



Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 2025
4 pm



**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.

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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).

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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.

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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.

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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! Please wear your name tag—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. 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: Nora Krocak

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Handbell Choir Director: Chuck Linderkamp

Greeter: Julie Schmidt

Readers: Kris Pearson, Emmett Miller

Ushers: Mark Bergman, Kirk Gallup, Bob Gustafson, Bob Kresse

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Nursery: Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

In the deepest part of winter, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised savior will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds, and we go forth to share that light and love with all we meet. Merry Christmas!

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

Hymns for this service can be found on the last pages of this bulletin, or in the back portion of the red worship books at the numbers listed alongside each hymn.

PRELUDE

Manger Medley, arr. Hayes

‡ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O Come, All Ye Faithful.....ELW 283

‡ 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.

Lord God,

The shepherds were so afraid,

and sometimes we are, too.

Make our curiosity greater than our fear,

and our faith greater than our doubts,

Amen.

WORDS OF WELCOME

ANTHEM

Nigh Bethlehem, Burt
Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 9:2-6

A reading from the book of Isaiah, the ninth chapter.

The people who walked in darkness
 have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
 on them light has shined.
You have multiplied exultation;
 you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
 as with joy at the harvest,
 as people exult when dividing plunder.
For the yoke of their burden
 and the bar across their shoulders,
 the rod of their oppressor,
 you have broken as on the day of Midian.
For all the boots of the tramping warriors
 and all the garments rolled in blood
 shall be burned as fuel for the fire.
For a child has been born for us,
 a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
 and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
 Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

The First Noel, arr. Lloyd Larson
Children's Handbell Choir

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;
speak until our hearts are stirred!
Alleluia! Lord, we sing
for the good news that you bring.

‡ **GOSPEL: LUKE 2:4-20**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

And Joseph also went up from Galilee, out of the city of Nazareth, into Judaea, unto the city of David, which is called Bethlehem; (because he was of the house and lineage of David) to be taxed with Mary his espoused wife, being great with child. And so it was, that, while they were there, the days were accomplished that she should be delivered. And she brought forth her firstborn son, and wrapped him in swaddling clothes, and laid him in a manger; because there was no room for them in the inn.

And there were in the same country shepherds abiding in the field, keeping watch over their flock by night. And, lo, the angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone round about them: and they were sore afraid. And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a

Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you; you shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes, lying in a manger.

And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men. And it came to pass, as the angels were gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said one to another, Let us now go even unto Bethlehem, and see this thing which is come to pass, which the Lord hath made known unto us. And they came with haste, and found Mary, and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger. And when they had seen it, they made known abroad the saying which was told them concerning this child. And all that heard it wondered at those things which were told them by the shepherds.

But Mary kept all these things, and pondered them in her heart.

And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things that they had heard and seen, as it was told unto them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Angels We Have Heard on High.....ELW 289

‡ **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, who taught us to pray...

‡ **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.

‡ **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

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, arr. Sandra Eithun

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.

December Mission of the Month: The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC) is a nonprofit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of Native women and their families. Founded in 1984, MIWRC provides a broad range of programs designed to educate and empower Native women and their families, and to inform and assist those who work providing services to the community. Programs are developed to address issues that significantly affect the well-being of Indigenous women and their families such as affordable housing, chemical dependency, mental health care, cultural resilience and healing, and other family and community issues.

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

Thank you!



Scan to Give

‡ **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.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Silent Night

We pass the light of Christ throughout our gathered community, one to another. Please only tip unlit candles. Battery-operated candles are available for those under the age of 15 (and anyone else who prefers this option). We begin singing once the light has moved throughout the entire congregation.



Stil - le Nacht, hei - li-ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
heav'n-ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh,
peace,
born!
birth,
schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

‡ 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.

‡ RECESSIONAL HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing.....ELW 270

‡ 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!

POSTLUDE

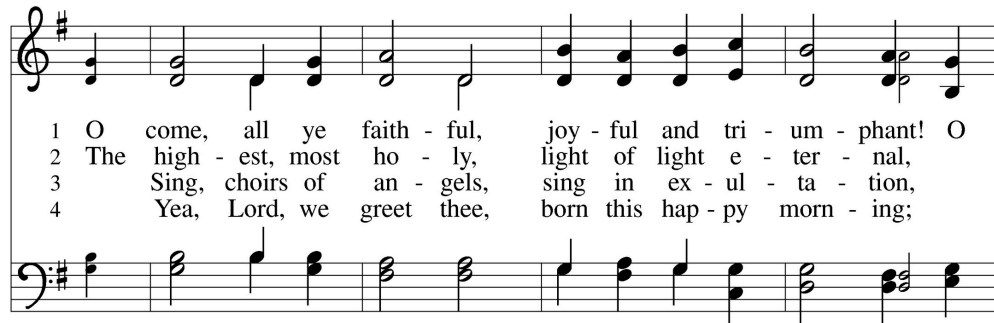
Joy to the World, arr. Hayes

*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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O Come, All Ye Faithful



