



Seventh Sunday of Easter

June 1, 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.

Welcome, Pastor Craig!

This morning's guest preacher is Rev. Craig Simenson. Craig is a parent, writer, and spiritual caregiver who, with his wife the Rev. Hannah Campbell Gustafson, daughters Leona (6) and Ruth (3), and dog Óscar, lives in the Central/Powderhorn neighborhood of South Minneapolis. Craig served his first call as an ELCA pastor with a small-town congregation in southwestern Wisconsin. He currently serves as a chaplain with Ebenezer Senior Living.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Craig Simenson

Assisting Minister: Graydon Royce

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Julie Schmidt

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Leader:

Communion Servers: Sue Nelson, Lisa Bass

Ushers: Paul Groskreutz

A/V Tech: John Nelson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host:

Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Russ Michaletz

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

PRELUDE

“October Autumn Song” from The Seasons, Tchaikovsky

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**

As We Gather At Your Table.....ELW 522 (vs 1,3)

‡ **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.

Faithful Deliverer,

You have chosen us to receive salvation by faith, not by the works of our hands. Deliver us, then, from the law, and free us from the bondage of sin, so that we might serve you with joy in response to your goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

The musical score for the Gospel Acclamation consists of two systems, each with a vocal melody and a basso continuo line. The melody is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The basso continuo is written in a bass clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are "Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The melody features a series of eighth and sixteenth notes, with a final phrase that includes a long note with a fermata. The basso continuo provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords and single notes.

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‡ **READING: GALATIANS 3:1-9, 23-29**

A reading from the book of Galatians, the 3rd Chapter.

You foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly exhibited as crucified! The only thing I want to learn from you is this: Did you receive the Spirit by doing the works of the law or by believing what you heard? Are you so foolish? Having started with the Spirit, are you now ending with the flesh? Did you experience so much for nothing?—if it really was for nothing. Well then, does God supply you with the Spirit and work miracles among you by your doing the works of the law or by your believing what you heard? Just as Abraham “believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness,” so, you see, those who believe are the descendants of Abraham. And the scripture, foreseeing that God would reckon as righteous the gentiles by faith, declared the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the gentiles shall be blessed in you.” For this reason, those who believe are blessed with Abraham who believed.

Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. But now that faith has come, we are no longer subject to a disciplinarian, for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham’s offspring, heirs according to the promise.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Craig Simenson

HYMN OF THE DAY

In Christ There is No East or West.....ELW 650 (1-4)

‡ 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

When Peace, Like a River, arr. Kevin Hobbs

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.

June Mission of the Month: OutFront Minnesota

As the state's leading organization working on behalf of LGBTQIA2S+ communities, OutFront Minnesota's mission is rooted in building power, addressing inequities, and fostering inclusive environments through intersectional organizing, policy advocacy, education, and direct support services. One of the most impactful aspects of OutFront's work is its Anti-Violence Program (AVP)—the only LGBTQ-specific violence prevention and support service in Minnesota. The

AVP provides free and confidential crisis intervention, counseling, and advocacy for survivors of hate crimes, domestic violence, and sexual assault. Through the Minnesota School Pride GSA Network and its annual Youth Summits, the organization helps queer youth connect, learn, and grow in their identities and activism. OutFront also leads on policy change, shaping Minnesota into a more just and welcoming state.

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

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, with lyrics written below each staff.

Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of

bles - sing. 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

One Bread, One Body.....ELW 496

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly.....ELW 461

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

To Be Your Presence.....ELW 546 (1-4)

‡ DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

POSTLUDE

“November: Troika” from The Seasons, Tchaikovsky

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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