



Earth Day Sunday
April 19, 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:

Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold graduated from Concordia College, Moorhead, with majors in Political Science and Environmental Studies. She is super passionate about environmental justice and is a member of the Minneapolis Area Synod Eco-Faith team. Lacy is fluent in German, and she loves to hike, bake, and hang out with Luna, her dog. Lacy currently serves as Diamond Lake Lutheran's Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Guest Preacher: Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold

Assisting Minister: Matthew Brent

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Door Monitor: Adam Podratz

Head Usher: David Minge

Ushers: Karen Minge, Natalie Remus, Sabrina Falk,

Parson Rylander, Julie Schmidt

Coffee Host: Kathi Gallup, Nancy Zemske

Greeters: Dawn Bartl, Gary Milne, Mike Applequist

Acolyte: Leigh Ann Garner

Reader: Jan Michaletz

Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera

Communion Leader: Graydon Royce

Communion Servers: Lisa Bass, Bob Kresse, Mac Taylor

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Kirk Gallup

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-ground Cleanup:

Pursers: Sam Lunder, Lisa Ritzinger

EARTH DAY SUNDAY

Earth Day was first celebrated on April 22, 1970 as a day to honor the Earth, to participate in environmental teach-ins, and to work together on projects for peace and sustainability. Since then, the environmental movement has grown, as has our understanding of the ways our actions as humans effect our planet. Today we worship alongside all creation and commit ourselves to better care of the Earth and of each other.

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

PRELUDE

*The Sounds and Fragrances Swirl through the Evening Air
from Preludes Book I, Debussy*

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Let the Words of Our Mouths, Erickson

† LITANY OF PRAISE FOR CREATION

Glory to you, O God:
you speak a word of power,
and so you create the world.

We praise you, O God:

We praise you, O God.

For the Spirit hovering to bring forth life,
for the earth ordered from chaos,
and for light and dark,
we bless you, O God:

We bless you, O God.

For the cosmos beyond our earth,
for the sky above our heads,
and for the cycle of evening and morning,
we exalt you, O God:

We exalt you, O God.

For the seas, the lakes, and the rivers,
for the land with its mountains and plains,
and for the trees, the plants, and their fruits,
we magnify you, O God:

We magnify you, O God.

For the sun to rule the day,
for the moon to brighten the night,
and for the shining stars,
we extol you, O God:

We extol you, O God.

For the fish in the sea,
for the birds of the air,
and for the monsters in the deep,
we glorify you, O God:

We glorify you, O God.

For wild animals and creatures of all kinds,
for cattle and all livestock,
and for everything that creeps on the earth,
we adore you, O God:

We adore you, O God.

For humankind made in your image,
for setting us on your good earth,
and for providing us food to eat,
we worship you, O God:

We worship you, O God.

Bless us, your creatures.

Accept our praise,

and make us worthy of your marvelous creation.

We praise you, O God:

We praise you, O God.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving

and honor and power and might

be to you, our God, forever and ever.

Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

Light Dawns on a Wearly World.....ELW 726 (vs 1, 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.

‡ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Stir up your power, O God, and save your good creation.

The earth groans in travail. Forests fall, oceans rise, crops fail.

The air is thick with so much burning.

Free us from the powerful who destroy the air, water, and land.

Frustrate their violence, expose their lies, overthrow their schemes.

**Pour out over the earth justice that rolls down like water
to nourish the life of the world.**

**Preserve the health of your beloved creation,
especially our precious boundary waters.**

**Strengthen those who serve and protect the garden of this earth,
especially our indigenous relatives**

who have been caring for the earth since time immemorial.

Restore the choir of your creatures and let us sing for joy.

Jesus himself came up and walked along with them; but they were kept from recognizing him.

He asked them, “What are you discussing together as you walk along?” They stood still, their faces downcast. One of them, named Cleopas, asked him, “Are you the only one visiting Jerusalem who does not know the things that have happened there in these days?”

“What things?” Jesus asked. “About Jesus of Nazareth,” they replied. “He was a prophet, powerful in word and deed before God and all the people. The chief priests and our rulers handed him over to be sentenced to death, and they crucified him; but we had hoped that he was the one who was going to redeem Israel. And what is more, it is the third day since all this took place. In addition, some of our women amazed us. They went to the tomb early this morning but didn’t find his body. They came and told us that they had seen a vision of angels, who said he was alive. Then some of our companions went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see Jesus.”

Jesus said to them, “How foolish you are, and how slow to believe all that the prophets have spoken! Did not the Messiah have to suffer these things and then enter his glory?” And beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, he explained to them what was said in all the Scriptures concerning himself.

As they approached the village to which they were going, Jesus continued on as if he were going farther. But they urged him strongly, “Stay with us, for it is nearly evening; the day is almost over.” So he went in to stay with them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold

HYMN OF THE DAY

Canticle of the Turning.....ELW 723

(Verse 3 and additional refrains by Paul Jacobson and the Eco Faith Summit)

V1 My soul cries out with a joyful shout
that the God of my heart is great,
and my spirit sings of the wondrous things
that you bring to the ones who wait.
You fixed your sight on your servant's plight,
and my weakness you did not spurn,
so from East to West shall my name be blest,
could the world be about to turn?

V2 Though I am small, my God, my all,
you work great things in me,
and your mercy will last
from the depths of the past
to the end of the age to be.
Your very name puts the proud to shame,
and to those who would for you yearn,
you will show your might,
put the strong to flight,
for the world is about to turn.

V3 With our hearts on fire,
filled with fierce desire,
fed by fuel from a God of love,
Joining hand and hand,
hearts aflame, we stand,
full of faith coming from above.
Oh, Holy One, our life, our sun
shine down on us, we pray.
Come and shine your light
in this earth's dark night
to Creation's newborn day.

Refrain:

My heart shall sing of the day you bring.
Let the fires of your justice burn.
Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near,
and the world is about to turn.

Second Refrain:

Creator, Guide, stay by our side,
in this world we caused to fall.
For you are like a refining fire,
our eternal hope, our all.

Closing Refrain:

Our hearts now burn,
causing us to yearn
for a world that is free from strife.
May the ears of all hear your fiery call
for creation's health and life.

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

*African Gloria, Sonja Poorman
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.

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



Scan to Give

Thank you!

‡ **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

For the Beauty of the Earth.....ELW 879

Let the Whole Creation Cry.....ELW 876

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

Let All Things Now Living.....ELW 881

‡ **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 Hills of Anacapri from Preludes Book I, Debussy

This congregation traditionally sits and remains in the sanctuary to hear the postlude.

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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