



**Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
September 15, 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-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson

Coffee Host:

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Servers: Darren McKigney, Gradon Royce

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Greeters: Kathi Gallup

Ushers:

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Clean-Up:

*The altar flowers today are given by Paul, Sue, and Karen Gabrielson in memory of Eleanor Gabrielson.*

## SEVENTEENTH 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**

*Psalm 33*

John Worst

**WORDS OF WELCOME**

**TRINITY CHIMES**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**† CONFESSON & 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 time of need,  
and turn us to follow in the way 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

*For Everyone Born*



1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,  
 2. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,  
 3. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,  
 4. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;  
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
 though wound - ed or wronged, a call to for - give;  
 to live with - out fear, and simp - ly to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,  
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,  
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,  
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.  
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.  
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.  
 for eve - ry one born, the right to be free.

*Refrain*



And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre-



a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

## ‡ 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: God of the covenant,

C: **As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.**

## SERMON ON THE STEPS

## ‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

## ‡ READING

R: A reading from the Genesis 15:1-6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord, and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

*Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Be Thou My Vision, #793*



## ‡ 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: Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered*

L: 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

P: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

*You may share the peace with those around you.*

## OFFERING

### **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 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

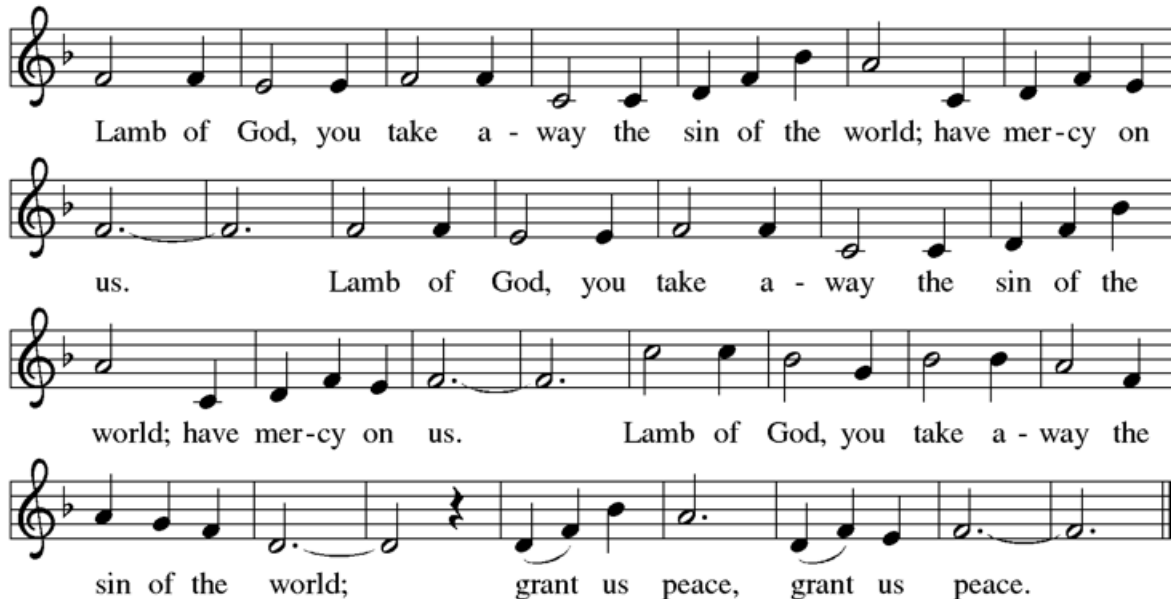
## ‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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

*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

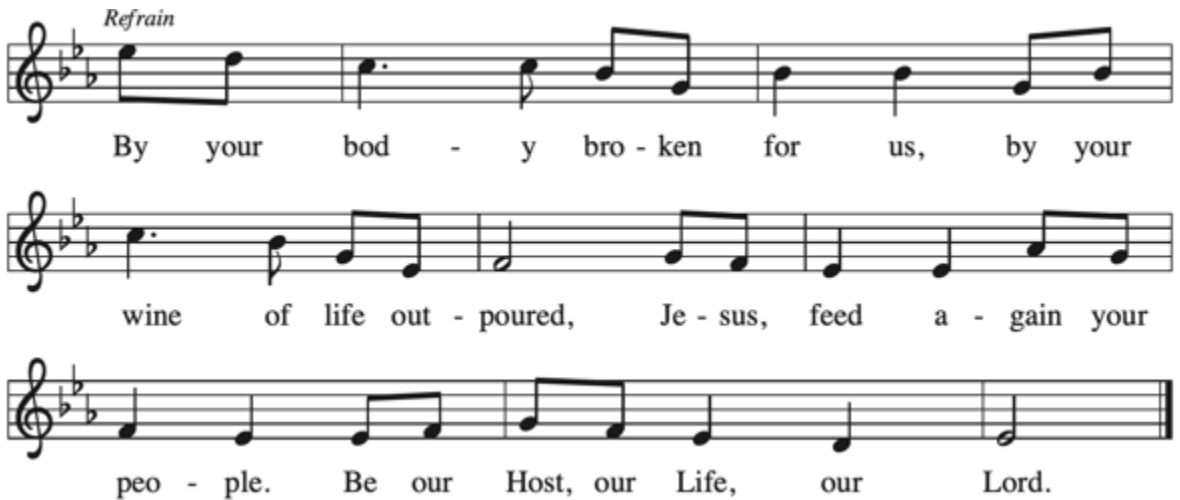


Gal - i - le - an shore. Je - sus, Bread of life from  
qui - et room one night. In the bread and wine you  
faith we gath - er here. Je - sus speaks a - cross the  
in your name to share bread for which the mil - lions



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

*The God of Abraham Praise, #831 vs.1,4*

### ‡ DISMISSAL

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

**CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

Dale Wood



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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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