



**Eighth Sunday After Pentecost**

August 3, 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: Sue Haffield

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Acolyte: Paul Groskreutz

Greeters: Julie Schmidt

Reader: Sue Haffield

Special Music: Scott Anderson, Scott

Benson, Russ Michaletz, Darrell

Williams, Claire Teurman

Communion Leader: Sue Nelson

Communion Servers: Julie Schmidt

Ushers: Paul Groskreutz, Elliot Plummer,  
Joe Plummer

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Sue Nelson

Pursers: Carisa Brent, Anne Groskreutz

## EIGHTH 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

*Nocturne, Op. 165, Chaminade*

### 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**

*Oh, Happy Day When We Shall Stand.....ELW 441*

### **‡ 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 God, help us to remember our call to join the elders of every age,  
and creatures of every kind, in worshiping you and singing your praise.**

**We ask and pray this in the name of the one who was and is and is to  
come, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,  
Amen.**

### **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

## ‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?



You have the words of e ter - nal life. Al le lu ia.

## ‡ READING: REVELATION 4:1-11

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

After this I looked, and there in heaven a door stood open! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, “Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this.” At once I was in the spirit, and there in heaven stood a throne, with one seated on the throne! And the one seated there looks like jasper and carnelian, and around the throne is a rainbow that looks like an emerald. Around the throne are twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones are twenty-four elders, dressed in white robes, with golden crowns on their heads. Coming from the throne are flashes of lightning and rumblings and peals of thunder, and in front of the throne burn seven flaming torches, which are the seven spirits of God, and in front of the throne there is something like a sea of glass, like crystal.

Around the throne, and on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes in front and back: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with a face like a human, and the fourth living creature like a flying eagle. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and inside. Day and night without ceasing they sing,

“Holy, holy, holy,  
the Lord God the Almighty,  
who was and is and is to come.”

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to the one  
who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders  
fall before the one who is seated on the throne and worship the one who lives  
forever and ever; they cast their crowns before the throne, singing,

“You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honor and power,  
for you created all things,  
and by your will they existed and were created.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!*.....ELW 413

## **‡ 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**

*Farther Along, arr. Baxter*

Scott Anderson, Scott Benson, Russ Michaletz, Darrell Williams

### **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](http://www.dllc.org) and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.

Thank you!



Scan to Give



## ‡ 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**

- Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones.....ELW 424*
- Holy God, We Praise Your Name.....ELW 414*

**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**

*Thine the Amen*.....ELW 826 (vs 1, 2, 5)

## ‡ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

**Thanks be to God!**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Bergerie*, Dutilleux

## **FINALE\***

*Piano Concerto No. 2 (2nd mov.)*, Rachmaninoff

Claire Teurman

accompanied by Kevin Hobbs

\* This week we have a special ten-minute closing piece performed by Claire Teurman, who is heading off to college. If you would like to move forward to see the performance better (or if you need to leave early), Kevin invites you to do so during his 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.

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*Our mission: Stirred by the Spirit of Christ to learn, follow, and serve.*

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