1 O come, all ye faith - ful, joy - ful and tri - um - phant! O
 2 The high - est, most ho - ly, light of light e - ter - nal,
 3 Sing, choirs of an - gels, sing in ex - ul - ta - tion,
 4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this hap - py morn - ing;



come ye, O come ye to Beth - le - hem;
 born of a vir - gin, a mor - tal he comes;
 sing, all ye cit - i - zens of heav - en a - bove!
 Je - sus, to thee be . . . glo - ry giv'n!



come and be - hold him, born the king of an - gels:
 Son of the Fa - ther now in flesh ap - pear - ing!
 Glo - ry to God . . . in . . . the . . . high - est:
 Word of the Fa - ther, now in flesh ap - pear - ing:

Refrain

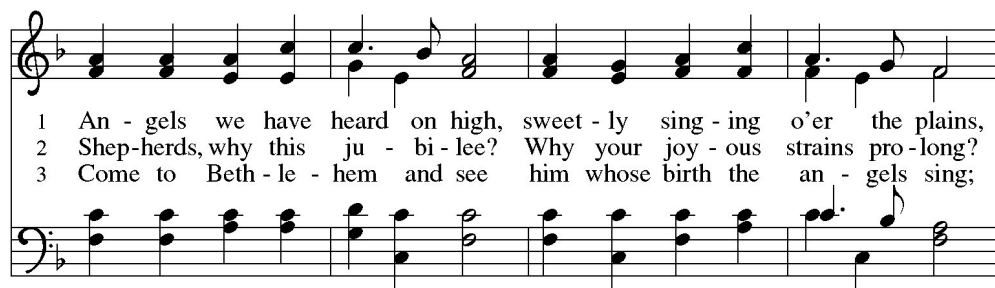


Ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus, ve - ni - te a - do - re - mus,
 O come, let us a - dore him, O come, let us a - dore him,

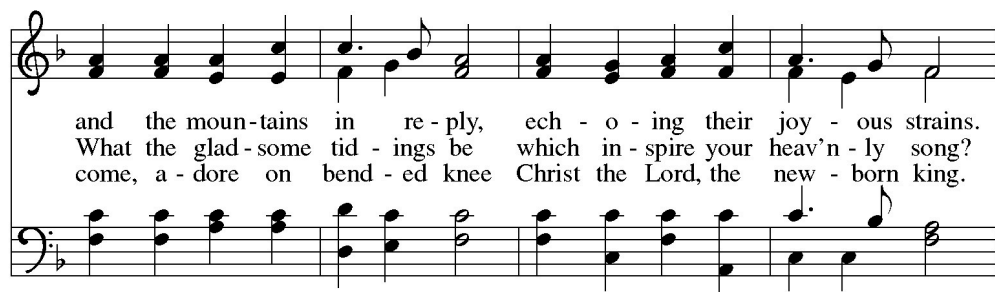


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 O come, let us a - dore him, Christ the Lord!

Angels We Have Heard on High



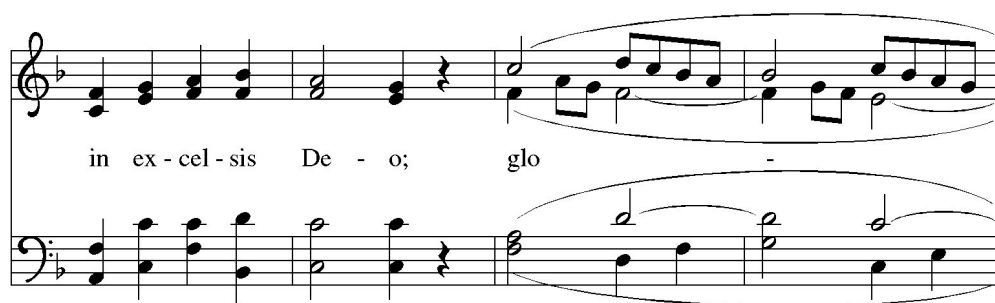
1 An - gels we have heard on high, sweet - ly sing - ing o'er the plains,
2 Shep-herds, why this ju - bi - lee? Why your joy - ous strains pro-long?
3 Come to Beth - le - hem and see him whose birth the an - gels sing;



and the moun-tains in re-ply, ech - o - ing their joy - ous strains.
What the glad-some tid - ings be which in - spire your heav'n - ly song?
come, a - dore on bend - ed knee Christ the Lord, the new - born king.



