



Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 26, 2025

9:30 am



**DIAMOND
LAKE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Facility Guide:

Accessibility

Hearing devices, noise-reduction earmuffs, and large print bulletins are available for worship services—please see the ushers for assistance. Automatic door openers are present on the main doors and restroom doors in the Commons Area. An elevator that accesses all floors can be found in the hallway to the right when entering from the main glass doors. Please feel free to borrow a walker or wheelchair (found in the entryway) for your time in our building.

Restrooms

Men's, women's, and all-gender restrooms are located in the Commons Area. They are to the left of the Lakeview Room entrance (or directly to your left when entering through the main glass doors).

Emergency and First Aid

A first aid kit, automated external defibrillator (AED), and fire extinguisher are located on the left when entering through the main doors. Other fire extinguishers can be found in the Narthex (the back of the sanctuary), the Vestry (front left of the sanctuary), and throughout the building.

Lost and Found

Missing something? Our Lost and Found is in the Commons Area coat room. Stop by anytime to check for items that may belong to you.

Notice of Filming and Photography

During worship services and church events at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, photography and video recording may occur. These images and recordings may be used in church publications, social media, and other communications to share and celebrate our ministry. If you prefer not to be included in photos and video, please let an usher or staff member know. Thank you for your understanding and for being part of our community life together.

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 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 wear your name tag each Sunday—it helps us welcome guests, get to know one another, and support those with memory concerns. If you don't yet have one, visit the Commons Area name tag station to make yours. We encourage adding pronouns to name tags!

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.

Guest Pastor

Rev. Emmy Kegler is a queer Christian mom, author, pastor, and speaker called to ministry at the margins of the church. She served as an ELCA pastor for six years before transitioning out of congregational ministry, and she currently serves as the interim executive director for Inside Out Faith, which promotes LGBTQ+ inclusion within faith communities. She believes in and works for a church rooted in accessibility, intentionality, integrity, and transformation, knowing that God is already out ahead of us creating expansive space for those most hungry for the good and liberating news of Jesus.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Emmy Kegler
Assisting Minister: Jan Michaletz
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason
Acolyte: Lyle Dean
Greeters: Carisa Brent, Julie Schmidt
Reader: Theo Brent
Communion Baker: Alli and Katie Frey

Communion Leader: Paul Groskreutz
Communion Servers: Julie Schmidt
Ushers: Matthew and Theo Brent
A/V Tech: Olaf Minge, Nick Schmidt
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Coffee Hosts: Anne Groskreutz
Pursers: Carisa Brent, Russ Michaletz
Pray-Ground Cleanup:

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

PRELUDE

Sonata in G, K. 283 (1st mov.), Mozart

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33, Worst

‡ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who forgives all our sin,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God
and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Faithful God,

**you have shown us the ways of your heart,
yet we stray from your paths.**

**We are stuck in sinful systems of oppression
and do not embrace the freedom
of your faithful promises.**

We ignore our neighbors.

We exploit the Earth.

We reject your abundance,

rusting our impulses instead of your steadfast love.

Repair our relationships,

restore what we have broken,

renew our hearts,

and bring us to new life.

Amen.

Hear the good news:

God the Faithful One loves you,

in Christ Jesus your sins are forgiven,

and by the power of the Holy Spirit you are set free.

Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

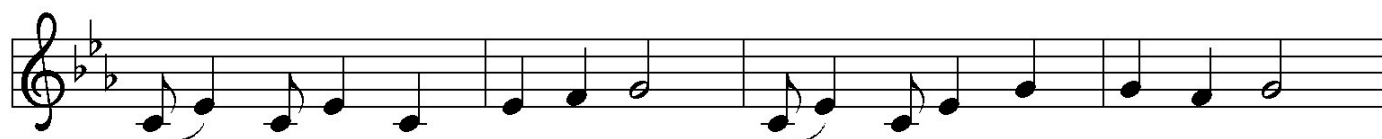
God is Here!.....ELW 526 (vs 1, 2)

‡ **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.

