



Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 1, 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: Graydon Royce

Coffee Host: Sue Nelson

Reader: Cynthia Dickison

Communion Servers: Sue Nelson

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Ben Craig, Frank Anderson

Greeter: Kathy and Bob Gustafson

Usher:

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Special Music: Clementine Roske-Metcalfe & Janet Metcalfe

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Clean-Up:

The altar flowers today are given by Paul, Sue, and Karen Gabrielson in honor of Karen's father, Allan Gabrielson.

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

PRELUDE

Brahms - Intermezzo, Op. 119, No. 1

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† 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

Let Justice Flow Like Streams.....ELW #717

‡ 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: **O God our strength, without you we are weak and wayward creatures. Protect us from all dangers that attack us from the outside, and cleanse us from all evil that arises from within ourselves, that we may be preserved through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

READING James 1:17-27

The letter of James was intended to provide first-century Christians with instruction in godly behavior. Here Christians are encouraged to listen carefully and to act on what they hear, especially by caring for those least able to care for themselves.

R: A reading from the letter of James.

¹⁷Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. ¹⁸In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

¹⁹You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; ²⁰for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. ²¹Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of

wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

²²But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. ²³For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; ²⁴for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. ²⁵But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

²⁶If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. ²⁷Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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, al-le-lu - ia.

‡ GOSPEL: Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Mark's gospel depicts Jesus as challenging traditional ways in which religious people determine what is pure or impure. For Jesus, the observance of religious practices cannot become a substitute for godly words or deeds that spring from a faithful heart.

P: The holy gospel according to Mark, the 7th Chapter.

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

¹Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around Jesus, ²they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. ³For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; ⁴and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze kettles. ⁵So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” ⁶He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,
but their hearts are far from me;

⁷In vain do they worship me,
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

⁸You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

¹⁴Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you,
and understand: ¹⁵there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile,
but the things that come out are what defile.

²¹“For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come:
fornication, theft, murder, ²²adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness,
envy, slander, pride, folly. ²³All these evil things come from within, and they defile
a person.”

P: The gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil.....ELW #512

‡ 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.

L: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

Here other intercessions may be offered

L: We lift up these prayers to you, gracious God. Receive them into your holy
keeping.

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

Tis a Gift to Be Simple, a Shaker folk song
Minuet in G by J.S. Bach; Soprano recorders
Clementine Roske-Metcalf & Janet Metcalfe

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, paster, 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 receive 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 or scan the QR Code and choose "Mission of the Month" from the drop-down menu.

To contribute to the General Fund or the Mission of the Month, use the QR code or give online, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



‡ OFFERTORY

- 1 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.
- 2 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.
- 4 Then will your blessing reach ev'ry people,
freely confessing your gracious hand.
Where you are reigning, no one will hunger;
your love sustaining showers the land.

‡ 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

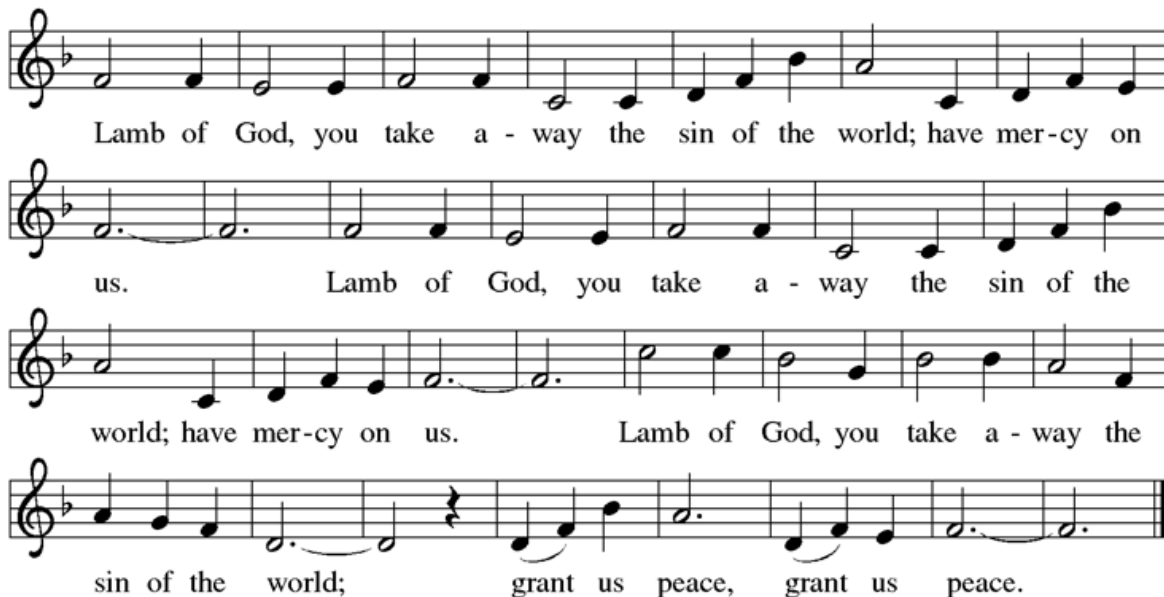
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

- 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

- L: 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.

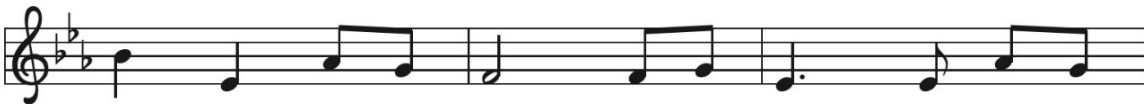
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request, and a chalice of grape juice is provided for gluten-free intinction. If it is difficult for you to come forward, please inform an usher, and the pastor will bring the sacrament to you in your seat.

COMMUNION HYMN

Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken.....ACS #966



1 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken by the
2 Loaves were bro - ken, words were spo - ken in a
3 Loaves are bro - ken, words are spo - ken, as in
4 By the loaves you break and give us, send us



Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions

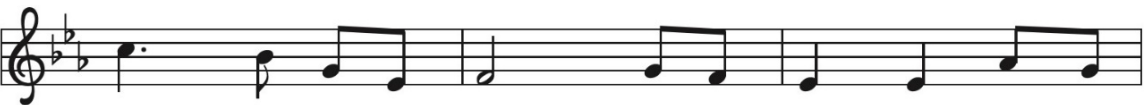


heav - en, was their food for - ev - er - more.
gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
a - ges: "I am with you; do not fear!"
hun - ger, words that tell your love and care.

Refrain



By your bod - y bro - ken for us, by your



wine of life out - poured, Je - sus, feed a - gain your



peo - ple. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

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

Restore in Us, O God.....ELW #328

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Follow Jesus.

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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