



JUSTmove Sunday

April 28, 2024



**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 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.

JUSTmove (Joe Davis and David Scherer) are artists and educators who have over 30 years of experience between them in helping congregations participate in God's breach-repairing work. Joe was the Artist-in-Residence at Luther Seminary and is the best-selling author of two books. David Scherer (AGAPE*) has performed at the past six ELCA National Youth Gatherings and taught Intercultural Development at Luther Seminary. Both are Qualified Administrators of the Intercultural Development Inventory (IDI) and are recipients of the Tom Hunstad Award for Excellence in Youth Ministry. For more info, go to www.JUSTmoveculture.com.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

JUSTmove: Joe Davis & Dave Scherer

Greeters: Barb Ruckes, Kristine Spanier

Readers: Adelaide Brent, Theo Brent

Communion Servers: Sue Nelson, Lisa Bass,
Paul Groskreutz

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Kris Pearson

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Tech Crew: John Nelson, Frank Anderson, Kate
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Coffee Host: Anne Groskreutz

Nursery Staff: Mary Teurman

Pray-ground Clean Up:

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

JUSTmove SUNDAY

This Sunday's image of how the risen Christ shares his life with us is the image of the vine. Christ the vine and we the branches are alive in each other, in the mystery of mutual abiding described in the gospel and the first letter of John. Baptism makes us a part of Christ's living and life-giving self and makes us alive with Christ's life. As the vine brings food to the branches, Christ feeds us at his table. We are sent out to bear fruit for the life of the world.

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing to the Lord a New Song, Erickson

INTRODUCTION

‡ LITANY OF BAPTISM

- L: In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. A beautiful generative darkness was over the surface of the deep, and chaos was everywhere.
- C: **And the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.**
- L: Adom the earth creature was created with and for love. Adom asked "God, what is all of this?" God said to Adom, "Whatever you call it, Adom. That will be its name." This (along with the temptation to be God) began the death dealing labeling system that we now know today as "white supremacy" that remains in the water that we swim in on a daily basis.
- C: **And the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.**
- L: If we say we have not participated in this system we deceive ourselves and the truth isn't in us, but if we confess our participation in harmful systems, God is faithful and just and will forgive us. With the waters of racism pouring on us in every sector of society, the question is not whether we are wet, but how.
- C: **And the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.**

L: For the same Spirit that hovered over the waters of creation, also hovers over the waters of baptism. It is in those waters that God reminds us that we are beloved. It is in these waters that we remember that God's mercies are new every morning. Every workshop. Every post. Every tweet. Every conversation.

C: And the Spirit of God hovered over the waters.

L: So, today, allow these waters to wash away every untrue label that you have received. Let these waters wash away every ounce of shame that you have carried with you about doing anti-racism work poorly. Let these waters become the waters of justice that roll down like mighty waters and lead us all to God's new city of peace.

C: And God looked at all that God had created and called it "good."

‡ GATHERING HYMN: *All Are Welcome*

Come as you are.

All are welcome.

Come as you are.

‡ GREETING

P: 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

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

READING: ACTS 8:26-40

Led by the Spirit, Philip encounters an Ethiopian official who is returning to his African home after having been to Jerusalem to worship. Philip uses their encounter to proclaim the gospel to him. Upon coming to faith in Jesus, he is baptized by Philip.

R: A reading from the book of Acts, the 8th Chapter.

²⁶ Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) ²⁷ So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship ²⁸ and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. ²⁹ Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." ³⁰ So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" ³¹ He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. ³² Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
³³ In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

³⁴ The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" ³⁵ Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. ³⁶ As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" ³⁸ He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. ³⁹ When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. ⁴⁰ But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: *Alle*

CHORUS:

A--a-a-le-le (repeat) Luia (repeat)

Jump left jump right dancing praising all night

Jump front jump back alleluia

Holy Spirit wave left (a-a-le-le) Holy Spirit wave right (a-a-le-le)

Holy Spirit wave left (a-a-le-le) Holy Spirit's here tonight. **(CHORUS)**

Praise with a stomp stomp/Praise with a clap clap

Praise with a "hey"/Everybody bring it back.

Lean with it. Rock with it. Snap with it. Praise God with it

Learn with it. Rock with it. Holy Spirit's here tonight! **(CHORUS)**

Spin left. Spin right. (repeat)

Kick kick rock it out

Ain't gonna let those rocks shout! (repeat) **(CHORUS)**

‡ GOSPEL: JOHN 15:1-8

On the night of his arrest, Jesus taught his disciples about the relationship they would have with him. Those who abide in his word and love bear fruit, for apart from him, they can do nothing.

R: The holy gospel according to St. John, the 15th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

¹"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine; you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. ⁶Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. ⁷If you abide in me and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. ⁸My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

‡ CREED

(Take a deep breath and place a hand over your heart each time you speak the refrain.)

We Believe in the Breath of God

A rhythm in our chest
A movement from heaven to heart
And outward to everyone else

We Believe in the Breath of God

That hovers over the face of the deep
that moves until every captive is freed
that gives until no one is left in need

We Believe in the Breath of God

We will use this breath to speak for those who can't breathe
to weep with those who weep
to grieve with those who grieve

We will use this breath to practice what we preach
to become God's hands and feet
in the church and in the street

We Believe in the Breath of God

creating justice, revealing love
beyond buildings, but the resilience God builds in us
to confess, repent, and repair
not in guilt, blame or shame
but through courage and compassion
until our humanity is reclaimed

We Believe in the Breath of God

to help our unbelief
that we might give our every breath
until we all can breathe

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(God, won't you have mercy?)*

Refrain:

God, won't you have mercy?

Christ have mercy.

‡ 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

It is Good, Boersma/Lantz

*Performed by: Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir,
directed by Dr. Bruce Gleason*

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.

Our Mission of the Month for April is humanitarian aid in the Holy Land. As the conflict between Hamas and Israel continues, the humanitarian crisis worsens with food, water, and medical supplies in short supply. Gifts designated for the April Mission of the Month will be sent to Lutheran Disaster Response and used entirely (100%) to provide long-lasting support to those whose lives have been impacted by disasters in the region.

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



‡ OFFERTORY



Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

- P: Let us pray.
Risen One, you call us to believe and bear fruit. May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love. Form us to be your witnesses in the world, through
Jesus Christ, our true vine.
- 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: 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 away the sin of the world.
Have mercy on us. *(repeat)*

Take away the hatred. Take away the chains.
Take away the hunger. Take away the pain. *(repeat)*

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 HYMNS

Let Us Break Bread Together.....#471
For the Bread Which You Have Broken.....#494

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Let us pray.
 Shepherding God, you have prepared a table before us and nourished us with your love. Send us forth from this banquet to proclaim your goodness and share the abundant mercy of Jesus, our redeemer and friend.
C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BODY BLESSING

- L: May your mind be filled with God's wisdom.
 May your ears hear the cries of God's children
 May your eyes see the face of Christ in all people
 May your mouth speak hope to the nations
 May your feet bring Good News to the world
 May your hands serve the living God
 May your heart be filled with the compassion of Christ this day and always.
- C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING SONG: *Rise Up*

Rise up Oh God with blessings on your people
Rise up together. Your love's gonna break the chains.
Rise up Oh God with blessings on your people
Rise!

‡ DISMISSAL

- L: Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.
- C: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

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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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