

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost July 14, 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalfe Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson Coffee Host: Bob Gustafson Reader: Joe Plummer Communion Servers: Paul Grokreutz, Grayden Royce, Julie Schmidt Greeter: Jacquie Brunsberg Ushers: Kathy & Bob Gustafson Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs Special Music: Katie McMahon & Rachel Craig Tech Crew: John Nelson, Frank Anderson Nursery: Mary Teurman Pray-Ground Clean Up: Jacque Brunsberg

Special Assistance: Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available. Please see the ushers for assistance.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

When Amos reports his vision of God judging Israel for its mistreatment of the poor, he becomes a threat to the power of the priests and the king. John the Baptist also speaks truth to power, and Herod has him killed. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them, and to proclaim God's saving love.

We invite those who are able to stand each time the *‡* symbol appears.

PRELUDE

Rachmaninoff - Prelude Op. 23, No. 4

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CONFESSION & FORGIVNESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen.

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God's abundance, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

- P: God, our provider,
- C: Help us.

It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways.

Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn?

Share with us the words of eternal life

and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light.....#715 vs. 1-2

‡ 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.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

- L: Let us pray,
- C: O God, from you come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works. Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

READING: Amos 7:7-15

Amos is not the kind of prophet attached to temples or royal courts. Rather, he is an ordinary farmer from Judah (the southern kingdom) called by God to speak to Israel (the northern kingdom). God's word of judgment through Amos conflicts with the king's court prophet Amaziah, whom Amos encounters at Bethel.

⁷ This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand. ⁸ And the Lord said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said,

"See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will spare them no longer;

 ⁹ the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words. ¹¹ For thus Amos has said,

'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.' "

¹² And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there, ¹³ but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet nor a prophet's son, but I am a herdsman and a dresser of sycamore trees, ¹⁵ and the Lord took me from following the flock, and the Lord said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

- R: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ GOSPEL: Mark 6:14-29

As Jesus and his disciples begin to attract attention, Mark recalls the story of John the Baptist's martyrdom. Like John, Jesus and his disciples will also suffer at the hands of those opposed to the gospel of salvation.

P: The holy gospel according to St. Mark, the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴ King Herod heard of it, for Jesus's name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead, and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵ But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶ But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷ For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸ For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹ And Herodias had a grudge against him and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰ for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed, and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹ But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²² When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests, and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever vou wish, and I will give it." ²³ And he swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom."²⁴ She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer."²⁵ Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶ The king was deeply grieved, yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷ Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸ brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹ When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body and laid it in a tomb.

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: Praise to you, O Christ.

HYMN OF THE DAY

Come, Thou Found of Every Blessing......#807

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: We come before the triune God to pray for our communities, ourselves, and our world.

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

- L: Merciful God,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: Receive our prayers, O God, and come quickly to our aid, through the power of the Spirit and the love of Jesus Christ.

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

Morning Has Broken, composer: Martin Shaw Rachel Craig & Katie McMahon on voice & harp

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.

Mission of the Month: Flood Relief

Severe storms across the Midwestern and Southern United States have brought deadly tornadoes and flash flooding to millions of people. The funds raised for July's Mission of the Month will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response and directly relieve those who have been affected, ensuring that survivors don't have to face the road to recovery alone. To make a donation, write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line and drop it in an offering plate. You may also scan the QR code to donate online—just select "Mission of the Month" from the dropdown menu. Or visit the GIVE BACK page at <u>www.dllc.org</u> to make an online donation. Thank you!

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code, visit <u>https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online</u>, or text to give at 833-755-0230.



‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.

Jesus, Bread of life, you have set this table with your very self, and called us to the feast of plenty. Gather what has been sown among us, and strengthen us in this meal. Make us to be what we receive here, your body for the life of the world.

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

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:

Just a Closer Walk with Thee.....#697

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Let us pray. Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.
- C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

- P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us, be upon you now and forever.
- C: Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice.....#710

‡ DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.
- C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Rachmaninoff - Prelude Op. 23, No. 5

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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.

Our mission: Stirred by the Spirit of Christ to learn, follow, and serve.

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