



**Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost**

September 22, 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.

## Special Assistance

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

## Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Robb Bass

Coffee Host: Nancy Zemske

Reader: Bob Kresse

Communion Servers: Iris McKigney, Lisa Bass, Bob Kresse

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Gene Zemske

Greeters: Stef & Jay Thompson

Ushers: Eloise Miller, Julie Schmidt, Paul Groskreutz, Cyndi Kresse

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Clean-Up: Paul Groskreutz, Cyndi Kresse

## EIGHTEENTH 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**

*Intermezzo, Op. 117, No. 1*

Johannes Brahms

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Psalms 33*

John Worst

**† CONFESSIOIN & 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**

*Lord of Glory, You Have Brought Us, #707, 1-2*

‡ **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**



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.



Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.



Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

## ‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;  
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;



yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.  
yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.  
yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.



Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;  
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;



ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.



Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;



yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

## ‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **God of dreams and hope, you spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us always. Amen.**

## SERMON ON THE STEPS

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## READING

R: A reading from Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-22

<sup>3</sup> Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children because he was the son of his old age, and he made him an ornamented robe. <sup>4</sup> But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him and could not speak peaceably to him.

<sup>5</sup> Once Joseph had a dream, and when he told it to his brothers, they hated him even more. <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Listen to this dream that I dreamed. <sup>7</sup> There we were, binding sheaves in the field. Suddenly my sheaf rose and stood upright; then your sheaves gathered around it and bowed down to my sheaf." <sup>8</sup> His brothers said to him, "Are you indeed to reign over us? Are you indeed to have dominion over us?" So they hated him even more because of his dreams and his words.

<sup>17</sup> The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers and found them at Dothan. <sup>18</sup> They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them they conspired to kill him. <sup>19</sup> They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. <sup>20</sup> Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." <sup>21</sup> But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." <sup>22</sup> Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father.

<sup>26</sup> Then Judah said to his brothers, “What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? <sup>27</sup> Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh.” And his brothers agreed. <sup>28</sup> When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

<sup>29</sup> When Reuben returned to the pit and saw that Joseph was not in the pit, he tore his clothes. <sup>30</sup> He returned to his brothers and said, “The boy is gone, and I, where can I turn?” <sup>31</sup> Then they took Joseph’s robe, slaughtered a goat, and dipped the robe in the blood. <sup>32</sup> They had the ornamented robe taken to their father, and they said, “This we have found; see now whether it is your son’s robe or not.” <sup>33</sup> He recognized it and said, “It is my son’s robe! A wild animal has devoured him; Joseph has surely been torn to pieces.” <sup>34</sup> Then Jacob tore his garments and put sackcloth on his loins and mourned for his son many days.

<sup>15</sup> Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph’s brothers said, “What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?” <sup>16</sup> So they approached Joseph, saying, “Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup> ‘Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.’ Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.” Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup> Then his brothers also wept, <sup>19</sup> fell down before him, and said, “We are here as your slaves.” <sup>20</sup> Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup> So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.” In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

<sup>22</sup> So Joseph remained in Egypt, he and his father’s household, and Joseph lived one hundred ten years.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*O Christ, Our Hope*, #604 vs.1,3,4



## ‡ 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.*

**OFFERING**      *Then Sings My Soul-How Great Thou Art, by Mary McDonald*

### **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.*

### **September Mission of the Month: Every Meal**

*Over 300,000 children in Minnesota live in food insecurity, never knowing if they will have food for their next meal. Sometimes, the only complete meals kids received are those in the school cafeteria. Every meal is working to combat this issue, focusing on closing the weekend food gap from Friday to Monday, when children aren't able to receive school meals.*

*At the end of each week, Every Meal provides children with 4-5 pounds of substantive, nutritious food, including a fruit, vegetable, protein, grain based such as rice, pasta, or oatmeal, and soup/entrée. Families may choose from five food bag options tailored to various cultural dietary preferences or situation needs.*

We expect approximately 45-50 students at Barton Elementary School will register to received Every Meal food bags. **A contribution of \$368 provides one student with enough food bags for the entire school year.** Any donation, regardless of size, is welcome.

### **Give to the Mission of the Month**

To make a gift to Every Meal, 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 [www.dllc.org](http://www.dllc.org) 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 <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



### **‡ 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**

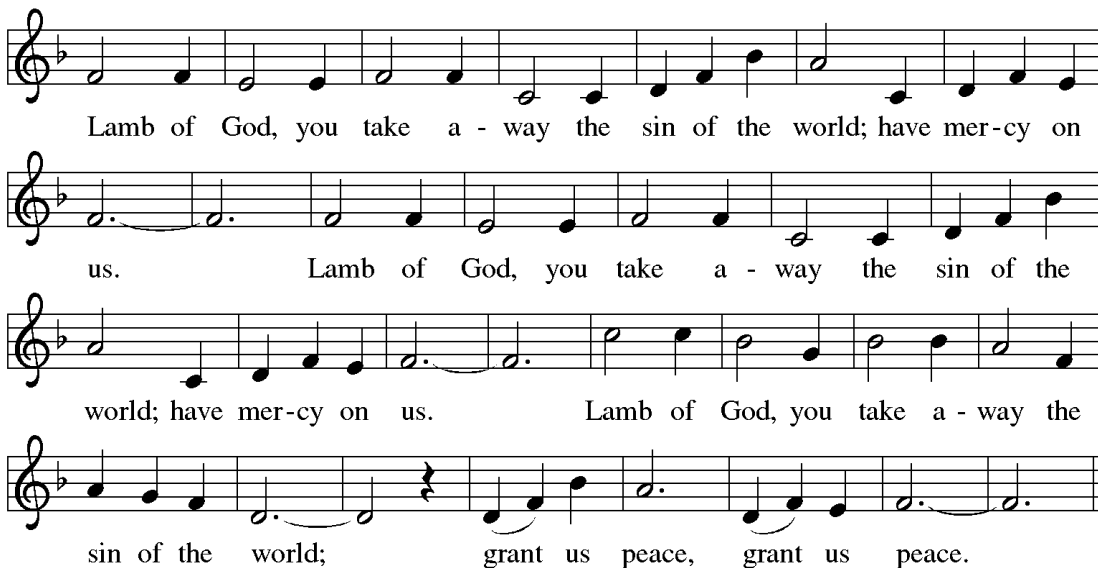
## ‡ LORD'S PRAYER

**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



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 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

*Build a Longer Table, ACS #1062*



- 1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
- 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
- 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
- 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.  
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.  
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.  
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,  
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,  
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,  
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.  
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.  
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.  
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

## **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**

*Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer, #618, vs.1-3*

### **‡ DISMISSAL**

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## **CHORAL AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Intermezzo, Op. 118, No. 2*

Johannes Brahms





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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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