‡ **KYRIE**

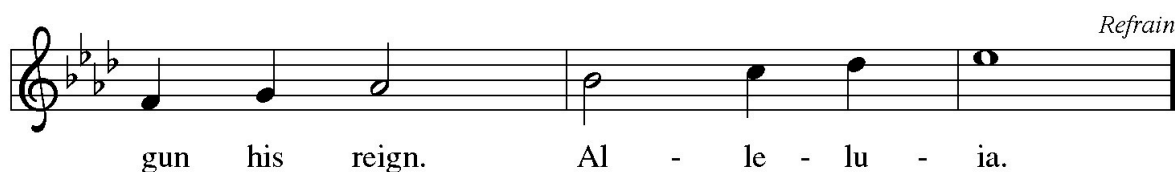
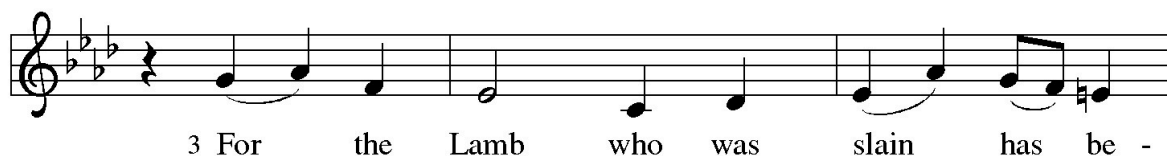
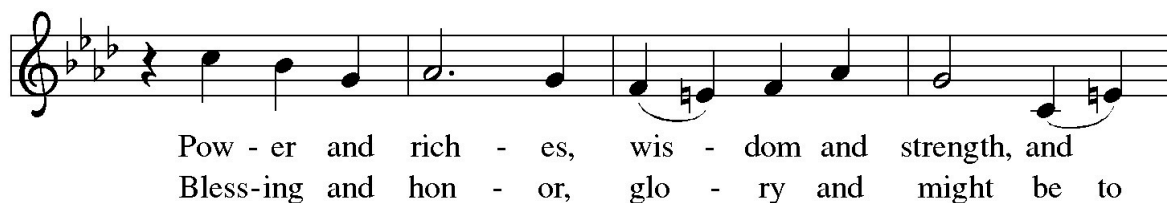
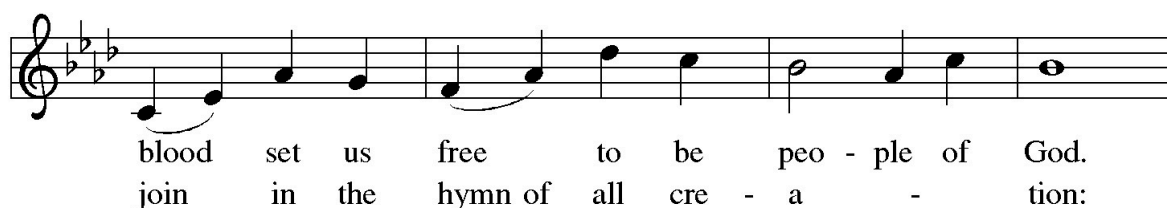
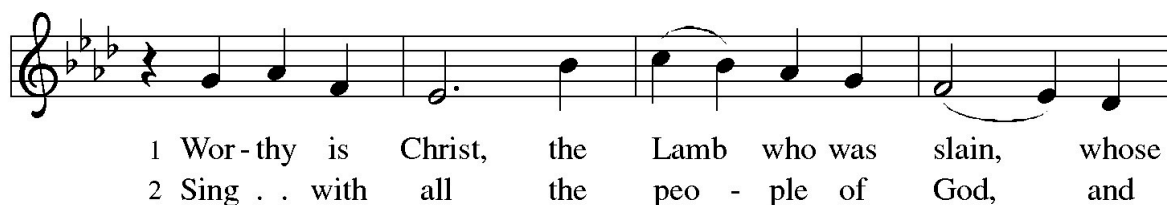
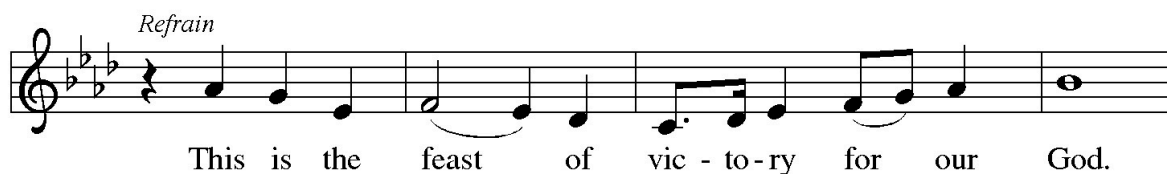


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‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Holy God,

**you are the source of all true power,
made known to us in love and mercy.**

**May we awaken to your presence
in and among all those who suffer,
that when we struggle we do not despair
and when we succeed we do not forget to aid our neighbors.
Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score for the Gospel Acclamation consists of two systems, each with a vocal melody and a basso continuo line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody is written in a soprano voice, and the basso line is written in a bass voice. The score includes various musical notations such as eighth notes, quarter notes, and half notes, as well as rests and phrasing slurs. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system also ends with a double bar line.

