



**Third Sunday of Easter**

May 4, 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. 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: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Leslie Pitt

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Anne Campbell, Julie Schmidt

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Servers: Kirk Gallup, Barb Williams

Glasoe, Cyndi Kresse

Ushers: Nick Schmidt, Rachel Craig, Bob Kresse

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Kathi Gallup, Harley Hanson

Pray-Ground Cleanup: Dawn Bartl, Gary Milne

Pursers: Darren McKigney, Darrell

## THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

*In spite of all we have heard and all we have seen, it is often hard to believe. Because it is hard to believe, we will invest ourselves in the Easter mystery for fifty days (a week of weeks). Because it is hard to believe, John the Evangelist provides sign after sign celebrating Jesus' victory over death. Because it is hard to believe, the risen Jesus will return to us again and again in the mystery of holy communion, inviting us to touch and taste his presence, and offering us his peace.*

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

### PRELUDE

*Chanson Triste, Op. 40, No. 2, Tchaikovsky*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### TRINITY CHIMES

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let the Words of Our Mouths, Erickson*

### † THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
by whose hand we are given new birth,  
by whose speaking we are given new life.

**Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
we are welcomed, restored, and supported  
as citizens of the new creation.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism:

**Holy God,  
holy and merciful,  
holy and mighty,**

**you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring.**

**In mercy and might you have freed us from death  
and raised us with Jesus, the firstborn of the dead.  
In baptismal waters our old life is washed away,  
and in them we are born anew.**

Glory to you for oceans and lakes,  
for rivers and streams.

Honor to you for waters that wash us clean,  
quench our thirst, and nurture both crops and creatures.

Praise to you for the life-giving water of baptism,  
the outpouring of the Spirit of the new creation.

**Wash away our sin and all that separates us from you.  
Empower our witness to your resurrection.  
Strengthen our resolve in seeking justice for all.**

Satisfy the world's need through this living water.

Where drought dries the earth, bring refreshment.

Where despair prevails, grant hope.

Where chaos reigns, bring peace.

We ask this through Christ,  
who with you and the Spirit reigns forever.

**Amen.**

## **‡ GATHERING HYMN**

*The Risen Christ*.....ELW 390

## **‡ 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.

**O God of life, you reach out to us amid our fears with the wounded hands of your risen Son. By your Spirit's breath, revive our faith in your mercy, and strengthen us to be the body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.**

**Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW pg. 227

### Caia Willow Blashack

Parents: Nicole Haffield Blashack and Mark Blashack

Sponsors: Casey Haffield and Joe Blashack

Congregational Representative: Sue Haffield

### Lillian Helen Krizan

Parents: Lesley and Daniel Krizan

Sponsors: Matt and Paula Twedt & Casey and Diana Loerke

Congregational Representative: Julie Schmidt

## CANTICLE OF WELCOME

*You Belong to Christ*

The musical score is written for two systems, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The first system of music corresponds to the lyrics "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system of music corresponds to the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with chords.

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

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

**SERMON ON THE STEPS**

**‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

The musical score is written for two systems, each consisting of a vocal melody (treble clef) and a bass accompaniment (bass clef). 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 composed of eighth and quarter notes, with a final half-note phrase. The bass line provides harmonic support with chords and moving lines. The first system concludes with a double bar line, and the second system continues the melody and accompaniment, also ending with a double bar line.

## ‡ **GOSPEL: JOHN 20:19-29**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the 20th chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, out of fear, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord.” But he said to them, “Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.” Thomas answered him, “My Lord and my God!” Jesus said to him, “Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

