



**Ash Wednesday**  
March 5, 2025



# 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 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: Graydon Royce

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Judi Simons

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Jeff Simons

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion: Sue Nelson, Kirk Gallup, William Johnson, Barb Glasoe, Chris Glasoe

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman



# everything [in] between

intention & action

## ASH WEDNESDAY

The journey of Lent begins with a clear destination. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and, in doing so, sets his course toward his own suffering and death. He pauses only to remind his followers to set their faces in the right direction—to repent, serve others, and follow him, even to death. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded again and again to turn around and face Jerusalem.

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

### PRELUDE

*Danzas Argentinas, No. 2, Ginastera*

### WELCOME

### TRINITY CHIMES

### CALL TO WORSHIP

*Return to the Lord, Karle Erickson*

## ‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Lent is a season that invites us to be intentional.  
Lent asks us, how will you go deeper these next six weeks?  
How will you grow closer to God and your neighbor?  
What will you do to strengthen your faith?  
Much like Christ, Lent invites us to go deeper.

Despite our best efforts, that soul-tending work is often easier said than done.  
However, instead of entering this season already feeling behind, let us enter with honesty. Let us enter this season aware of our hopes, and aware of the challenges. Let us enter this season wrapped in God's grace.

*(Silence is kept for reflection)*

P: Friends, join me in speaking honestly to God.  
Join me in receiving mercy. Let us pray:

P: Jesus said, "Follow me."

**C: And we said, let us get ready.**

P: Jesus said, "follow me."

**P: And we said, just one minute!**

P: Jesus said, "Follow me."

**C: And we said, We'll be there soon!**

P: The invitation is simple, but the work is hard.

**C: Jesus, forgive our delay.**

**We want to follow you.**

**Turn our intentions into actions.**

**Show us the way.**

**Amen.**

P: Lent asks,  
"How will you go deeper? How will you follow Christ?"  
Regardless of what that journey looks like for us,  
regardless of what today, tomorrow, or the next day brings,  
we are not alone.  
We are seen and loved by God.  
We are held in grace.

**C: Thanks be to God for a love like that. Amen.**

## ‡ GATHERING HYMN

*When We Are Tested*



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.

## ‡ 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: **Lord Jesus, Great Teacher,**  
you place tremendous responsibility upon those who follow you. You demand more than we are often willing to give. You promise no safety, only that the way will be rough. Make us ready and willing to walk your rocky path and carry your subversive word to hostile ears, for the hope and promise of life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

## SERMON ON THE STEPS

### ‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

## ‡ GOSPEL: LUKE 9:51-62

R: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 9<sup>th</sup> Chapter.

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

<sup>51</sup> When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face toward Jerusalem. <sup>52</sup> And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, <sup>53</sup> but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. <sup>54</sup> When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" <sup>55</sup> But he turned and rebuked them. <sup>56</sup> Then they went on to another village.

<sup>57</sup> As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." <sup>58</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." <sup>59</sup> To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." <sup>60</sup> And Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." <sup>61</sup> Another said, "I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home." <sup>62</sup> And Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

*Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf*

## HYMN OF THE DAY

*When Our Minds Are Set and Certain*  
Sung to the tune of *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

When our minds are set and certain  
grant us grace that intercedes.  
When our hearts are hard with habit  
ease us into gentle deeds.  
When our ways are planned and patterned,  
guide us out of rote routine.  
Come reform our fixed intentions;  
teach us in the in between.

When we wander, lost and lonesome  
lead us back to flock and fold.  
When we ache with want or labor  
draw us close to be consoled.  
When we judge the ones around us  
show us wisdom yet unseen.  
Gather all to feast together;  
join us in the in between.

When the cruel deceive and slander  
amplify the kind and true.  
When the weight of hate is heavy  
strengthen love to pull us through.  
Great are small, and weak are mighty  
as your powers intervene.  
Call your people to conversion:  
heal us in the in between.

### ‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

*A brief silence is kept before the prayers.*

L: God, in your mercy,  
C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.  
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.*



## OFFERING

*Hear Thou Our Prayer, O Lord  
From the Russian Liturgy, arr. Peter D. Tkach  
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.*

### **March Mission of the Month: Global Refuge**

*(formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)*

*Global Refuge has been a lifeline for immigrants and refugees for over 85 years, helping them find stability and a sense of home. Services support children and families through refugee resettlement, foster care, economic empowerment, mental healthcare, and crisis response.*

*In January, a stop work order halted all refugee reception and placement services under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, immediately impacting thousands of refugees. Many arrive with little more than what they can carry, relying on Global Refuge to guide them through their first months in a new country.*

*With federal funding suddenly cut, Global Refuge must now depend on community support to continue this vital work. Your generosity will help provide housing, essential resources, education, and job assistance to refugees, ensuring they have the foundation to rebuild their lives.*

### **Give to the Mission of the Month**

*To make a gift to Global Refuge, 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](http://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

*Create in Me*



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right  
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take  
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of  
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

## ‡ OFFERING PRAYER

- L: Let us pray.  
Gracious Provider,  
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.  
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to  
sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

## ‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

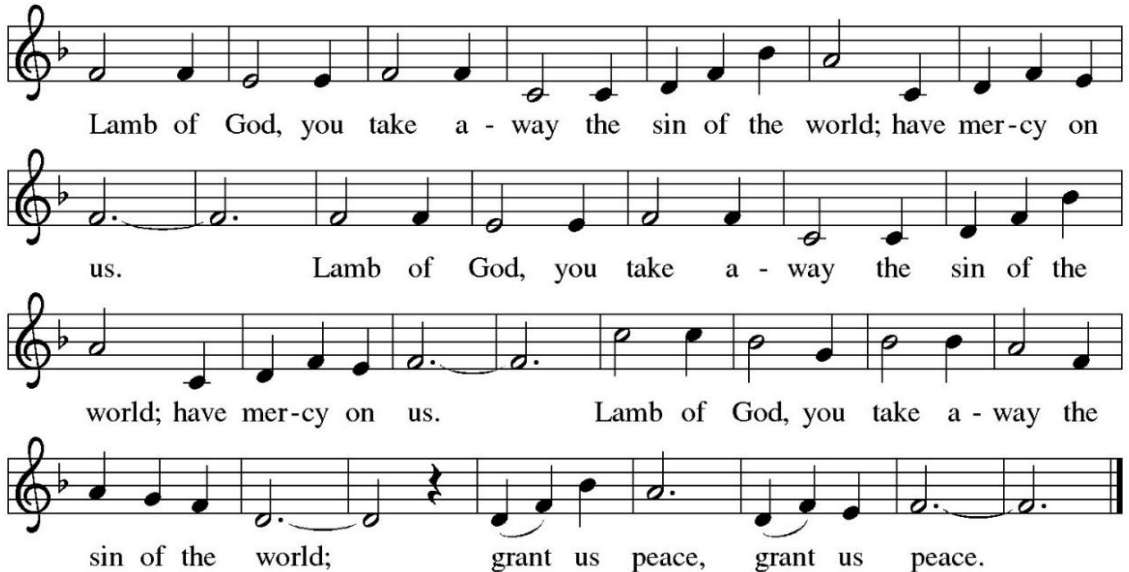
## ‡ LORD'S PRAYER

- 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: All who are hungry, come!  
The feast of grace is spread.

## 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.

## IMPOSITION OF ASHES & DISTRIBUTION OF THE EUCHARIST

*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

*All Things of Dust to Dust Return*

1 All things of dust to dust re - turn on earth and in the sky.  
 2 Lord, mark with dust and ash my brow so I may com-pre-hend  
 3 Lord, mark up - on my brow this sign: a stark and bar - ren cross

The hot - test, bright - est suns that burn in time grow dim and die.  
 that ev - 'ry mo - ment here and now links me to that same end  
 re - mind - ing me that though di - vine you know my pain and loss,

The fish that leap, the birds that soar, the new - born young that play,  
 I share with all that breathe and burn, that flare and fade and tire  
 and at the touch of dust and ash a - wake my heart to view

the leaves that fill the for - est floor re - vert to dust and clay.  
 yet by their wan - ing light dis - cern your own un - dy - ing fire.  
 how death it - self is but a flash that dies a - way in you.

*Our Father, We Have Wandered*.....#606

*Lord Jesus, Think on Me*.....#599

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P:** Generous Host,  
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.  
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,  
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,  
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C:** **Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **‡ SENDING SONG**

*O Lord, throughout These Forty Days*.....#319

### **‡ BLESSING**

**L:** As you leave this place,  
may you find God in every messy middle.  
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.  
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,  
and therefore, you contain multitudes.  
So may you move through this world with an open heart,  
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.  
God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys,  
and everywhere in between.

**C:** **Amen.**

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

## **DISMISSAL**

**L:** Go now in peace, into the [in]between,

**C:** **Thanks be to God!**

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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.*

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

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## **Artist's Statement**

### *Toward Jerusalem*

*The relationship between the Jews and Samaritans at the time of Jesus' ministry was defined by centuries of political upheaval resulting in foundational cultural and religious differences. Instead of centering Jerusalem as their religious and cultural hub, Samaritans built their temple on Mount Gerizim.<sup>1</sup> I think that Jesus' unwavering focus on Jerusalem was a non-starter for the Samaritans. Perhaps feeling disrespected or even judged, the Samaritans were unable to receive Jesus. Their intention to remain faithful to their religious traditions made it difficult for them to embrace Jesus' message.*

*When James and John saw the Samaritans reject Jesus, they were enraged. It is certainly not difficult for me to imagine being triggered by people with different worldviews, as I find myself similarly dealing with lots of anger that is difficult to process. In their fury, James and John seek to call down a consuming fire from heaven upon the Samaritans, an action antithetical to their intention as disciples to follow the way of Jesus.*

*Jesus is central to this image, urgent in his stride, with his eyes set on Jerusalem at the horizon line. His clothing is patterned with doves and olive branches as he faces the city of peace. Behind him, James points accusingly at the Samaritans while John tugs on Jesus' garment. Their clothing holds patterns of fire raining down from heaven. In front of Jesus, a group of Samaritans are altogether unreceptive. Their clothing is patterned with Samaritan distinctions like mountains representing Mount Gerizim, and scrolls, stone tablets, and shapes in sets of five to reference the Pentateuch as their holy scripture.<sup>2</sup> What might trigger you toward unproductive rage or to resist the work God is doing in the world? How can we be resolute in our calling, like Jesus, despite distractions and adversity? What would it look like to align your actions with your intentions?*

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

<sup>1</sup> For historical context on and discussion of the Samaritans (Strong's G454), please visit: [blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g4541/esv/mgnt/0-1/](http://blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g4541/esv/mgnt/0-1/)

<sup>2</sup> Ibid.