



**Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost**  
September 21, 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. 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.

## Accessibility

Hearing devices, noise-reduction earmuffs, and large print bulletins are available. Please see the ushers for assistance.

## Guest Preacher

Today we welcome Karleigh Crepin as our guest preacher. Karleigh serves as the Hospitality Coordinator for Shobi's Table, bringing smiles and laughter to the truck. She is about to graduate from Luther Seminary with her Masters of Divinity degree, focusing on Justice and Reconciliation.

## Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf  
Guest Preacher: Karleigh Crepin  
Assisting Minister: Graydon Royce  
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs  
Handbell Choir Director: Chuck Linderkamp  
Acolyte: Lyle Dean  
Greeters: Carol Anderson, Cheryle Vold  
Reader: Kirk Gallup  
Communion Leader: Stephanie Johnson

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Kirk Gallup, Kristine Spanier  
Ushers: Adam Podratz, Elsie Podratz, Theo Brent, Julie Schmidt  
A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson  
Nursery: Mary Teurman  
Coffee Hosts: Kathi Gallup  
Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Joe Plummer

## FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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

### PRELUDE

*Notturmo, Respighi*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### TRINITY CHIMES

### ‡ 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,  
trusting 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.**

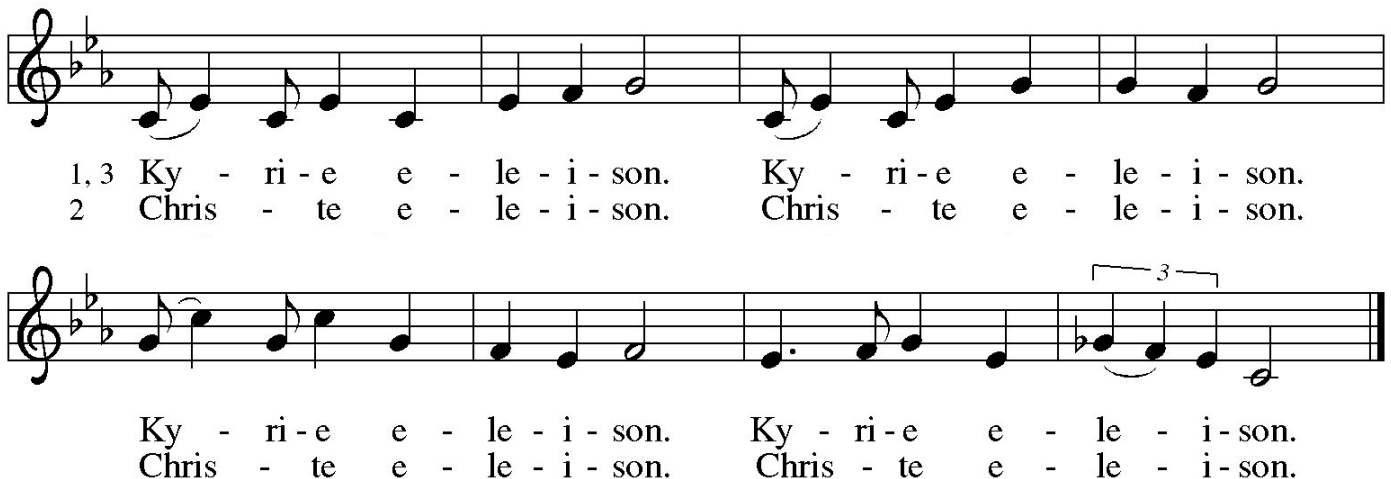
## ‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