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

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‡ **READING: 2 CORINTHIANS 4:5-15**

A reading from the second letter to the Corinthians, the fourth chapter.

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus's sake. For it is the God who said, "Light will shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way but not crushed, perplexed but not driven to despair, persecuted but not forsaken, struck down but not destroyed, always carrying around in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For we who are living are always being handed over to death for Jesus's sake, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us but life in you.

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—"I believed, and so I spoke"—we also believe, and therefore we also speak, because we know that the one who raised Jesus will also raise us with Jesus and will present us with you in his presence. Indeed, everything is for your sake, so that grace, when it has extended to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

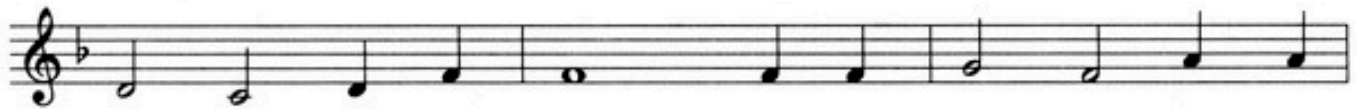
Rev. Emmy Kegler

HYMN OF THE DAY

As a Fire is Meant for Burning.....OC 608



1. As a fire is meant for burn - ing With a
2. We are learn - ers; we are teach - ers; We are
3. As a green bud in the spring - time Is a



bright and warm - ing flame, So the Church is meant for
pil - grims on the way. We are seek - ers; we are
sign of life re - newed, So may we be signs of



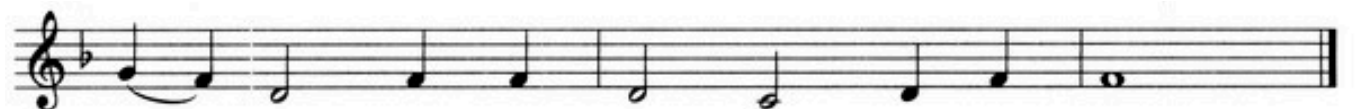
mis - sion, Giv - ing glo - ry to God's name.
giv - ers; We are ves - sels made of clay.
one - ness Mid earth's peo - ples, man - y hues.



As we wit - ness to the Gos - pel, We would
By our gen - tle, lov - ing ac - tions, We would
As a rain - bow lights the heav - ens When a



build a bridge of care, Join - ing hands a - cross the
show that Christ is light. In a hum - ble, lis - t'ning
storm is past and gone, May our lives re - flect the



na - tions, Find - ing neigh - bors ev - 'ry - where.
Spir - it, We would live to God's de - light.
ra - diance Of God's new and glor - ious dawn.

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend.

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

Come Unto Me, Killman
Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir

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.

October Mission of the Month: Every Meal

Over 300,000 kids in Minnesota face food insecurity, and for many, school lunches are their only reliable meals. Every Meal helps close the weekend gap by sending home 4–5 pounds of healthy food each Friday, with options that fit different cultural and dietary needs. Diamond Lake Lutheran supports Barton Elementary in this initiative where about 40–45 students are expected to take part this year. \$440 feeds one student for the whole school year—and gifts of any amount make a difference.

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 and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.

Thank you!



‡ OFFERTORY



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.

Lord of the harvest,

we return to you a portion of what you have given to us.

Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches,

but on you, who richly provides for us.

Multiply what we have gathered

to bless all who are suffering and in need,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them. Come to this meal of mercy.

LAMB OF GOD



- 1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
- 3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Just As I Am, Without One Plea.....ELW 592

What Wonderful Love is This.....ELW 666

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God,

through this meal you have strengthened us
and appointed us to be your servants.

Send us to do good and to share our possessions
with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

The God of righteousness,
who gives justice to the oppressed,
who gives food to the hungry,
who sets the prisoners free,
bless you now and forever.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Rise Up, O Saints of God!.....ELW 669

‡ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.
Thanks be to God.

‡ CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Eine kleine Nachtmusik (1st mov.), Mozart

This congregation traditionally sits and remains in the sanctuary to hear the postlude, which is offered by Dr. Hobbs. If you need to leave early, please feel free to do so quietly.

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You are welcome at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Your presence makes your journey part of our journey—one we share with people of all ages and abilities, family structures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, races and ethnic backgrounds, and financial circumstances. We affirm that every individual is a member of God's family, uniquely created and worthy of belonging. We are joyfully committed to hearing your stories, engaging your gifts, and working alongside you to strive for racial equity, promote social and economic justice, and heal our broken world. This congregation, like all congregations, is fallible and flawed. We make mistakes. But we are dedicated to building relationships with all who believe, doubt, question, seek, and wonder.



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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