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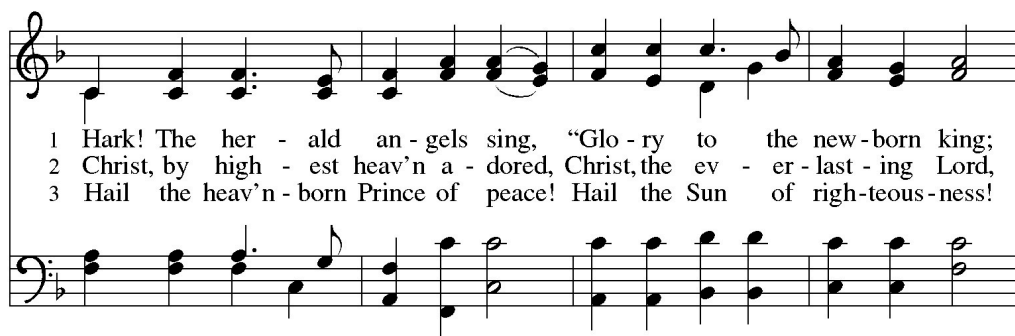


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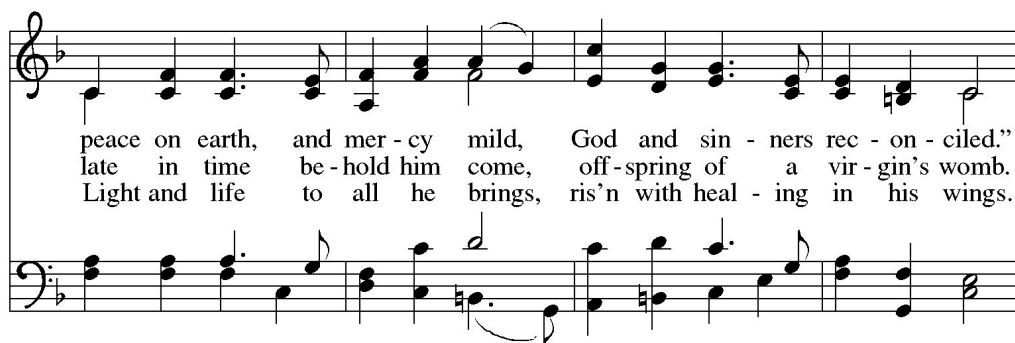


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Hark! The Herald Angels Sing



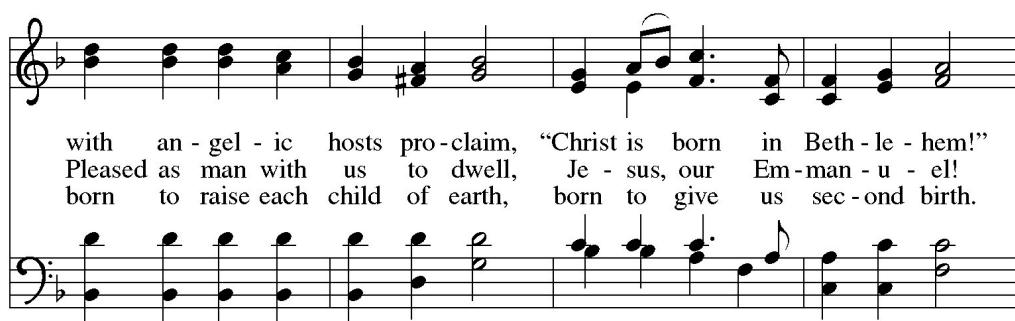
1 Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king;
 2 Christ, by high - est heav'n a - dored, Christ, the ev - er - last - ing Lord,
 3 Hail the heav'n - born Prince of peace! Hail the Sun of righ-teous-ness!



peace on earth, and mer - cy mild, God and sin - ners rec - on - ciled."
 late in time, be - hold him come, off - spring of a vir - gin's womb.
 Light and life to all he brings, ris'n with heal - ing in his wings.



Joy - ful, all you na - tions, rise; join the tri - umph of the skies;
 Veiled in flesh the God-head see! Hail, in - car - nate de - i - ty!
 Mild he lays his glo - ry by, born that we no more may die,



with an - gel - ic hosts pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!"
 Pleased as man with us to dwell, Je - sus, our Em-man - u - el!
 born to raise each child of earth, born to give us sec - ond birth.

Refrain



Hark! The her - ald an - gels sing, "Glo - ry to the new-born king!"

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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