



Seventh Sunday After Pentecost

July 27, 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 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. 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.

Guest Preacher - Rev. Margaret Kelly, MSW, LICSW

Pastor Margaret is a clinical social worker with particular expertise working with folks on the margins of our communities. She has worked in mental health crisis stabilization, adult and children's mental health case management, and housing support for people with mental illness. Pastor Margaret was a mission developer (church planter) in the ELCA. She received significant recognition for developing Shobi's Table into a community run food truck that brought worship to the streets of St Paul, MN. Pastor Margaret thrives at the intersection of social services implementation and faith based communities. She currently resides in South Minneapolis with her 2 kids and a calico cat learning to tolerate two, no longer little, kittens.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Preacher: Rev. Margaret Kelly
Assisting Minister: Kirk Gallup
Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Acolyte: Lyle Dean
Greeters: Kathi Gallup, Julie Schmidt
Reader: Lisa Bass
Special Music: John Metcalfe
Communion Leader: Norma Williams

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Julie Schmidt, Parker Webster
Ushers: Sue Nelson, Adam Podratz
A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Coffee Hosts: Pete Anderson
Pursers: Lisa Ritzinger, Darrell Williams

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

For six Sundays in July and August we dive into the book of Revelation. It is, first of all, an apocalypse (as “Revelation” directly translates from the Greek): a disclosure of Jesus Christ, presented in deliberately startling images and time-bending episodes, to shake off the narrow vision of ordinary life and time. Left uninterpreted, Revelation will be exploited and distorted again and again, but carefully considered, it offers us a supremely beautiful confession of faith in Christ and a visionary experience of hope for the persecuted. Revelation can inspire courage in the face of unsettled and unsettling times.

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

PRELUDE

*Prayer of Saint Gregory, Hovhanness
John Metcalfe*

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CONFESSIO AND FORGIVENESS

We gather in the name of the Triune God. Gathered, then, as one, and baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Merciful God,

you free us to love others,

but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

but we turn away from your life abundant.

**You surround us with patience, kindness,
and generosity,**

but we grow weary in doing what is right.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Do not give up on us.

**Heal us, break our bonds,
and show us the path of life.**

You belong to Christ Jesus

and you are God's children through faith.

In the cross of Christ,

and through the power of the Holy Spirit,

your sins are forgiven.

Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

You Servants of God.....ELW 825

‡ 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.

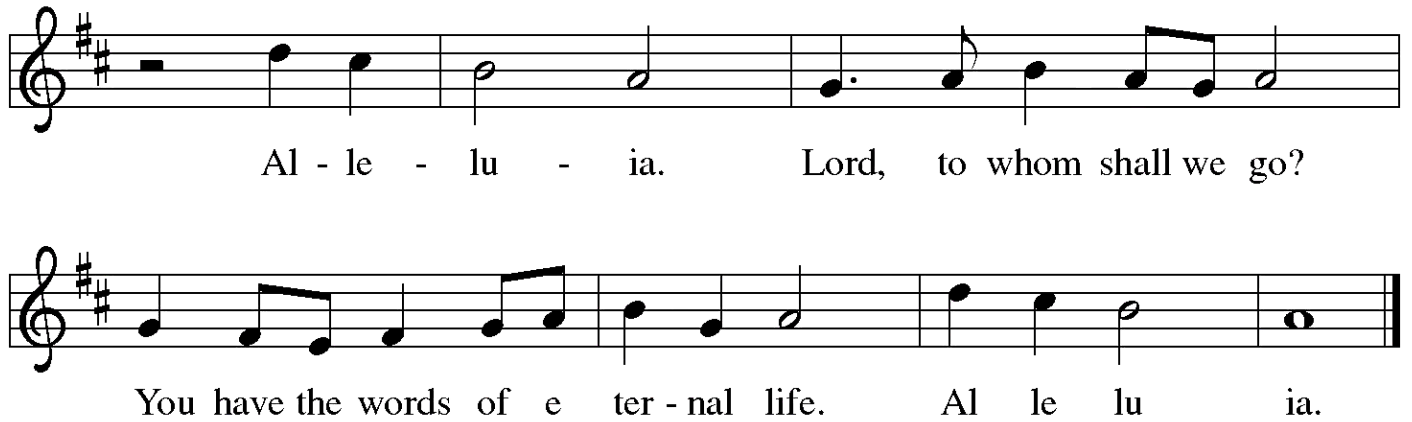
Gracious God,

Give us the courage to keep looking for answers and support, even when it feels like there are no options. Remind us that the answers do not come in isolation, but in community. Strengthen our voices as they join others in hopeful praise.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ READING: REVELATION 5:1-13

A reading from the book of Revelation, the fifth chapter.

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals, and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, “Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?” And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, “Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.”

