



Ordinary Time
July 5, 2026
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 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Special Music: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Door Monitor: Joe Plummer

Head Usher: Paul Groskreutz

Usher: Julie Schmidt

Coffee Hosts: Chris Glasoe, Sue Nelson

Greeters: Dawn Bartl, Barb Glasoe

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Mike Applequist

Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera

Communion Leader: Sue Nelson

Communion Servers: Cynthia Dickison,
Gene Zemske, Nancy Zemske

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Doug Johnson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Joe Plummer, Lisa Ritzinger

ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE

"Gone" and "Remembrances" from Lyric Pieces, Op. 71, Grieg

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† GATHERING LITANY

Calling all citizens of heaven: exiled dreamers and disciples of love,

God is close to the outcast and faithful to all.

Calling all pilgrims of the Spirit, carried by the winds of hope,

God is everywhere at all times, compassionate to all.

Calling all travelers between worlds, who translate compassion into peace,

God makes neighbors of strangers, and kin of the forgotten.

Come to worship and be renewed for this long journey.

Strangers in a strange land, we have come to worship the creator of all.

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Gathered into one by God's Spirit,

we are bold to confess our sins, our shortcomings, our failures,

right here in the open,

in the presence of God and of one another.

(silence for reflection)

Gracious One, where do we begin? You call us to do justice,

and we explain that justice is complicated.

You ask us to love mercy,

and we counter that a show of strength is necessary.

You invite us to walk humbly with you,
**and we struggle to recognize you in our neighbors, in the dispossessed,
in the poor and hungry places of our own hearts.**

We confess we have failed to summon the courage and compassion required by
your call.

**We have treated hospitality as an option, and kinship as a choice,
instead of as the center of our life together.**

We have claimed your name, yet rejected your way.

Forgive us, we pray.

Friends, hear this good news:

God's gift is love that liberates, hope that inspires,
grace that transforms.

Each of us alone and all of us together
are forgiven and set free.

Alleluia! Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

Before You Lord, We Bow.....ELW 893

‡ **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 of all people and places, guide this nation by your Spirit to go forward in justice and freedom. Give to all living in these lands the blessings of well-being and harmony, but above all things, give us faith in you, that we may bring glory to your name and blessings to all people, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

READING: PSALM 145:8-14

A reading from the one-hundred-forty-fifth Psalm.

The Lord is gracious and merciful,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

The Lord is good to all,

and his compassion is over all that he has made.

All your works shall give thanks to you, O Lord,

and all your faithful shall bless you.

They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom

and tell of your power,

to make known to all people your mighty deeds

and the glorious splendor of your kingdom.

Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,

and your dominion endures throughout all generations.

The Lord is faithful in all his words

and gracious in all his deeds.

The Lord upholds all who are falling

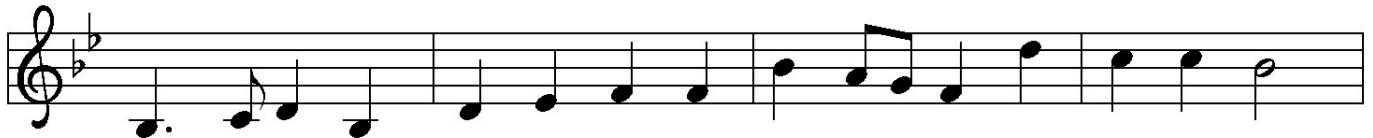
and raises up all who are bowed down.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.



Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.



Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

‡ GOSPEL: MATTHEW 11:16-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the eleventh chapter.

Jesus said, “But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

“For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

Then he began to reproach the cities in which most of his deeds of power had been done because they did not repent. “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and

Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes. But I tell you, on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for Tyre and Sidon than for you. And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades.

“For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day. But I tell you that on the day of judgment it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom than for you.”

At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

In This Time of Great Reflection

To the tune of "Loving Spirit" ELW 397

In this time of great reflection on two hundred fifty years,
We remember, as a nation, times we've prospered, times of tears.
"We shall be," a preacher told us, "as a city on a hill" —
not to praise us but to warn us: We've a duty to fulfill.

Here is what holds us together: Mercy, love, community.
We're to seek to care for neighbors in a just society.
If we fail to help the needy and to build a land that's just,
we will simply be a by-word as the world looks on at us.

We recall our nation's story. Keep us honest, God above!
In our quest for wealth and glory, we have injured ones you love.
Through enslavement, through displacement, we have chosen ways of sin.
We've been violent. We've stayed silent. So our light of love stays dim.

