



Ordinary Time
September 20, 2026
9:30 am



**DIAMOND
LAKE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

Facility Guide

Accessibility

Hearing devices, noise-reduction earmuffs, and large print bulletins are available for worship services—please see the ushers for assistance. Automatic door openers are present on the main doors and restroom doors in the Commons Area. An elevator that accesses all floors can be found in the hallway to the right when entering from the main glass doors. Please feel free to borrow a walker or wheelchair (found in the entryway) for your time in our building.

Restrooms

Men's, women's, and all-gender restrooms are located in the Commons Area. They are to the left of the Lakeview Room entrance (or directly to your left when entering through the main glass doors).

Emergency and First Aid

A first aid kit, automated external defibrillator (AED), and fire extinguisher are located on the left when entering through the main doors. Other fire extinguishers can be found in the Narthex (the back of the sanctuary), the Vestry (front left of the sanctuary), and throughout the building.

Lost and Found

Missing something? Our Lost and Found is in the Commons Area coat room. Stop by anytime to check for items that may belong to you.

Notice of Filming and Photography

During worship services and church events at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, photography and video recording may occur. These images and recordings may be used in church publications, social media, and other communications to share and celebrate our ministry. If you prefer not to be included in photos and video, please let an usher or staff member know. Thank you for your understanding and for being part of our community life together.

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 wear your name tag each Sunday—it helps us welcome guests, get to know one another, and support those with memory concerns. If you don't yet have one, visit the Commons Area name tag station to make yours. We encourage adding pronouns to name tags!

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Karen, Paul, and Sue Gabrielson in memory of Eleanor Gabrielson, and by the family and friends of Alva Pingel in his memory.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Joe Andrews

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Door Monitor: Joe Plummer

Head Usher: David Minge

Ushers: Bob Kresse, Karen Minge, Julie Schmidt

Coffee Host: Kathi Gallup

Greeters: Harley Hanson, Lana Hanson

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Mike Applequist

Communion Baker: Katie Frey

Communion Leader: Nick Schmidt

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Bob Kresse, Harper Schmidt

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Dave Campbell

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Carisa Brent, Joe Plummer

ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE

Romanian Folk Dances, Nos. 1-4, Bartok

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 33, Worst

‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God redeems us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(A brief silence)

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

**Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

People of God, hear this good news:
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
This gift of grace is for you, and for me; for every last one of us.
Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

O Word of God Incarnate.....ELW 514 (vs 1, 2)

‡ 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.

God of covenant,
you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing
so that he might be a blessing for all.
Show us how to honor the covant
so that we might be a blessing to others.
Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS & BIBLE MILESTONE

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the

words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

‡ **READING: GENESIS 12:1-9**

A reading from the book of Genesis, chapter twelve.

Now the Lord said to Abram, “Go from your country and your kindred and your father’s house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.”

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother’s son Lot and all the possessions that they had gathered and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran, and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, “To your offspring I will give this land.” So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east, and there he built an altar to the Lord and invoked the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on by stages toward the Negeb.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

The God of Abraham Praise.....ELW 831 (vs 1, 4)

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name,

Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

Christ is Made the Sure Foundation, Wood

Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir

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: Every Meal

Over 300,000 kids in Minnesota face food insecurity, and for many, school lunches are their only reliable meals. Every Meal helps close the weekend gap by sending home 4–5 pounds of healthy food each Friday, with options that fit different cultural and dietary needs. Diamond Lake Lutheran supports Barton Elementary in this initiative where about 25–30 students are expected to take part this year. \$440 feeds one student for the whole school year—and gifts of any amount make a difference.

Give to the General Fund or the Mission of the Month via:

Cash – Use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation. Loose cash without an envelope will go towards the General Fund.

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 and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.

Thank you!



Scan to Give

‡ OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always,

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, all who long for the gift of community, come!

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.

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

Thy Strong Word.....ELW 511
As Rain from the Clouds.....ELW 508

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May the God of love draw us together as one
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

May the God of hope
grant us strength and joy in all circumstances
by the power and delight of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the God of grace bless us now and forever.

Amen.

‡ **SENDING HYMN**

Word of God, Come Down on Earth.....ELW 510 (vs 1, 3)

‡ **CHORAL AMEN**

‡ **DISMISSAL**

Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Romanian Folk Dances, Nos. 5-6, Bartok

This congregation traditionally sits and remains in the sanctuary to hear the postlude, which is offered by Dr. Hobbs. If you need to leave early, please feel free to do so quietly.

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You are welcome at Diamond Lake Lutheran Church, a Reconciling in Christ congregation. Your presence makes your journey part of our journey—one we share with people of all ages and abilities, family structures, sexual orientations, gender identities and expressions, races and ethnic backgrounds, and financial circumstances. We affirm that every individual is a member of God's family, uniquely created and worthy of belonging. We are joyfully committed to hearing your stories, engaging your gifts, and working alongside you to strive for racial equity, promote social and economic justice, and heal our broken world. This congregation, like all congregations, is fallible and flawed. We make mistakes. But we are dedicated to building relationships with all who believe, doubt, question, seek, and wonder.



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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