

Baptism of Our Lord

January 19, 2025



**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 Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Scott Benson

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Cynthia Dickison

Reader: Joe Plummer

Communion Servers: Norma Williams, Kirk Gallup

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Cyndi Kresse, Bob Kresse, Russ Michaletz

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Director of Bell Choirs: Chuck Linderkamp

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host: Jon Brunsberg

Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Mike Eckroth

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Messiah has arrived at last. The season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed in Jesus. Simeon and Anna proclaim baby Jesus as the savior. Jesus returned to the temple as a boy, revealing his deep understanding of God to the teachers. Jesus was named God's beloved Son at his baptism, the one whom John the Baptist had announced. Jesus reveals his own mission in Nazareth, declaring that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. He then sets about the work of the kingdom as he calls his disciples and challenges the religious leaders.

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

PRELUDE

Piano Sonata in B-flat, D. 960 (1st mov.)

Schubert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your loving kindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

‡ **GATHERING HYMN** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* #249, vs. 1,4

‡ **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: **Holy God, with joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your children, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

‡ **GOSPEL**

Luke 3:1-22

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 3rd chapter.

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

¹ In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene, ² during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness. ³ He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins, ⁴ as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:

‘Prepare the way of the Lord;

make his paths straight.

⁵ Every valley shall be filled,

and every mountain and hill shall be made low,

and the crooked shall be made straight,

and the rough ways made smooth,

⁶ and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.’ ”

⁷ John said to the crowds coming out to be baptized by him, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruits worthy of repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire.”

¹⁰ And the crowds asked him, “What, then, should we do?” ¹¹ In reply he said to them, “Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none, and whoever has food must do likewise.” ¹² Even tax collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, “Teacher, what should we do?” ¹³ He said to them, “Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.” ¹⁴ Soldiers also asked him, “And we, what should we do?” He said to them, “Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.”

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, “I baptize you with water, but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the strap of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

¹⁸ So with many other exhortations he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother’s wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

HYMN OF THE DAY

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters

#445

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

Kathi Gallup

OFFERING

Nearer, My God, to Thee

arr. Ron Mallory
Carillon 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.

January Mission of the Month: Reconciling Works

As people of faith, we are called to build a more inclusive, just, and loving world. Supporting ReconcilingWorks enables vital efforts to ensure that LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families are fully welcomed, celebrated, and affirmed within the church and beyond. Your generosity fuels this important work in three key areas:

Deepening and Expanding the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program: *The RIC program equips congregations to create inclusive and affirming spaces. Your donations support outreach, education, and the production and distribution of resources to faith communities across the country. These efforts also strengthen relationships with existing RIC settings, ensuring that the ongoing work of inclusion and affirmation continues to grow.*

Dismantling Injustice Through a Lutheran Lens: *ReconcilingWorks advocates for LGBTQIA+ protections and addresses injustices rooted in sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, and other forms of marginalization. Through an intersectional and ecumenical approach, ReconcilingWorks amplifies a Lutheran voice in society, standing firmly with LGBTQIA+ individuals and families to ensure justice and equality.*

Building and Strengthening Relationships with Lutheran Churches: *ReconcilingWorks collaborates with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) to implement LGBTQIA+-inclusive policies and practices. By engaging with bishops, churchwide staff, and councils, ReconcilingWorks continues to move the church toward becoming a more inclusive and loving community for all people, especially those on the margins.*

Every dollar you give ensures that ReconcilingWorks can continue equipping congregations, advocating for systemic change, and inspiring the church to boldly stand with LGBTQIA+ individuals and families. Join us in this holy work of love, justice, and reconciliation.

Give to the Mission of the Month

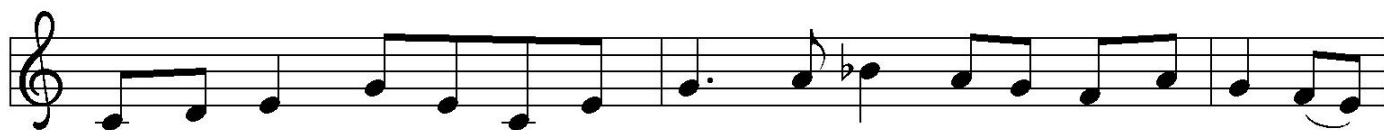
To make a gift to Reconciling Works, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with “Mission of the Month” in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit “Give Back” page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose “Mission of the Month” from the drop-down menu.

