amen.

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

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us.

We confess that we have honored you with our lips, but have harmed 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 the suffering last.

In your great mercy, forgive us our sins.

Draw near to us with grace in times of need, and turn us to follow in the ways of Jesus Christ,

our Savior and Lord. Amen.

P: 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.

C: Amen.

# **‡ GATHERING HYMN**

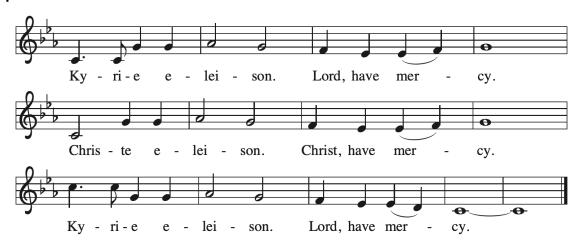
Gather Us In, #532, vs.1,2,4

## **‡ 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**



### **CANTICLE OF PRAISE**



# **‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Faithful God of an unfaithful people,

C: The people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

#### **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



#### READING

R: A reading from Exodus 32:1-14

¹ When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." ² Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters and bring them to me." ³ So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. ⁴ He took these from them, formed them in a mold, and cast an image of a calf, and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" ⁵ When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it, and Aaron made a proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the Lord." ⁶ They rose early the next day and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being, and the people sat down to eat and drink and rose up to revel.

<sup>7</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; <sup>8</sup> they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" <sup>9</sup> The Lord said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. <sup>10</sup> Now let me alone so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them, and of you I will make a great nation."

<sup>11</sup> But Moses implored the Lord his God and said, "O Lord, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? <sup>12</sup> Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. <sup>13</sup> Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it

forever." <sup>14</sup> And the Lord changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

R: The word of the Lord. C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

# HYMN OF THE DAY

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace, #716

## **‡ 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.

Here other intercessions may be offered

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: 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.

#### 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.

### November Mission of the Month: New Creations Food Ministry

Since December 2020, we have partnered with First Lady Brenda Granison and Pastor Darrick Granison at New Creations Ministries and the Mother Jeanette Frazier Food Shelf. Together, we've worked to address the growing issue of food insecurity in our community. With this partnership, we aim not only to meet immediate needs but to strengthen the bonds between neighbors, offering support to those who need it.

Every Monday, we have two volunteer shifts available. Children as young as elementary age are welcome and encouraged to join, provided they are accompanied by an adult. From 3-5 pm, afternoon helpers take on light-duty tasks like sorting food donations and packing boxes for distribution. This role is perfect for volunteers of all ages and abilities. From 5-7 pm, evening volunteers assist in setting up food outdoors and helping families load groceries into their cars, which involves moderate physical effort. These shifts are more than just work—they are an opportunity to connect with your community, make a tangible difference, and be part of something bigger than ourselves.

Donations are needed to keep this program going strong. Your contributions have a direct impact, providing critical supplies like food and diapers to families in need. As the holiday season approaches, your generosity can make an even greater difference. This Thanksgiving, we would like to provide turkeys and other traditional foods to families who might otherwise go without.

#### Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to New Creations Food Ministry, 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 <a href="www.dllc.org">www.dllc.org</a> 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, visit <a href="https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online">https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online</a>



### **# 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 and with our lives, help us to serve one another and all in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: Amen.

### **‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

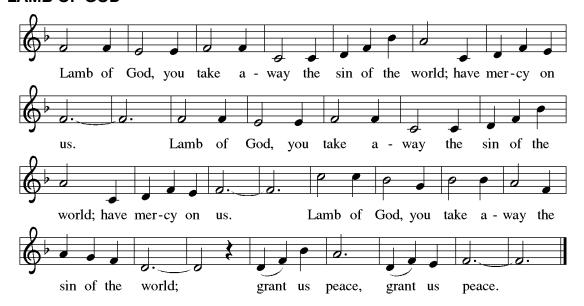
## **± LORD'S PRAYER**

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

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

### LAMB OF GOD



#### 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 HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat, #465

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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 of Tempest, God of Whirlwind, #400, vs.1-2

# **‡ DISMISSAL**

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

C: Thanks be to God.

## **CHORAL AMEN**

### **POSTLUDE**

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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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