



Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 25, 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf
Assisting Minister: Scott Benson
Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Acolyte: Lyle Dean
Greeters: Gary Milne, Sue Nelson
Reader: Cyndi Kresse
Communion Leader: Gene Zemske
Communion Servers: Julie Schmidt,
Bob Kresse, Cyndi Kresse

Ushers: Harley Hanson, Linda Torkelson
A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Coffee Hosts: Dawn Bartl, Sue Nelson
Pray-Ground Cleanup:
Pursers: Lisa Ritzinger, Gene Zemske

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Nocturne, Op. 19, No. 4, Tchaikovsky

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
by whose hand we are given new birth,
by whose speaking we are given new life.

Amen.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are welcomed, restored, and supported
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

**Holy God,
holy and merciful,
holy and mighty,
you are the river of life,
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

**In mercy and might you have freed us from death
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,
and in them we are born anew.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,
for rivers and streams.
Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.
Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.
Empower our witness to your resurrection.
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.
Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.
Where despair prevails, grant hope.
Where chaos reigns, bring peace.
We ask this through Christ,
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.
Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

Christ the Lord is Risen Today!.....ELW 373 (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.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of God,

With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ. Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for four voices (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, and Bass) in a two-part setting. The melody is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system shows the Soprano and Alto parts, and the second system shows the Tenor and Bass parts. The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some measures containing chords. The final measure of each system has a fermata over the 'ia' syllable.

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‡ READING: GALATIANS 1:13-17; 2:11-21

A reading from the book of Galatians, the 1st and 2nd Chapters.

You have heard, no doubt, of my earlier life in Judaism. I was violently persecuting the church of God and was trying to destroy it. I advanced in Judaism beyond many among my people of the same age, for I was far more zealous for the

traditions of my ancestors. But when the one who had set me apart before I was born and called me through his grace was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him among the gentiles, I did not confer with any human, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were already apostles before me, but I went away at once into Arabia, and afterward I returned to Damascus...

...But when Cephas came to Antioch, I opposed him to his face because he stood self-condemned, for until certain people came from James, he used to eat with the gentiles. But after they came, he drew back and kept himself separate for fear of the circumcision faction. And the other Jews joined him in this hypocrisy, so that even Barnabas was led astray by their hypocrisy. But when I saw that they were not acting consistently with the truth of the gospel, I said to Cephas before them all, "If you, though a Jew, live like a gentile and not like a Jew, how can you compel the gentiles to live like Jews?"

We ourselves are Jews by birth and not gentile sinners, yet we know that a person is justified not by the works of the law but through the faith of Jesus Christ. And we have come to believe in Christ Jesus, so that we might be justified by the faith of Christ and not by doing the works of the law, because no one will be justified by the works of the law. But if, in our effort to be justified in Christ, we ourselves have been found to be sinners, is Christ then a servant of sin? Certainly not! But if I build up again the very things that I once tore down, then I demonstrate that I am a transgressor. For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ, and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. I do not nullify the grace of God, for if righteousness comes through the law, then Christ died for nothing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blest Be the Tie That Binds.....ELW 656

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

Risen Lord, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

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

What Wondrous Love, arr. Kevin Hobbs

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.

May Mission of the Month: Lutheran Social Service Family Program

The Lutheran Social Service Family Program provides a wide range of services designed to strengthen families and promote long-term stability. These include family counseling, parenting education, emergency and transitional housing, crisis intervention, and wraparound support for families dealing with trauma, financial hardship, or housing insecurity. Whether it's helping a

single parent find safe shelter for their children, supporting a teen in foster care, or guiding parents through conflict resolution and effective communication, LSS works holistically to address the unique needs of each family. The Diamond Lake Lutheran Welcome Home ministry supports one component of the Family Program by furnishing and outfitting apartments for mothers and children transitioning out of homelessness.

How to Give to the General Fund and/or the Mission of the Month

Write a check to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with “General Fund” or “Mission of the Month” (or both) in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. If you are offering cash, you may use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund. Alternatively, you may give online at www.dllc.org via the “Give Back” page or scan the QR code and select “Give to General Fund” or Mission of the Month” from the dropdown menu. Please repeat the online process if giving to both funds. Thank you!



‡ OFFERTORY

The musical notation is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below each staff. The notes are mostly quarter and eighth notes, with some rests and a final double bar line at the end of the fifth staff.

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.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,
breathe your life into us,
and enliven us with this meal,
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat at God's table.

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 HYMN

Come, Let Us Eat.....ELW 491

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine.....ELW 774

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Now may the God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Thine is the Glory.....ELW 376

‡ DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Valse-Scherzo, Op. 7, Tchaikovsky

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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