



Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 16, 2024



**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 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Katie McMahon

Coffee Host: Sue Nelson

Greeter:

Reader: Graydon Royce

Communion Servers:

Ushers: William Johnson, Stephanie Johnson, Julie Schmidt

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Special Music: Del Hamaker

Tech Crew: John Nelson, Ben Craig, Frank Anderson

Nursery: Cyndi Kresse

Pray-Ground Clean Up:

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

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

The mustard seed becomes a great shrub that shelters the birds, recalling ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or a sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imaged in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: In the name of God, who is our Mother and Father, in the name of Jesus who is the Christ, and in the name of the Holy Spirit,

C: **Amen.**

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **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 the abundant life you offer.
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.
Amen.**

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

‡ GATHERING HYMN

God, Whose Firm Is All Creation.....#734, 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.**

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **O God, you are the tree of life, offering shelter to all the world. Graft us
into yourself and nurture our growth, that we may bear your truth and
love to those in need, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

READING: Ezekiel 17:22-24

*Tree imagery is used in a messianic prophecy to tell how the LORD will choose
someone from Judah's royal family (the cedar tree) to reign over all creation. This
tree will be planted on Mount Zion, the location of the holy temple.*

R: A reading from the book of Ezekiel, the 17th Chapter.

²² Thus says the Lord GOD:
I myself will take a sprig
from the lofty top of the cedar;
I will set it out.
I will break off a tender shoot
from the topmost of its young twigs;
I myself will transplant it

on a high and lofty mountain.

²³ On the mountain height of Israel

I will transplant it,
and it will produce boughs and bear fruit
and become a noble cedar.

Under it every kind of bird will live;
in the shade of its branches will nest
winged creatures of every kind.

²⁴ All the trees of the field shall know
that I am the LORD.

I bring low the high tree;
I make high the low tree;
I dry up the green tree
and make the dry tree flourish.
I the LORD have spoken;
I will accomplish it.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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

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The image shows two staves of musical notation for the Gospel Acclamation. Both staves are in the treble clef with a key signature of two sharps (F# and C#). The melody is written on a five-line staff. The first staff has a final note with a fermata, and the second staff ends with a double bar line. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllable placement.

‡ GOSPEL: MARK 4:26 – 34

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fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 4th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁶ He also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground ²⁷ and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸ The earth produces of itself first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹ But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle because the harvest has come."

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade." ³³ With many such parables he spoke the word to them as they were able to hear it; ³⁴ he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

HYMN OF THE DAY

For the Fruit of All Creation.....#679, vs. 1-3

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

L: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

*Abide With Me, arranged by Gary Lanier
Chuck Linderkamp – clarinet, Dr. Kevin Hobbs, - piano*

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.

Mission of the Month: Support Young Leaders of Color

The ELCA is the whitest mainline denomination in the U.S., with the lowest percentage of BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) membership. This lack of racial diversity in the body of Christ is a detriment to us all, especially in positions of leadership.

This summer the largest gathering of BIPOC leaders and members of the ELCA will take place at the Multicultural Youth Leadership Event (MYLE) in New Orleans, July 13-16. This runs in conjunction with the ELCA National Youth Gathering there, where young people from Diamond Lake Lutheran will be in attendance.

Nearly 700 young, vibrant, and growing BIPOC leaders in our churches and communities will gather for MYLE. They will come from Puerto Rico and the US Virgin Islands, the Cherokee and Dakota nations, and from cities, suburbs and rural communities across the continent.

Lodging and transportation for youth participants of MYLE are covered by the Churchwide organization, but those same costs for young adult volunteers are not. Rev. Jen Collins of Redeemer Lutheran Church in north Minneapolis is raising funds to cover these costs for five local young adult leaders of color. Their participation in this event is important for the future of the church!

Our Mission of the Month for June will raise funds to help cover these costs, supporting these young leaders of color. We invite you to be generous in your contributions!

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>, or text to give at 833-755-0230.



‡ OFFERTORY



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

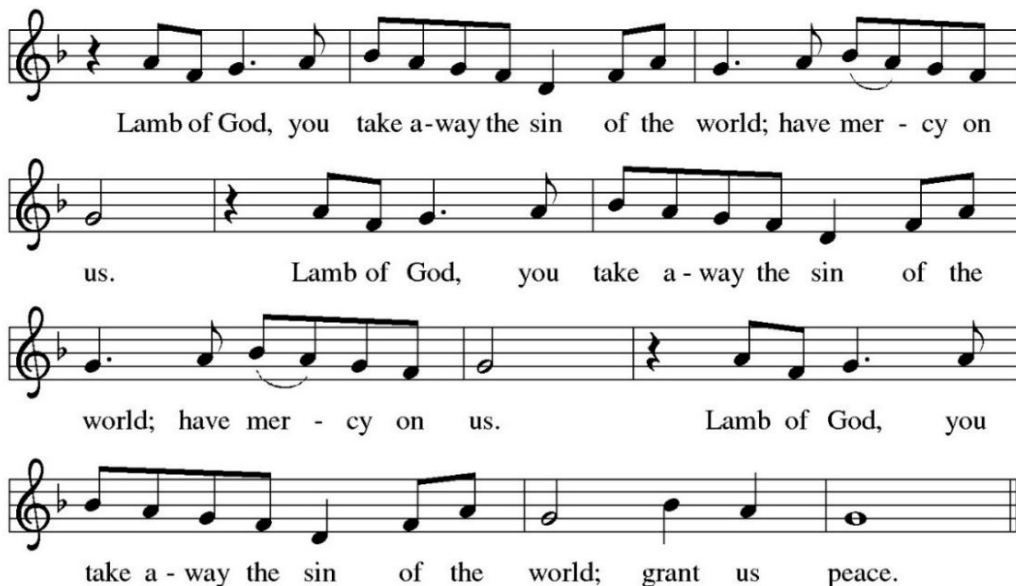
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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



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.

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:

God of the Fertile Fields , ACS 1063

1 God of the fer - tile fields, sha - per of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - 'ry land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - 'ry - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Sent Forth by God's Blessing.....#547, vs. 1-2

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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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