Will we work for racial justice? Will we turn from fear and hate?
What is now the public witness that you call us to create?
As we celebrate our country, help us, Lord, to understand:
All of us must share the bounty and the goodness of the land.

In this time, O God, restore us to the land we're called to be —
where all people here among us know your blest community.
May we seek to be that city, not with pride but as a prayer.
May we love and serve you humbly, in our land and everywhere.

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the whole world.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting that you receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

Amen.

‡ **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

"What Wondrous Love" arr. Hobbs

Dr. Kevin Hobbs

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.

Mission of the Month: The Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota

Remembering the inscription on the Statue of Liberty—*"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free"*—July's Mission of the Month is the Immigrant Law Center of Minnesota (ILCM). ILCM is a nonprofit providing free immigration legal representation to low-income immigrants and refugees in Minnesota and North Dakota, while also educating communities and advocating for public policies that honor the human rights of all people. Your gift helps ILCM strengthen legal defense, expand community outreach, and stand alongside families facing deportation. Every gift — in any amount — allows ILCM to carry out this vital work and respond quickly to the ever-changing needs of some of the most vulnerable people in our communities. Learn more about the work of this organization at: ilcm.org

Give to the General Fund or the Mission of the Month via:

Cash – Use a "Give Back" envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation. Loose cash without an envelope will go towards the General Fund.

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!



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‡ 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.

God of abundance beyond measure,

It feels like privilege to offer back to you

even a portion of the blessings you have poured out upon us.

Keep us ever-mindful of what we call our own,

ever-seeking new ways to come alongside you

in the creation of abundance for the world.

Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

**Citizens of the commonwealth of heaven:
Taste and know that God is good to all.**

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, 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

This is My Song.....ELW 887

In the Singing.....ELW 466

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

We thank you, God of heaven and earth,
that you fill our deepest need
with the very gift of Jesus Christ,
broken and poured out for us.

Pour us out into a broken world.

Channel our common life
toward the common good,
following the way our Savior leads us
now and forever.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Go now as people of God's beloved community, carrying the language of compassion and welcome into every interaction, showing hospitality to strangers, grace to the weak, and love to all people. Cross the boundaries that hatred tries to build, for the wind of the Spirit goes where it pleases.

And may the God who spoke every language to every nation at Pentecost stretch your heart wider than borders, wider than fear; may the creator of all living things bless you and keep you, today and always.

Amen.

‡ **SENDING HYMN**

For This Land in All Its Wonder

To the tune of “God of Grace and
God of Glory” ELW 705

For this land in all its wonder, for each city, farm and town,
For each mountain filled with splendor, for each place where love is found,
For the freedoms we enjoy here,
God, may thanks to you abound! God, may thanks to you abound!

For your peace and love unending, breaking barriers that divide;
For the joy of cultures blending as we live here side by side;
God, we thank you and we pray now:
May we all be unified! May we all be unified!

For your hand to lead and guide us, for your work in history,
For your vision born inside us of a just society,
God, we thank you and we pray now:
May this vision come to be! May this vision come to be!

May we be a nation seeking ways that are both wise and fair,
May our living and our speaking serve your purpose everywhere.
May we follow where you lead us;
God, this is our hope and prayer! God, this is our hope and prayer!

‡ DISMISSAL

Go now in peace,
Love your God,
Serve your neighbor.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Halling" from Lyric Pieces, Op. 71, Grieg

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.

A note on the hymn "In This Time of Great Reflection" by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette:

This hymn was commissioned by Sojourners Magazine for their June 2026 special issue: *A Christian Response to America's 250th Birthday*. "In This Time of Great Reflection" is a hymn that lifts up the theme of the Puritan John Winthrop's 1630 sermon, "A Model of Christian Charity." Winthrop talked about the Massachusetts Bay Colony as "a city on a hill," referencing Jesus' image from the Sermon on the Mount in Matthew 5:14. In his use of this phrase, Winthrop wasn't giving a sermon about American exceptionalism, as some later historical figures have suggested. As historian Daniel T. Rodgers explains in *As a City on a Hill: The Story of America's Most Famous Lay Sermon*, Winthrop was actually delivering a warning: The eyes of the world would be on Plymouth to see if the colony would morally succeed in being loving, just, humble, good, neighborly, and kind. This hymn is a prayer that, as we reflect on our nation's 250th anniversary, we will strive to be a morally responsible and community-building people; that we will repent of our sins and become as loving and humble as God is calling us to be.

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