



**Epiphany of Our Lord**

January 4, 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.

## Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf  
Assisting Minister: Graydon Royce  
Organist/Pianist: Kevin Hobbs  
Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason  
Greeters: Sophia Herrera, Julie Schmidt  
Reader: Sue Haffield  
Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera  
Communion Leader: Sue Nelson

Communion Servers: Julie Schmidt,  
Kristine Spanier  
Ushers:  
A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson  
Nursery: Mary Teurman  
Coffee Hosts: Dawn Bartl, Gary Milne  
Pray-ground Cleanup:  
Pursers: Carisa Brent, Joe Plummer

## **EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD**

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

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

### **PRELUDE**

### **WORDS OF WELCOME**

### **TRINITY CHIMES**

### **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

*Matthew 25:34, Miller*

### **‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
Wonderful Counselor,  
Mighty Savior,  
Prince of Peace.

**Amen.**

Trusting in God’s steadfast love and faithfulness,  
let us confess our sin.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

**Reconciling God,  
we yearn for your presence to transform**

**our grief, pain, and despair.**

**We confess that we have not always prepared  
room in our hearts for your love;  
we have not always recognized  
your presence among us;  
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,  
oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room  
for those seeking refuge;  
our participation in violent systems  
that harm your innocent ones;  
our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today  
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.  
Amen.**

God's grace upon grace flows over you.  
Christ's presence redeems the whole creation.  
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!  
**Amen.**

### **‡ GATHERING HYMN**

*Bright and Glorious is the Sky*.....ELW 301 (vs 1, 2, 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.**

## ‡ KYRIE (Sung to the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)



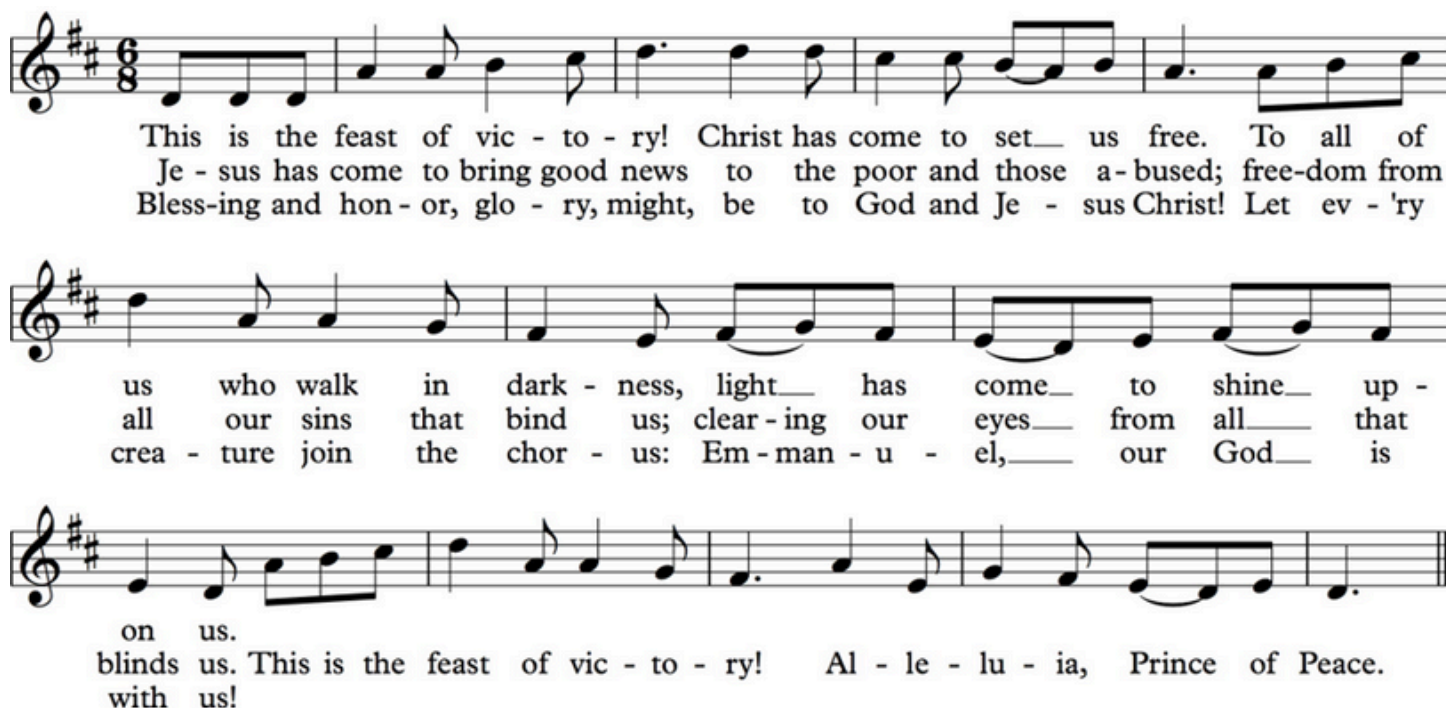
Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on\_\_ us.

Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.  
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.

Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.\_\_  
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.\_\_

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

## ‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung to the tune of “People Look East”)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Christ has come to set\_\_ us free. To all of  
Je - sus has come to bring good news to the poor and those a - bused; free - dom from  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry, might, be to God and Je - sus Christ! Let ev - 'ry

us who walk in dark - ness, light\_\_ has come\_\_ to shine\_\_ up -  
all our sins that bind us; clear - ing our eyes\_\_ from all\_\_ that  
crea - ture join the chor - us: Em - man - u - el,\_\_ our God\_\_ is

on us.  
blinds us. This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Al - le - lu - ia, Prince of Peace.  
with us!

## ‡ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Lord God,**

**Like Joseph, give us tender and open hearts,  
ready to do your will.**

**Help us to see where our hopes and dreams  
fit with your plans for our lives,  
Amen.**

## **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung to the tune of “Once in Royal David’s City”)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior;

open now your saving Word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speaking until our hearts are stirred!

Alleluia! Lord, we sing

for the good news that you bring.

## ‡ **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 2:1-15**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the second chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, asking, “Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage.” When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, “In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,  
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,  
for from you shall come a ruler  
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Now after they had left, an angel of the Lord appeared to Joseph in a dream and said, “Get up, take the child and his mother, and flee to Egypt, and remain there until I tell you, for Herod is about to search for the child, to destroy him.” Then Joseph got up, took the child and his mother by night, and went to Egypt and remained there until the death of Herod. This was to fulfill what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet, “Out of Egypt I have called my son.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf



## HYMN OF THE DAY

*Gentle Joseph Heard a Warning*.....ACS 1060



- 1 Gen - tle Jo - seph heard a warn - ing from an an - gel in the night;
- 2 Tar - gets of a ty - rant's ar - my, seek - ing safe - ty, flee - ing strife,
- 3 Give us, God, such faith and cour - age when we move from place to place,



val - iant Mar - y, maid - en moth - er, roused from sleep, pre - pared for flight:  
leav - ing house and land and kin - dred, spurred by dreams of peace - ful life;  
and to those who come a - mong us, make us chan - nels of your grace.



thus the Christ - child's fam - 'ly lived out what the proph - et had fore - told,  
through the des - ert of un - know - ing and the night of doubt they went,  
Let us see in ev - 'ry strang - er ref - u - gees from Beth - le - hem,



that he might be called from E - gypt as God's peo - ple were of old.  
guid - ed by God's prom - ised pres - ence, by that trust made con - fi - dent.  
help us of - fer each one wel - come and re - ceive the Christ in them.

## ‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, for our neighbors, for creation, and for all in need.

*a brief silence*

God, in your mercy,  
**Hear our prayer.**

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**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**

*Grant Us Thy Peace, Mendelssohn*

### **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: Minneapolis Area Synod Immigrant Welcome Fund**

The Welcome Fund provides direct financial support to immigrant communities across the Minneapolis Area Synod through the work of the Synod's Immigration Task Force. This fund was created as a result of the Resolution on Accompanying Immigrants at the last Synod Assembly and supports efforts to stand alongside and

accompany our immigrant neighbors. To read the Resolution on Accompanying Immigrants in full, visit this link: [bit.ly/3KZP6ek](http://bit.ly/3KZP6ek)

**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.



Scan to Give

Thank you!

‡ **OFFERTORY** (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

Oh, what shall I render in thanks to my Lord  
for all the good gifts by which I am restored?  
No treasure I tender could ever repay  
God’s mercy and faithfulness, new every day.  
My hands take the cup of salvation you give;  
I’ll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.  
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,  
with all of your people your goodness proclaim.

‡ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.  
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,  
and gather us at your table of celebration.  
Strengthen us to share with all the world  
the abundance of your grace upon grace,  
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

**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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.  
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

## LAMB OF GOD (Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”)



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give\_ us your  
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive\_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-  
joice! Re-joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra-el.

**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**

<i>Brightest and Best of the Stars.....</i>	<i>ELW 303</i>
<i>The First Noel.....</i>	<i>ELW 300</i>

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Merciful God,  
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.  
Strengthened by this goodness,  
send us forth to announce your peace,  
comfort the afflicted,  
and share the good news of great joy.  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## ‡ **BLESSING**

May the Word that Mary brought to birth  
carry you into new and abundant life.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms  
enfold you with love and strength.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song  
bring harmony to our world.

And may the blessing of almighty God,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

## ‡ **SENDING HYMN**

*O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!*.....ELW 308 (vs. 1, 3)

## ‡ **DISMISSAL**

Glory to God in the highest,

**and peace to God's people on earth.**

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

**Thanks be to God!**

## ‡ **CHORAL AMEN**

## **POSTLUDE**

*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.



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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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