



Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 18, 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: Kris Pearson

Guest Organist: Shari Albrecht

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Cheryl Vold

Reader: Jan Michaletz

Communion Servers: Bob Kresse,
Sue Nelson

Ushers: Elliot Plummer, Joe Plummer,
Julie Schmidt

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Cynthia Dickison

Pray-Ground Cleanup: Dawn Bartl, Gary
Milne

Pursers: Mike Eckroth, Russ Michaletz

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

Hymn to Joy, arr. Paul Manz

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ 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**

Christ is Alive! Let Christians SingELW 389 (vs 1, 3, 5)

‡ **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.

Lord of all,

in Jesus you have made us all siblings in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. In unity, may we proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ, in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

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Savannah Elizabeth Rivard and Camille Ruth Rivard

Parents: Ellen and Sean Rivard

Sponsors: Ruth Rivard and Sue Johnson, Bryan and Kathryn Rivard

Congregational Representatives: Harley and Lana Hanson

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 contains the lyrics "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system contains the lyrics "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music is a simple, hymn-like melody with block chords in the bass line.

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

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

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

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line and a piano line. The vocal line is in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The piano line is in bass clef with a key signature of one flat. The tempo is marked 'Allegretto'. The music is in 4/4 time. The lyrics are 'Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The first system ends with a double bar line. The second system ends with a double bar line.

‡ READING: ACTS 15:1-18

A reading from the book of Acts, the 15th Chapter.

Then certain individuals came down from Judea and were teaching the believers, “Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved.” And after Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and debate with them, Paul and Barnabas and some of the others were appointed to go up to Jerusalem to discuss this question with the apostles and the elders. So they were sent on their way by the church, and as they passed through both Phoenicia and Samaria, they reported the conversion of the gentiles and brought great joy to all the believers. When they came to Jerusalem, they were welcomed by the church and the apostles and the elders, and they reported all that God had done with them. But some believers who belonged to the sect of the Pharisees stood up and said, “It is necessary for them to be circumcised and ordered to keep the law of Moses.”

The apostles and the elders met together to consider this matter. After there had been much debate, Peter stood up and said to them, “My friends, you know that in the early days God made a choice among you, that I should be the one through whom the gentiles would hear the message of the good news and become believers. And God, who knows the human heart, testified to them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as he did to us, and in cleansing their hearts by faith he has made no distinction between them and us. Now, therefore, why are you putting God to the test by placing on the neck of the disciples a yoke that neither our ancestors nor we have been able to bear? On the contrary, we believe that we will be saved through the grace of the Lord Jesus, just as they will.”

The whole assembly kept silence and listened to Barnabas and Paul as they told of all the signs and wonders that God had done through them among the gentiles. After they finished speaking, James replied, “My friends, listen to me. Simeon has related how God first looked favorably on the gentiles, to take from among them a people for his name. This agrees with the words of the prophets, as it is written,

‘After this I will return,

and I will rebuild the dwelling of David, which has fallen;

from its ruins I will rebuild it,

and I will set it up,

so that all other peoples may seek the Lord—

even all the gentiles over whom my name has been called.

Thus says the Lord, who has been making these things known from long ago.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

EASTER HYMN SING

‡ **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

I Come With Joy, arr. David Cherwien

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 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

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of five staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is written on a treble clef. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

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 HYMN

I Come with Joy.....ELW 482
Baptized in Water.....ELW 456

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

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing!.....ELW 393 (vs 1-3)

‡ DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

Christ is Alive! arr. J. Wayne Kerr