*God's Word Is Our Great Heritage.....ELW 509*

## ‡ **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.**

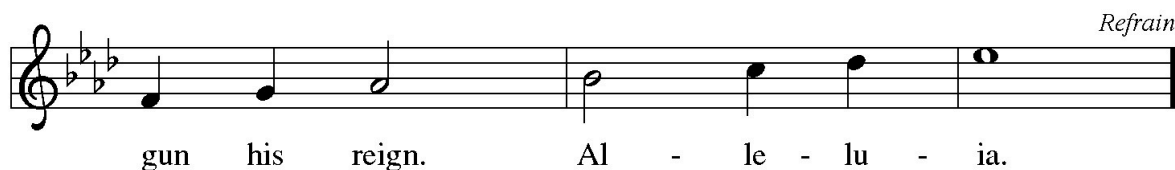
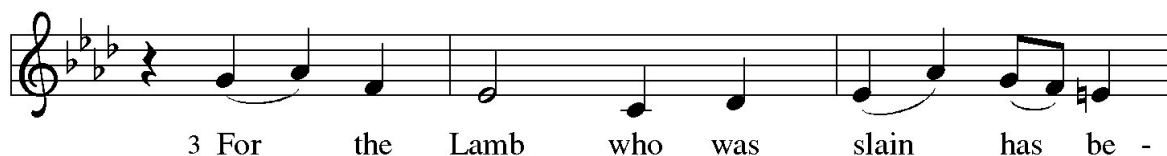
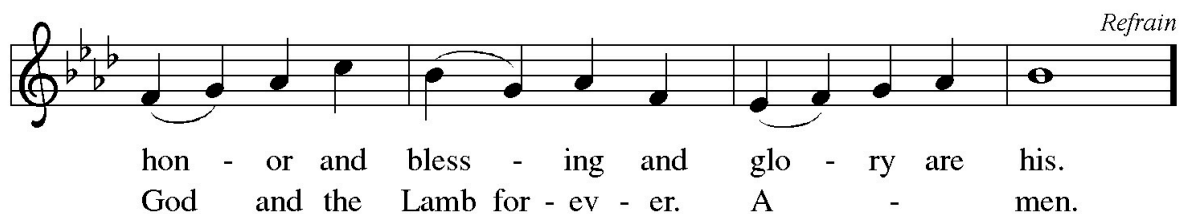
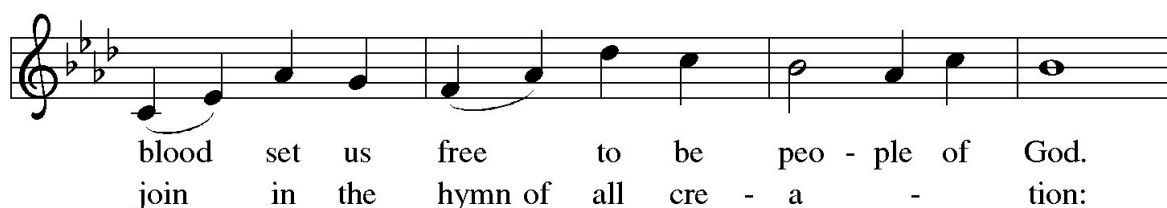
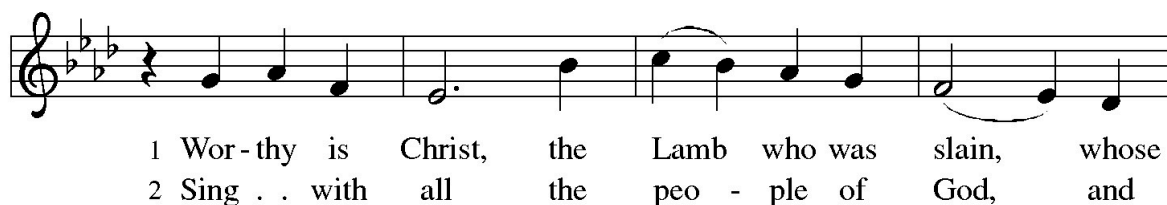
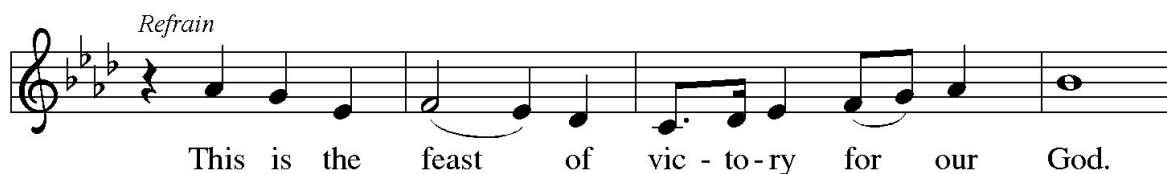
## ‡ **KYRIE**



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# ‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



## ‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God of the unknown,**

**Your mysteries are astounding.**

**Give us knowledge where you see fit,**

**and let us sit comfortably**

**with that which we can never understand.**

**Amen.**

## SERMON ON THE STEPS AND BLESSING OF THE BIBLES

### ‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems, each with a vocal line and a piano line. The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The melody is simple and repetitive, with the piano accompaniment providing harmonic support. The first system ends with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment.

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

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

### ‡ READING: ACTS 17:16-31

A reading from the book of Acts, the seventeenth chapter.

While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons and also in the marketplace every day with those who happened

to be there. Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, “What does this pretentious babbler want to say?” Others said, “He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.” (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, “May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting? It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.” Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

“Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

Karleigh Crepin

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*He Comes to Us as One Unknown*.....ELW 737 (vs. 1, 4, 5)

## ✠ 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

*Rhosymedre*, arr Douglas Wagner  
Carillon 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.

## September Mission of the Month: Shobi's Table

Shobi's Table is a pay-as-you-can food truck serving fresh, scratch-made meals as an expression of God's love and hospitality. Rooted in Christ-centered community, it welcomes all to the table while meeting people where they are—on the street, outside shelters, and



near encampments—offering both nourishment and belonging. All are welcomed fully, regardless of what they can pay or what brings them there. As a ministry of the Saint Paul Area Synod of the ELCA and part of the One World Everybody Eats network, Shobi's Table depends on community support to keep the truck running and meals flowing. Learn more at [www.shobistable.org](http://www.shobistable.org).

### **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!

### **‡ 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

*For the Bread Which You Have Broken.....ELW 494*

*Arise, Your Light Has Come!.....ELW 314*

## 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

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*.....ELW 588 (vs. 1, 4)

### ‡ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

## POSTLUDE

*Toccata in D minor*, JS Bach

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