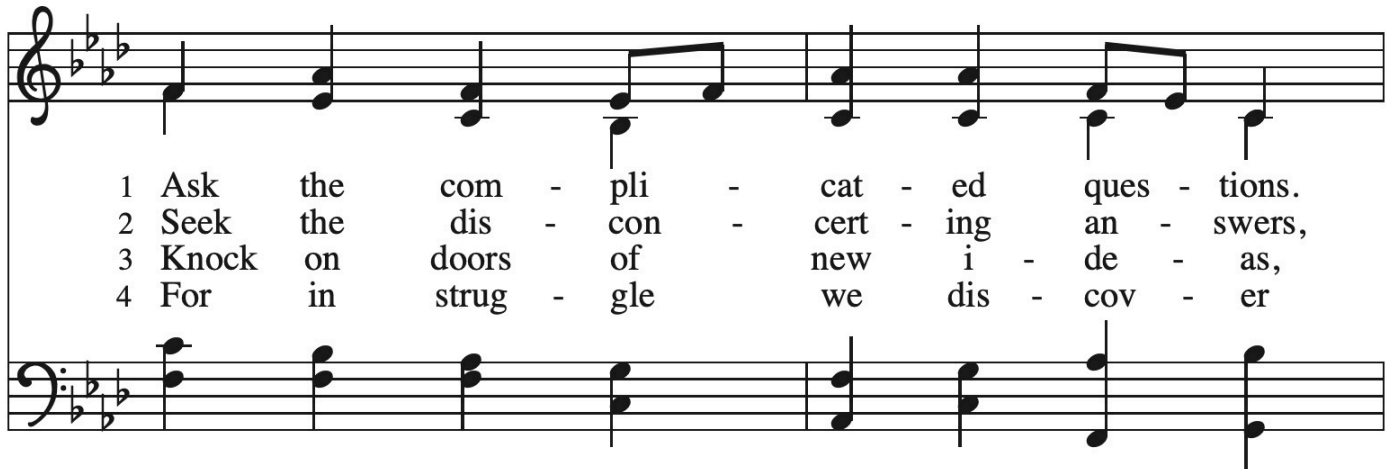
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

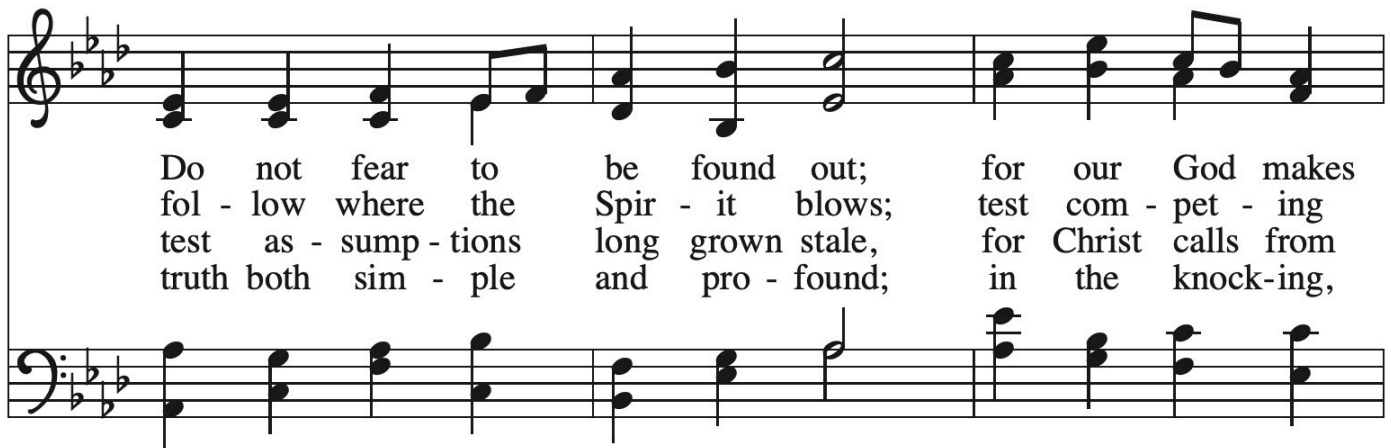
Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

## HYMN OF THE DAY

Ask the Complicated Questions.....ACS 1005



1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.  
2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,  
3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,  
4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er



Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes  
fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing  
test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from  
truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,



strong our weak-ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.  
truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.  
shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.  
ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.