Then I saw between the throne and the four living creatures and among the elders a Lamb standing as if it had been slaughtered, with seven horns and seven eyes, which are the seven spirits of God sent out into all the earth. He went and took the scroll from the right hand of the one who was seated on the throne. When he had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell before the Lamb, each holding a harp and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. They sing a new song:

“You are worthy to take the scroll
and to break its seals,
for you were slaughtered and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and people and nation;

you have made them a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign on earth.”

Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, singing with full voice,

“Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
and honor and glory and blessing!”

Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea and all that is in them, singing,

“To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb
be blessing and honor and glory and might
forever and ever!”

The word of the Lord.

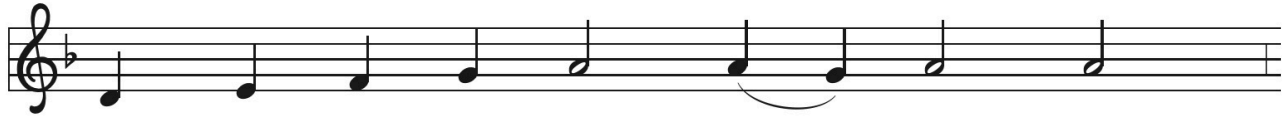
Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Margaret Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY

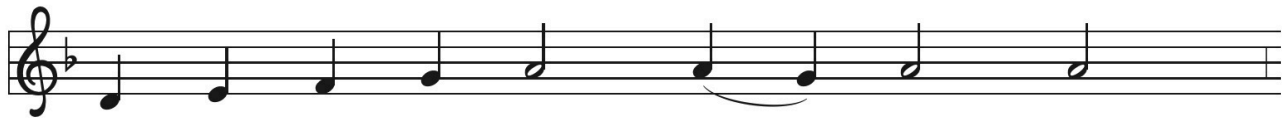
You, Lord, Are Both Lamb and Shepherd.....ACS 954 (vs 1, 2, 4)



1 You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shep - herd.
 2 Clothed in light up - on the moun - tain,
 3 You, who walk each day be - side us,
 4 Wor - thy is our earth - ly Je - sus!



You, Lord, are both prince and slave.
 stripped of might up - on the cross,
 sit in pow - er at God's side.
 Wor - thy is our cos - mic Christ!



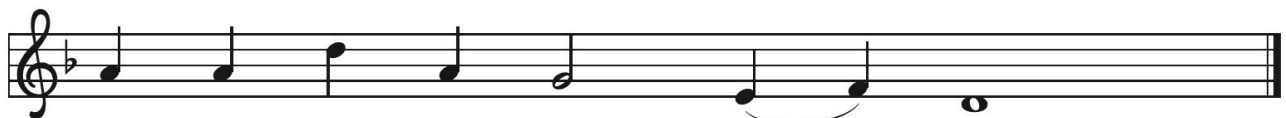
You, peace - mak - er and sword - bring - er
 shin - ing in e - ter - nal glo - ry,
 You, who preach a way that's nar - row,
 Wor - thy your de - feat and vic - t'ry;



of the way you took and gave.
 beg - gared by a sol - dier's toss,
 have a love that reach - es wide.
 wor - thy still your peace and strife.



You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 you, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;
 You, the ev - er - last - ing in - stant;



you, whom we both scorn and crave.
 you, who are both gift and cost.
 you, who are our pil - and grim guide.
 you, who are our death and life.

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.
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

*Panis Angelicus, Franck
John 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.

July Mission of the Month: Advocating Change Together (ACT)

Advocating Change Together (ACT) has been working since 1979 to advance the rights and leadership of people with disabilities. Rooted in the belief that individuals with disabilities should lead in their own lives and communities, ACT fights ableism, promotes self-advocacy, and equips people with the tools they need to understand and exercise their rights. ACT hosted the first official Disability Pride Festival in Minnesota in 2023, and celebrated this year on July 17th at the State Capitol. ACT's important work depends on community support. Financial contributions to ACT help fund training programs, leadership development, and

accessible resources that enable people with disabilities to challenge barriers and advocate for systemic change.

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.




Scan to Give


Thank you!

✠ 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.

Creator God,
in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good,
and the harvest is plentiful.

Strengthen us at your table with these gifts,
both from the Earth and from our labor,
that we may work for the good of all,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Come, eat, and rejoice!

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, 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

Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor.....ELW 475

O Living Bread from Heaven.....ELW 542

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Mothering God,

you gathered us to your table

and we drank deeply of your grace.

Send us out by your Spirit

to love our neighbors as ourselves

and to proclaim your love in Jesus' name.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

Now may the love of God abound in you,

may the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts,

and may the life of the Spirit

bless you and give you peace.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

To Be Your Presence.....ELW 546

‡ DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Guitare, Op. 32, Chaminade