



**Celebration Sunday  
& God's Work Our Hands Sunday**  
September 7, 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.

## **Accessibility**

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

## **Altar Flowers**

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the McKigney family in memory of Grandma Arlene McKigney and Great Aunt Geraldine.

## **Participating in Today's Service**

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Julie Schmidt, Kristine Spanier

Reader: Kathi Gallup

Special Music: The Agape Quintet

Communion Leader: Gene Zemske

Communion Servers: Melinda Batz, Kristine Spanier, Julie Schmidt

Ushers: Darren McKigney, Jan Michaletz, Graydon Royce

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Sue Nelson, Harley Hanson

Pursers: Carisa Brent, Russ Michaletz

# CELEBRATION SUNDAY & GOD'S WORK OUR HANDS SUNDAY

Today we're marking two special days in one! On Celebration Sunday we worship and gather as the school and program year begins, giving thanks for the beauty of summer and looking forward to autumn together. We're also observing God's Work Our Hands Sunday, the annual day of service for the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA), and an opportunity to celebrate who we are as one church, freed in Christ to love and serve our neighbor.

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

## PRELUDE

*The Holy City, arr. Craig Curry*

## WORDS OF WELCOME

## TRINITY CHIMES

## ‡ CONFESSIOIN 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.**

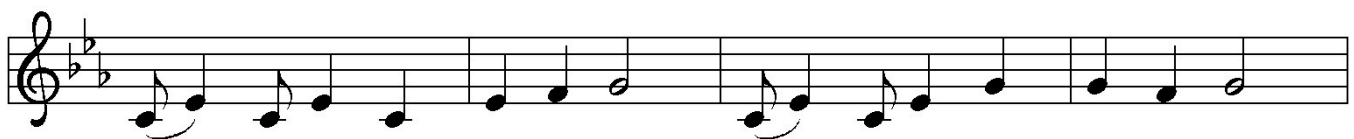
## ☩ **GATHERING HYMN**

*All Are Welcome*.....ELW 641 (vs 1, 3, 4)

## ☩ **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**

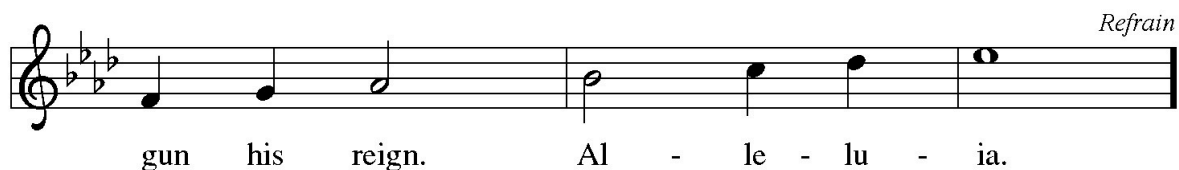
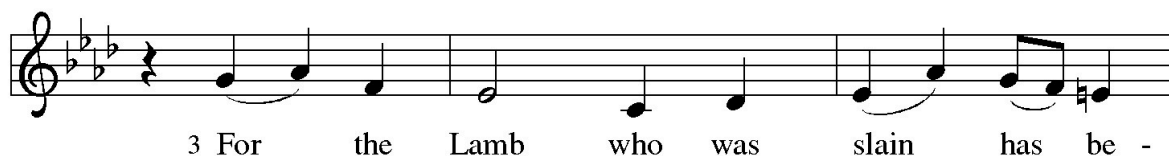
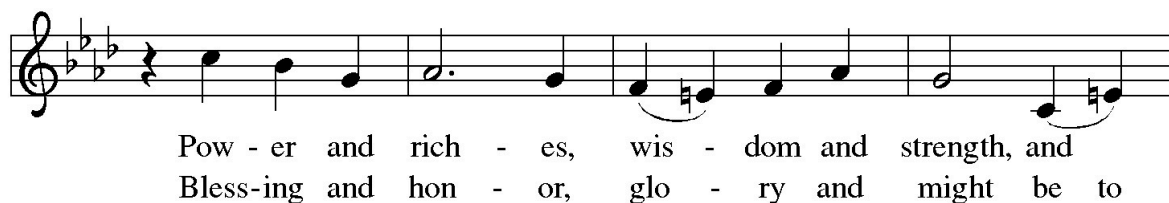
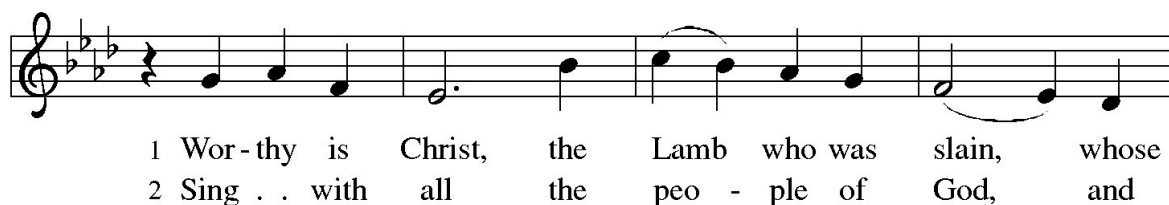
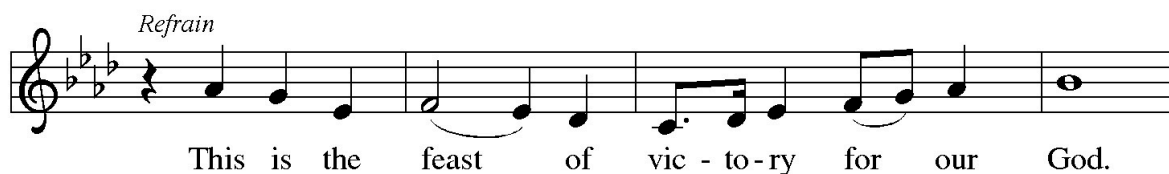


