



First Sunday after Epiphany

January 12, 2025



**DIAMOND
LAKE
LUTHERAN
CHURCH**

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 worship and in the Lakeview Room following worship. Please leave your nametag on during the fellowship time.

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.

Special Assistance

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available. Please see the ushers for assistance.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Sue Haffield

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Servers: Dan Krocak, Nora Krocak, Bob Kresse

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Kris Pearson

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host: Kathi Gallup

Pray-ground Clean Up:

BAPTISM OF OUR LORD

The Messiah has arrived at last. The season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed in Jesus. Simeon and Anna proclaim baby Jesus as the savior. Jesus returned to the temple as a boy, revealing his deep understanding of God to the teachers. Jesus was named God's beloved Son at his baptism, the one whom John the Baptist had announced. Jesus reveals his own mission in Nazareth, declaring that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. He then sets about the work of the kingdom as he calls his disciples and challenges the religious leaders.

We invite those who are able to stand each time the † symbol appears.

PRELUDE

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 3

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WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 25:34

Aaron David Miller

† CONFESSIOIN & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: **Amen.**

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: **you speak blessing and compassion into the world.**

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

We ignore the needs of our neighbors;

we resist your call to oppose injustice;

we give in to scarcity and fear;

we assume the worst about one another.

Cleanse us from our faults

and release us from their grasp.

Show us your loving kindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

Rise, Shine, You People!

#665, vs. 1,3,4

‡ **GREETING**

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

‡ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

L: Let us pray.

C: **God of all learning, when the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn. Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

‡ **GOSPEL**

Luke 2:41-52

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 2nd chapter.

C: **Glory to you, Lord.**

⁴¹ Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴² And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³ When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents were unaware of this. ⁴⁴ Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.

⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents^[a] saw him they were astonished, and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰ But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹ Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was obedient to them, and his mother treasured all these things in her heart. ⁵² And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years and in divine and human favor.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.
 C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ask the Complicated Questions

1 Ask the com - pli - cat - ed ques - tions.
 2 Seek the dis - con - cert - ing an - swers,
 3 Knock on doors of new i - de - as,
 4 For in strug - gle we dis - cov - er

Do not fear to be found out; for our God makes
 fol - low where the Spir - it blows; test com - pet - ing
 test as - sump - tions long grown stale, for Christ calls from
 truth both sim - ple and pro - found; in the knock - ing,

strong our weak - ness, forg - ing faith in fires of doubt.
 truths for wis - dom, for in ten - sion new life grows.
 shores of won - der, dar - ing us to try and fail.
 ask - ing, seek - ing, we are o - pened, an - swered, found.

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

You may share the peace with those around you.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

Jan Michaletz

OFFERING

Hymn of Peace

Mary McDonald
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.

January Mission of the Month: Reconciling Works

As people of faith, we are called to build a more inclusive, just, and loving world. Supporting Reconciling Works enables vital efforts to ensure that LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families are fully welcomed, celebrated, and affirmed within the church and beyond. Your generosity fuels this important work in three key areas:

Deepening and Expanding the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program: *The RIC program equips congregations to create inclusive and affirming spaces. Your donations support outreach, education, and the production and distribution of resources to faith communities across the country. These efforts also strengthen relationships with existing RIC settings, ensuring that the ongoing work of inclusion and affirmation continues to grow.*

Dismantling Injustice Through a Lutheran Lens: ReconcilingWorks advocates for LGBTQIA+ protections and addresses injustices rooted in sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, and other forms of marginalization. Through an intersectional and ecumenical approach, ReconcilingWorks amplifies a Lutheran voice in society, standing firmly with LGBTQIA+ individuals and families to ensure justice and equality.

Building and Strengthening Relationships with Lutheran

Churches: ReconcilingWorks collaborates with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) to implement LGBTQIA+-inclusive policies and practices. By engaging with bishops, churchwide staff, and councils, ReconcilingWorks continues to move the church toward becoming a more inclusive and loving community for all people, especially those on the margins.

Every dollar you give ensures that ReconcilingWorks can continue equipping congregations, advocating for systemic change, and inspiring the church to boldly stand with LGBTQIA+ individuals and families. Join us in this holy work of love, justice, and reconciliation.

