

DIAMOND LAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

First Sunday of Lent ♦ February 18, 2026 ♦ 9:30 am

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-Metcalfe

Assisting Minister: Sue Haffield

Organist/Pianist: Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Bruce Gleason

Door Monitor:

Head Usher: David Minge

Ushers: Karen Minge

Greeters: Julie Schmidt

Coffee Hosts: Nancy Zemske

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Baker: Natalie Remus

Communion Leader: Judi Simons

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson,
Kirk Gallup, Julie Schmidt

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-ground Cleanup: Dawn Bartl

Pursers: Adam Podratz, Gene Zemske

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The Lenten journey begins with Jesus being led into the wilderness—a space of formation where he resists the lure of power, spectacle, and security with sacred memory and deep trust in God. Rather than seeking quick fixes, he confronts the scripts of empire and embodies a liberating truth. This act of resistance is echoed in Jeremiah’s pastoral yet radical message to the exiles: settle in, seek the welfare of the city, and remain rooted even in displacement. Together, these texts reframe survival as faithful, grounded resistance and call us to reject escapism and domination in favor of covenantal hope and communal flourishing.

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

PRELUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 53, No. 4, Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the Lord, Erickson

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows our weaknesses, and yet imagines for us a life of wholeness and peace.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Loving God, we confess that when the wilderness feels too chaotic, and the earth beneath our feet seems to shift and change, we fall easily into despair.

We forget to hope.

We neglect to dream.

We imagine paths of doom instead of journeys to glory.

**We panic, even as your Spirit holds steady within and around us.
Help us to trust, to hope, to dream, and to walk forward in faith.
And when the fears set in, help us to find support in the strength of
community.**

Beloved, God knows our anxiety,
our aversion to discomfort,
and our fears about the future.
God equips us with hope to carry us through.
Receive this free gift of grace and be at peace.
Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

The Glory of these Forty Days.....ELW 320

‡ 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 the wilderness,
you claim us and embrace us in love: we are yours.**

**When we face uncertainties and temptations
that cause us to question your provision,
doubt our belovedness,**

or exploit our faith for worldly gain,

lead us back, again and again,

to words of scripture,

and to the living Word, Jesus Christ.

May we hold fast in faith

and serve you with our whole hearts,

this day and always.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

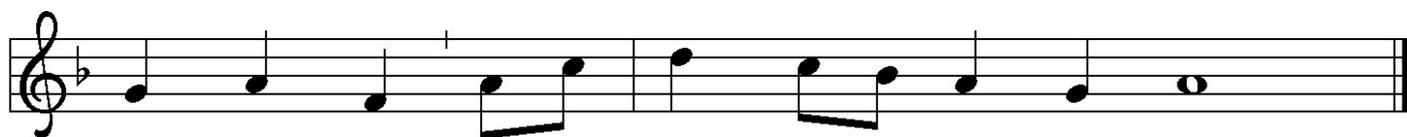
‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

‡ **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 4:1-11**

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tested by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterward he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread.” But Jesus answered, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.’”

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, ‘He will command his angels concerning you,’ and ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’” Jesus said to him, “Again it is written, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’”

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory, and he said to him, “All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me.” Then Jesus said to him, “Away with you, Satan! for it is written, ‘Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.’”

Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

When We Are Tested.....ACS 922



1 When we are test - ed and wres - tle a - lone,
2 When in the des - ert we cry for re - lief,
3 When we are tempt - ed to bar - ter our souls,
4 When we have strug - gled and searched through the night,



fam - ished for bread when the world of - fers stone,
plead - ing for paths marked by cer - tain be - lief,
trad - ing the truth for the pow'r to con - trol,
sort - ing and sift - ing the wrong from the right,



nour - ish us, God, by your word and your way,
lift us to love you be - yond sign and test,
teach us to wor - ship and praise on - ly you,
Sav - ior, sur - round us with cir - cles of care,



food that sus - tains us by night and by day.
trust - ing your pres - ence, our on - ly true rest.
seek - ing your will in the work that we do.
an - gels of heal - ing, of hope, and of prayer.

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Hear our cries to you, O God,

All

OFFERING

Out of the Depths, Alan Hovhaness
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.

February Mission of the Month: Lake Street Council

Recent immigration raids have made it harder for some business owners and employees to show up safely and consistently, leading to lost income and increased uncertainty. The February Mission of the Month supports Lake Street Council, whose work helps employ community members, keep storefronts open, and sustain the neighborhood's economic and cultural vitality. To learn more about the Lake Street Council and its work, go to www.visitlakestreet.com.

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



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the
brim our cup of bless - ing. 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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, we bring our gifts before you and your church like tiny seeds from a dandelion. Send out these gifts on the mighty wind of your Spirit, bringing growth, bearing fruit, and nourishing both our faith community and our neighbors. May each gift of every size bloom with your holy imagination.

Amen.

‡ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray:

Holy, imaginative God, you who dreamed and created a world full of colors, textures, shapes, sizes, depths, and heights—help us remember your dream of a world made whole and complete through love and care. Transform these gifts of bread and cup into courage and strength for the work that lies ahead.

With confidence, we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

The table has been set. Come, beloveds. Let's eat.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

*1** Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
2 have mer - cy on us, *3* have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, 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, 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>As the Grains of Wheat</i>	ELW 465
<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	ELW 490

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup
that feed our bodies and nourish our souls.

May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded.

Though we have been fed today at the table,
may we still walk away hungry for justice,
working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

Beloved children of God,

as you return to the wild wilderness of everyday life,
remain rooted in the hope of our faith.

Cling to the scriptures that inspired Jesus to resist evil,
and rest easy on the Spirit who led him away from evil.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

<i>Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing</i>	ELW 545
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‡ DISMISSAL

Go out into the world,
living in the realm of God's holy imagination,
where heaven and earth meet.

Amen.

‡ CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 53, No. 5, Mendelssohn

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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LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Dinner + Church

Wednesdays, February 25–March 25, 6–7 pm

Throughout Lent, we gather like the early Christians around tables: We enjoy a simple meal, sing, share the sacraments, and engage in conversation with people we know and with those who are new to us. Dinner + Church is intergenerational; everyone is invited! Food options are provided for those who have dietary restrictions.

Note: Kids and youth are encouraged to sit with their families during Dinner + Church. Afterward, the Kids Club/Youth Group meet together in the North Room for “Sundaes on Wednesdays” and a short lesson while adults assist with Lakeview cleanup. One or two adult volunteers are needed each week to help serve ice cream. Confirmation students will meet with their mentors during this time.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am

We will joyfully process from the Lakeview Room to the Sanctuary, waving palms high in remembrance of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus's death and resurrection.

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!