## BLESSING OF THE GRADUATES

Dear friends:

Life presents us with various milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey. Graduation is one of these. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow members of the body of Christ.

Graduates, we are delighted to honor you and what you've achieved. We are proud of you! It is our privilege to affirm you as members of this congregation. You have completed an important phase of your lives and you are entering another. At this time of transition, I ask you to affirm your commitment to a life of faith in the body of Christ.

Graduates, as you celebrate your achievements and prepare for your new endeavors, do you thank God for the many ways your faith has been your strength and guide?

*We do.*

As you consider the next steps of your journey of life, do you acknowledge God going with you, before you, behind you, below you, above you, and within you?

*We do.*

As you make choices about your new endeavors, will you offer your gifts to the world as part of the body of Christ and welcome the support of a family of faith?

*We will.*

People of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church: Do you claim these graduates as siblings in Christ, called to ministry according to their gifts?

**In God's love, we claim them.**

As their home congregation, do you promise to support them, take an interest in their future, be with them in their celebration and sadness, and welcome them whenever they return to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church?

**In God's love, we support them.**

Do you promise to faithfully pray for these young people, placing their futures into God's loving hands as they make their own choices?

**In God's love, we pray for them.**

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young people. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears. In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in your hands. Bless them and keep them now and forever.

**Amen.**

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe.

May the Lord guide your every step.

And may the Lord's presence be a reminder of our unending love for you.

**Amen.**

## ‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

United in the hope and joy of the resurrection, let us pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

*A brief silence is kept before the prayers.*

Risen Lord, in your mercy,

**Receive our prayer.**

Rejoicing in the victory of Christ's resurrection, we lift our prayers and praise to you, almighty and eternal God; through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord.

**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**                      *Now is the Hour of Darkness Past, Isaac Watts/Daniel Pinkham*  
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.

### **May Mission of the Month: Lutheran Social Service Family Program**

The Lutheran Social Service Family Program provides a wide range of services designed to strengthen families and promote long-term stability. These include family counseling, parenting education, emergency and transitional housing, crisis intervention, and wraparound support for families dealing with trauma, financial hardship, or housing insecurity. Whether it's helping a single parent find safe shelter for their children, supporting a teen in foster care, or guiding parents through conflict resolution and

effective communication, LSS works holistically to address the unique needs of each family. The Diamond Lake Lutheran Welcome Home ministry supports one component of the Family Program by furnishing and outfitting apartments for mothers and children transitioning out of homelessness.

## How to Give to the General Fund and/or the Mission of the Month

Write a check to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with “General Fund” or “Mission of the Month” (or both) in the memo line and place it in the offering plate. If you are offering cash, you may use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund. Alternatively, you may give online at [www.dllc.org](http://www.dllc.org) via the “Give Back” page or scan the QR code and select “Give to General Fund” or Mission of the Month” from the dropdown menu. Please repeat the online process if giving to both funds. Thank you!



## ✠ OFFERTORY

The musical notation is written on five staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are written below the notes, with hyphens indicating syllables that span across multiple notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

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.

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace  
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,  
breathe your life into us,  
and enliven us with this meal,  
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

**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 risen Christ is made known to us in the breaking of the bread. Come and eat  
at God's table.

## 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

*We Come to the Hungry Feast.....ELW 479*

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

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Living One,

in this feast you have made yourself known to us.

Send us now to tell of your wonders,

sing of your glory,

and proclaim your risen life

to a wounded and weary world.

**Amen.**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### ‡ BLESSING

Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

**Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Now may the God of resurrection power, the Christ of unending joy, and the Spirit of Easter hope bless you now and always.

**Amen.**

### ‡ SENDING HYMN

*Earth and All Stars!*.....ELW 731

### ‡ DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

**Thanks be to God! Alleluia!**

**CHORAL AMEN** *(Please remain in place until the choir is finished.)*

## POSTLUDE

*Danse Russe, Op. 40, No. 10, Tchaikovsky*

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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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