



Third Sunday of Advent
Children's Christmas Program

December 15, 2024



**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

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Elliot Plummer, Joe Plummer, Paul Groskreutz

Communion Servers: Dan Krocak, Nora Krocak

A/V Tech: Matt Brent, Frank Anderson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Guest Pianists: Dr. Grace Choi, Elsie Podratz

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Greeters: Leslie Pitt & Brett Brueske, Graydon Royce

Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Mike Eckroth

Pray-Ground Clean-Up:

Coffee Hosts: Dawn Bartl & Gary Milne

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT/CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

God sent prophets to the peoples of Israel and Judah, often bringing words of warning and condemnation for idolatry and injustice, calling the people to get back on the right path. However, in times of suffering, the prophets gave God's people words of hope—that God would rescue them from their troubles. God delivered Daniel from the lions' den. Joel spoke of a hope that comes out of repentance, and Isaiah prophesied of the hope that comes through the Messiah—the one who will deliver humanity from suffering and oppression. Finally, the Messiah's birth is foretold to his mother by an angel and confirmed by her cousin Elizabeth.

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

PRELUDE

Gesu Bambino

Yon

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: In this Advent season, the herald in the wilderness calls out,
"Prepare the way of the Lord!"
and the prophets call us to righteousness.

We live in a world that trades in isolation and comparison,
competition and fear.

**C: *We are waiting for the One
who will turn the world around,
causing us to live in connection and compassion,
mutual support and liberation.**

L: We live in a world that races for money and success,
that worships busyness and productivity,
that hoards and consumes.

**C: *We are waiting for the One
who will turn the world around,
so we will know that there is enough
and that we are enough,
and so we can be still and rest.**

L: We live in a world that tries to hide from death
by pursuing eternal youth.

**C: *We are waiting for the One
who will turn the world around,
and bring new life from places we would call
dead and worthless.**

L: We live in a world that is broken and hurting.

**C: We are waiting for the One
who will turn the world around,
to heal and comfort all people.**

L: God, restore our hope in this time of watching and waiting.
Give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
counsel and might,
knowledge and reverent trembling in your presence.
Reveal to us that our stories are woven together,
that we will be healed and whole
when all people are fed and free.
Gather us together in the shelter of your righteousness.

C: Amen.

**indicates where each of the four candles are lit*

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Christmas Snapshots by Cathy Skogen-Soldner

NARRATORS: Elsie Podratz, Theo Brent

SCRIPTURE READER: Sabrina Falk

MARY: Indie Schmidt

JOSEPH: Louis Campbell

SHEPARDS: Elsie Zaelich, Max Spring

SHEEP: Ceci Campbell, Hendrik Reitz

ANGELS: Annika Reitz, Harper Schmidt, Emelia Pedersen, Minerva Spring,
Clementine Roske-Metcalf

MAGI/WISEMEN: Emmett Miller, Calvin Sexe, Theo Brent

DIRECTOR: Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold, Director of Children, Youth & Family Ministry

ASSISTANT DIRECTORS/PRODUCTION ASSISTANTS: Adelaide Brent, Olivia
Roske-Metcalf

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and
places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our
hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: 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

Dr. Kevin Hobbs

OFFERING

O Come Emmanuel

arr. Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Dr. Kevin Hobbs & Dr. Grace Choi

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: Sanctuary Supply Depot

Sanctuary Supply Depot is a Minneapolis-based mutual aid collective dedicated to collecting and distributing essential survival supplies to unhoused neighbors. Volunteers with Sanctuary Supply Depot listen to the needs of those living in the encampments and provide tents, tarps, fresh water, portable phone chargers, or even makeshift camp toilets. Donations are vital to helping Sanctuary Supply Depot keep people safe and alive in the harsh Minnesota weather.

A winter supply drive is also currently underway. The following items are being collected at Diamond Lake Lutheran and will be dropped off for distribution.

- *Adult-sized clothing (new or used in good condition)*
- *Winter coats, snow pants, and boots in all sizes*
- *Socks*
- *Emergency blankets*
- *Hot hands/feet/body warmers*
- *All kinds of new batteries*
- *Lighters*

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a financial gift to Sanctuary Supply Depot, 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>



‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and yet you draw near to sustain us.
We praise you for your gifts,
and the invitation to share what we receive,
as we await the advent of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

