



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

April 26, 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.

## Guest Preacher:

Rev. Emmy Kegler (they/she) is an ordained pastor in the ELCA and served for six years as the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. When their first child was born in 2022, Emmy transitioned out of called ministry. They currently serve as the blog editor for Church Anew, a ministry resource equipping congregations around the world with worship series, Bible studies, and curricula. Mostly, Emmy spends time with their wife and two preschoolers, adventuring through the playgrounds and parks of Minneapolis.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Mark, Nicole and Caia Blashack in memory of Mark's father, Bill Blashack.

## Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Guest Preacher: Rev. Emmy Kegler

Assisting Minister: Parker Webster

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Door Monitor: Adam Podratz

Head Usher: Luke Roske-Metcalf

Ushers: Bob Kresse, Brandy Schleicher

Coffee Hosts: Nancy Zemske, Felecia Schmidt

Greeters: Stephanie Johnson, Julie Schmidt

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Baker: Alli Frey

Communion Leader: Stephanie Johnson

Communion Servers: Brandy Schleicher, Julie Schmidt

A/V Tech: Olaf Minge, Nick Schmidt

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-ground Cleanup:

Pursers: Russ Michaletz, Gene Zemske

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

### PRELUDE

*"Dancers of Delphi" from Preludes, Book I, Debussy*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### TRINITY CHIMES

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Let the Words of Our Mouths, Erickson*

### † THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

As we move through this season of Easter,  
let us give thanks for the gifts of baptism.

Merciful God,

You are the one who was, who is, and who is to come.

You lead us beside still waters.

We thank you for the waters of creation:

morning dew, gentle rain, roaring waves.

We thank you for the waters that nourish us:

Minnehaha Creek, the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers,

and each of our ten thousand lakes.

Blessed are you,

**You guide us to the springs of the water of life.**

Jesus Christ, you are the faithful witness  
who accompanies us on our journeys.  
We give thanks for your life-giving death and resurrection.  
We praise you for joining us in joy and sorrow.  
Blessed are you,  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy Spirit, you anoint our head with oil and our cup overflows.  
Break down barriers that divide us.  
Fill us with the breath of peace.  
Blessed are you,  
**You guide us to springs of the water of life.**

Holy One, we thank you for the gifts and grace of baptism,  
and for making us a new creation.  
We join with saints and angels, giving you honor and praise,  
now and forever.  
**Amen.**

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

*O Day of Rest and Gladness*.....ELW 521 (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 freedom,**

**Your greatest dream is to liberate us**

**from stories that glorify violence and power,**

**and to set us instead on a path**

**of humility, patience, and love.**

**Fulfill that promise in us,**

**that our hearts may be open to a new story.**

**Amen.**

## SERMON ON THE STEPS

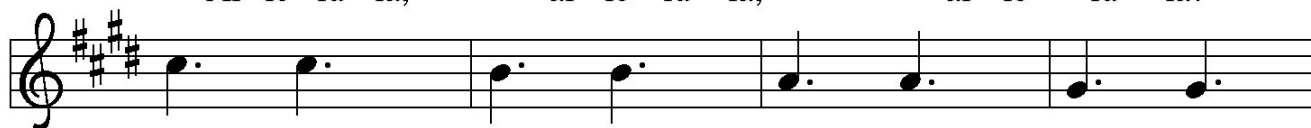
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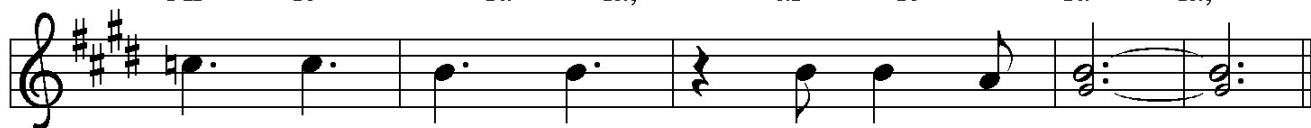
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## ‡ **READING: GENESIS 21:1-3, 22:1-14**

A reading from the book of Genesis, the twenty-first and twenty-second chapters.

The Lord dealt with Sarah as he had said, and the Lord did for Sarah as he had promised. Sarah conceived and bore Abraham a son in his old age, at the time of which God had spoken to him. Abraham gave the name Isaac to his son whom Sarah bore him.

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, “Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.”