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# ‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE



## ‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**God who calls us into your service,  
transform us as you transformed Paul.  
Shape us into children who rejoice  
in knowing and proclaiming you to the world.  
Amen.**

## SERMON ON THE STEPS AND BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

## ‡ 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 is one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal lines are in treble clef, and the piano lines are in bass clef. The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music features a mix of eighth and sixteenth notes, with some chords and a final cadence in each system.

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 9:1-19a**

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

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do." The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one. Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus. For three days he was without sight and neither ate nor drank.

Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord." The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying, and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight." But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem, and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name." But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel; I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name." So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with

the Holy Spirit.” And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized, and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

**HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life*.....ELW 816

**✠ 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

*Bellavia*, arr. Taylor and Roberts  
The Agape Quintet

### 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!



Scan to Give

## ‡ 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 MUSIC**

*Abide With Me* arr. Chuck Marohnic  
The Agape Quintet

## **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

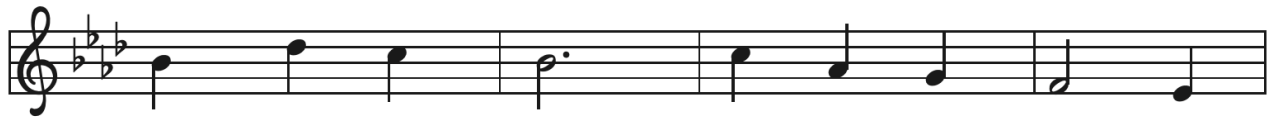
God's Work, Our Hands.....ACS 1000 (vs 1, 3)



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,  
2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,  
3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,  
4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,  
fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,  
prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,  
seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,  
walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,  
pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,  
Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.  
run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.  
claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.  
gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,  
Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,  
Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,  
Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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## ‡ **DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **POSTLUDE**

*Lancashire*, arr. Bill Carter

The Agape Quintet is again honored to be a part of Celebration Sunday at Diamond Lake Lutheran. Thank you for sharing in this worship with us!

The Agape Quintet

Ben Anderson—drums

Bill Henry—keys

Steve Truran—bass

John Egnell—trumpet and flugelhorn

Chuck Linderkamp—song leader, guitar, flutes, saxophone

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