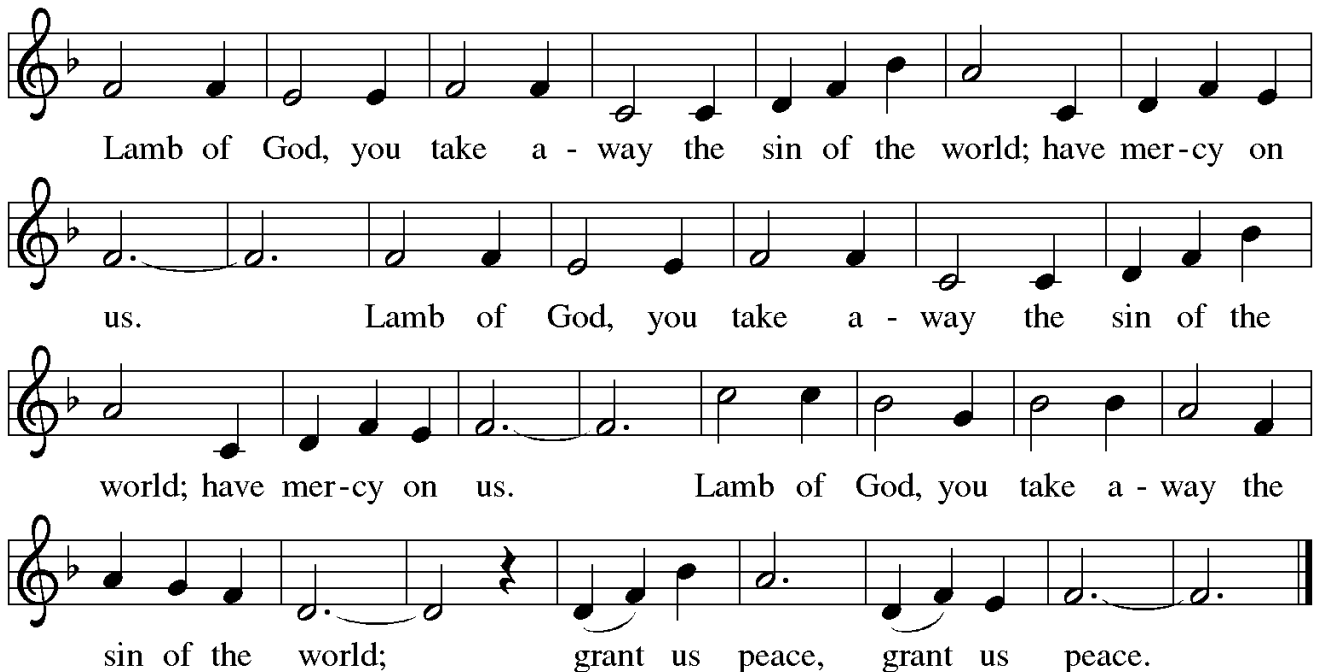
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table, all who are hungry!
There is more than enough for all.

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 SONGS

*Angels We Have Heard on High
Silent Night*

Elsie Podratz, piano
Barnes/Chadwick
Gruber/Moore

COMMUNION HYMN

Savior of the Nations, Come

#263

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God,
We thank you for coming among us, for giving us the bread of salvation,
for leading us into peace. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we seek the
work of justice and joy in your name.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: May the God of endings and beginnings,
May the God of the darkness and of the light,
May God, our hope for the journey,
bless and keep you now and forever.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

He Came Down

#253

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Sleigh Ride Duet Fantasy

Anderson
arr. Heyde and Tedesco

Christmas Snapshots by Cathy Skogen-Soldner, © 2002 Cathy Skogen-Soldner, 1923 Noble Road, Arden Hills, MN 55112. All Rights Reserved. E-Mail: cathy@cathysmusic.com Website: www.cathysmusic.com

“Angels We Have Heard on High” and “Silent Night” performed by Elsie Podratz from Piano Adventures® curriculum by Nancy and Randall Faber, © 1991 Dovetree Productions, Inc. Used by permission.

Sleigh Ride Duet Fantasy, © 1948 (Renewed) Woodbury Music Company. All Rights Reserved. Used by permission.

From Sundays and Seasons.com. Copyright 2024 Augsburg Fortress. All rights reserved. Reprinted by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #26148. New Revised Standard Version Bible Updated Edition (NRSVUE), copyright 2021, Division of Christian Education of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the United States of America. All rights reserved. Music reprinted and livestreamed with permission from One License Annual License w/Podcasting A-713025. All rights reserved: Lamb of God (Young), Music © 1995 Augsburg Fortress; Savior of the Nations Come, Text: © 2006, Augsburg Fortress. He Came Down, Tune: Transcr. and arr. by John L. Bell, © 1990, Iona Community, GIA Publications, Inc., agent; Gesu Bambino, Music - ©1970 Belwin Sacred.

*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.

5760 Portland Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN 55417 | 612-866-2579 | www.dllc.org

Diamond Lake Lutheran Staff

Lead Pastor

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

andrea.roske-metcalf@dllc.org

Director of Community Outreach

John Pedersen

john.pedersen@dllc.org

Director of Children, Youth, and Family Ministries

Lacy Tooker-Kirkevold

lacy.tooker-kirkevold@dllc.org

Director of Communications

Kristine Spanier

kristine.spanier@dllc.org

Facilities Coordinator

Brian Foster

brian.foster@dllc.org