So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, “Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.” Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. And the two of them walked on together.

Isaac said to his father Abraham, “Father!” And he said, “Here I am, my son.” He said, “The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?” Abraham said, “God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son.” And the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac and laid him on the altar on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the Lord called to him from heaven and said, “Abraham, Abraham!” And he said, “Here I am.” He said, “Do not lay your hand on the boy

or do anything to him, for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.”

And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place “The Lord will provide,” as it is said to this day, “On the mount of the Lord it shall be provided.”

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Emmy Kegler

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*The God of Abraham Praise*.....ELW 831 (1, 3, 4)

## **‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

**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**

*Now is the Hour of Darkness Past, Watts/Pinkham*  
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.

### **April Mission of the Month: Mukwa**

Coinciding with Earth Month, the April Mission of the Month is Mukwa, a program of the Indigenous Environmental Network. Based in Minnesota, the organization works to advance environmental and economic justice for Indigenous communities. Its efforts include protecting wild rice, opposing the development of new hyperscale data centers in the state, protecting sacred sites, and advocating for a more sustainable and equitable economy. Your gift this month will directly support Indigenous communities as they defend their homelands, protect vital ecosystems, and work toward economic and environmental justice.

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

**Cash** – Use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation.

**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](http://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**

*(To the tune of “As Saints of Old”)*

A world in need now summons us  
to labor, love, and give;  
to make our life an offering  
to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us  
to make the dream come true:  
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;  
all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust  
we bring our best today  
to serve your cause and share your love  
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us  
in Jesus Christ your Son,  
teach us to give ourselves each day  
until life's work is done.

‡ **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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

### LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.  
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

## **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**

*By Your Hand You Feed Your People.....ELW 469*

*We Come to the Hungry Feast.....ELW 479*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us  
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,  
to love our enemies,  
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

‡ **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!**

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**

*Hallelujah! Jesus Lives!*.....ELW 380 (vs 1, 3, 5)

‡ **DISMISSAL**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

‡ **CHORAL AMEN**

**POSTLUDE**

*"The Dance of Puck" from Preludes, Book I, Debussy*

*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.*

Cover: “Abraham and Isaac” by Rembrandt, 1645 CE.

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# Beginning Wednesday

## LAKEVIEW FORUM: LIVES OF FAITH + MUSIC

Lakeview Forums take place most Wednesdays from September to May (except when Minneapolis Schools are closed). A community meal is served at 5:30 pm and programming runs 6:30–7:30 pm. Kids Club runs concurrently with programming. Please notify the church office at [dllc.office@dllc.org](mailto:dllc.office@dllc.org) if you need nursery care to attend. Events are free and all are welcome!

### Dr. Kevin Hobbs

#### Wednesday, April 29, 6:30–7:30 pm

Dr. Kevin Hobbs, the pianist and organist of Diamond Lake Lutheran, will be in conversation with Graydon Royce and perform pieces on the piano throughout the evening. Kevin is Professor of Music at North Hennepin Community College. He also teaches at Mount Calvary Academy of Music, where he is on the board of directors, and has served on the faculties of the University of Minnesota and Gustavus Adolphus. Kevin earned his B.M. and M.M. from the University of Cincinnati and his D.M.A. from the University of Minnesota as a student of Lydia Artymiw.



Dr. Kevin Hobbs

### Good Trouble and Singing Resistance

#### Wednesday, May 6, 6:30–7:30 pm

Join community songleaders C. Onyx Li and Liz Digitale Anderson of Good Trouble for an evening exploring the way community singing has brought people together to push back against the ICE occupation and care for each other in imaginative new ways. C. and Liz will share their history and experience with songleading, stories from Singing Resistance efforts, discuss their projects to train songleaders and process grief, and teach us some of the songs that have given people hope and courage during these last few months. Get ready to learn and sing together!



C. Onyx Li and Liz Digitale Anderson

### StreetSong MN

#### Wednesday, May 13, 6:30–7:30 pm

StreetSong MN is a choir founded in 2014 with a simple but powerful mission: uniting voices for harmony and community. Comprised of people with lived experience of homelessness — those currently or formerly without housing — as well as those who care about them, StreetSong MN is an enterprise of Align Minneapolis and is directed by Liz Digitale Anderson. The choir will share their music and their deep commitment to making space for our unhoused neighbors.



Members of StreetSong MN

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.



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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.

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

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