Give to the Mission of the Month

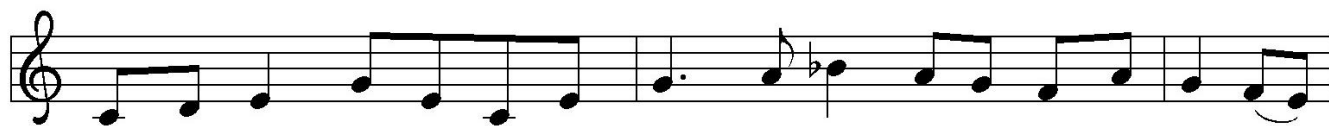
To make a gift to Reconciling Works, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with “Mission of the Month” in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit “Give Back” page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose “Mission of the Month” from the drop-down menu.

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



‡ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



bles - sing. 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 now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

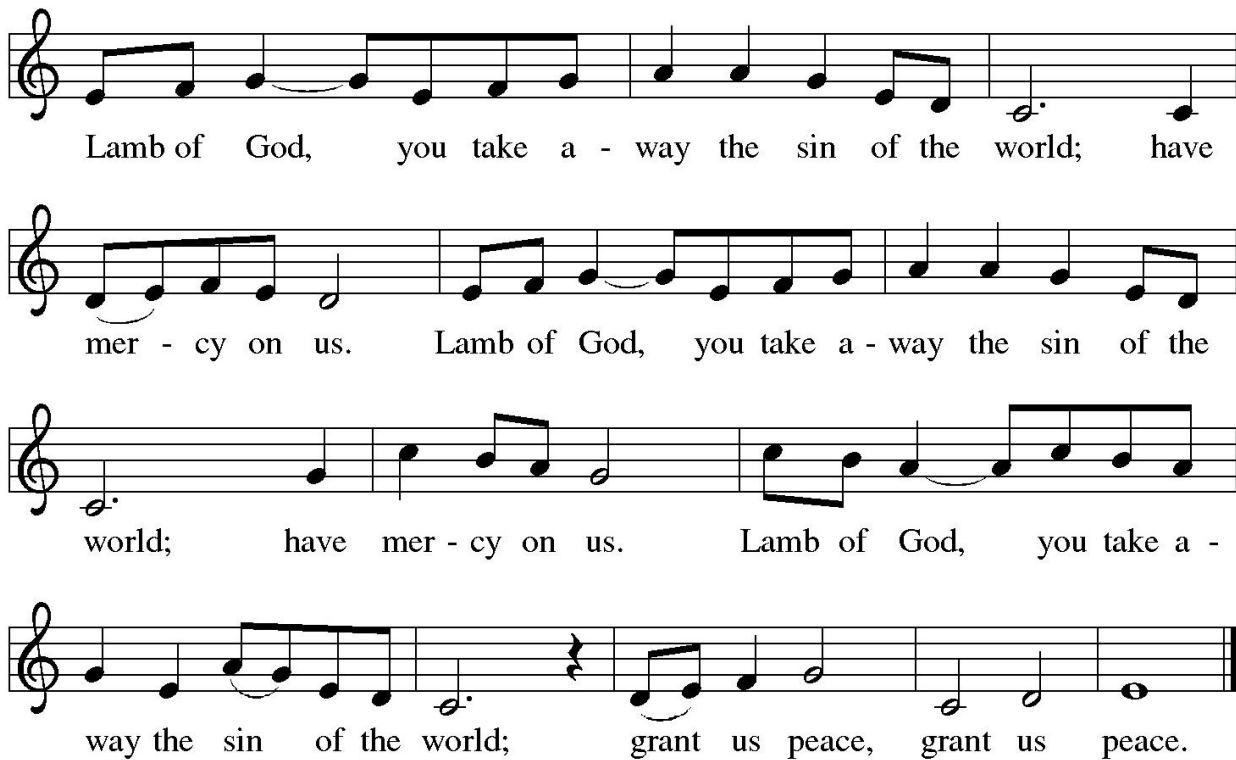
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

C: 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

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

LAMB OF GOD



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

As the Grains of Wheat
We Come to the Hungry Feast

#465

#479

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS**‡ BLESSING**

P: The Spirit of the triune God
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING HYMN

Our Father, by Whose Name

#640

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

‡ CHORAL AMEN *(Please remain in place until the choir is finished.)*

POSTLUDE

Impromptu Op. 90, No. 2

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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.

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

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