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



‡ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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

L: Let us pray.
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

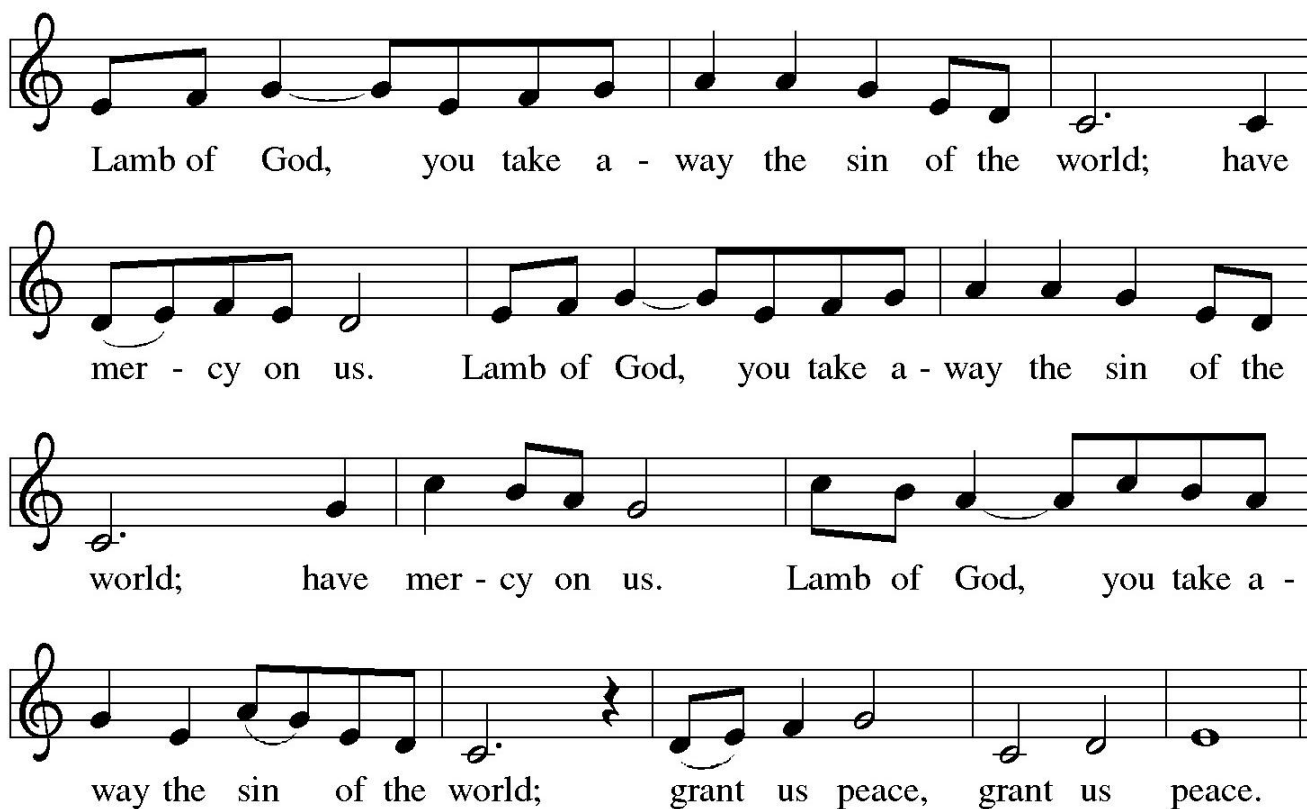
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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 joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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 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 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized* #304

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God,
 at this table you have refreshed us
 with holy gifts of food and drink.
 Strengthen us for service,
 and send us out to embody your good news
 of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
 bless you with joy,
 anoint you with compassion,
 and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

‡ **SENDING HYMN** *Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from Death* #452

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Piano Sonata in B-flat, D. 960 (3rd mov.)* Schubert

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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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