



Celebration Sunday
God's Work, Our Hands

September 13, 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Roxanne and John Jacobson in honor of their wedding anniversary, and by the McKigney family in memory of Darren's mother, Arlene.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Graydon Royce

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Special Music: The Agape Quintet (Bill Henry—keys, Ben Anderson—percussion, John Egnell—trumpet and flugelhorn, Mike Johander—bass, Chuck Linderkamp—woodwinds, guitar, handpan, vocals)

Door Monitor: Adam Podratz

Head Usher: Jeff Simons

Ushers: Gene Zemske, Julie Schmidt

Coffee Host: Sue Nelson

Greeters: Dawn Bartl, Sue Nelson

Acolyte: Judi Simons

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Baker: Natalie Remus

Communion Leader: Kathy Gustafson

Communion Servers: Kirk Gallup, Audrey Wessling

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Kirk Gallup

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Carisa Brent, Adam Podratz

CELEBRATION SUNDAY / GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

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

PRELUDE

*Celebration Mambo, Arivett
Agape Quintet*

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.

Amen.

Confident that God redeems us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(A brief silence)

Compassionate God,
**we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.**

Creation groans from overuse.

Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.

Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.

**Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love
to others.**

Turn our hearts back to you.

Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.

**Renew us to live as your holy people,
following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

People of God, hear this good news:
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
This gift of grace is for you, and for me; for every last one of us.
Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....ELW 807

‡ 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 promise,
you set a bow in the sky to remind us
that you will never again forsake your creation.
Make us ever mindful of your promise,
so that we might honor our covenant with you.
We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS & BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ READING: GENESIS 6:13-14, 17-19, 22; 7:11-12, 18-19; 8:6-11; 9:8-11, 13-15, 17

A reading from the book of Genesis, from chapters six through nine.

God said to Noah, “I have determined to make an end of all flesh, for the earth is filled with violence because of them; now I am going to destroy them along with the earth. Make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in the ark, and cover it inside and out with pitch. For my part, I am going to bring a flood of waters on the earth, to destroy from under heaven all flesh in which is the breath of life; everything that is on the earth shall die. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you shall come into the ark, you, your sons, your wife, and your sons’ wives with you. And of every living thing, of all flesh, you shall bring two of every kind into the ark, to keep them alive with you; they shall be male and female.” Noah did this; he did all that God commanded him.

In the six hundredth year of Noah’s life, in the second month, on the seventeenth day of the month, on that day all the fountains of the great deep burst forth, and the windows of the heavens were opened. The rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. The waters swelled and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the face of the waters. The waters swelled so mightily on the earth that all the high mountains under the whole heaven were covered.

At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark that he had made and sent out the raven, and it went to and fro until the waters were dried up from the earth. Then he sent out the dove from him to see if the waters had subsided from the face of the ground, but the dove found no place to set its foot, and it returned to him to the ark, for the waters were still on the face of the whole earth. So he put out his hand and took it and brought it into the ark with him. He waited another seven days, and again he sent out the dove from the ark, and the dove came back to him in the evening, and there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf; so Noah knew that the waters had subsided from the earth.

Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him, “As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” God said, “I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh, and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.” God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

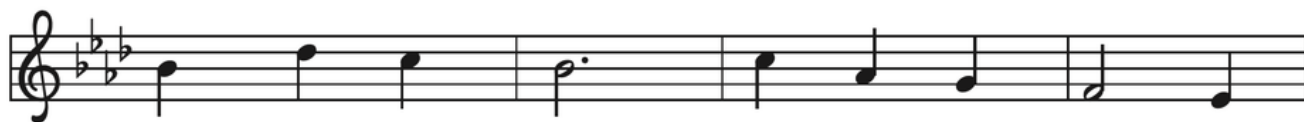
God's Work, Our Hands.....ACS 1000 (vs 1, 2, 3)



1 God's work, our hands: work - ing to - geth - er,
 2 God's work, our feet: trav - 'ling to - geth - er,
 3 God's work, our voice: sing - ing to - geth - er,
 4 God is at work in and a - round us:



build - ing a fu - ture, re - pair - ing the world,
 fol - low - ing Je - sus to plac - es un - known,
 prais - ing, pro - claim - ing to all who will hear,
 seed - lings are sprout - ing and bread's on the rise!



rais - ing up homes, plant - ing new gar - dens,
 walk - ing as friends, march - ing for free - dom,
 pray - ing for peace, shout - ing for jus - tice,
 Washed and set free, hum - bled and hon - ored,



feed - ing the hun - gry and shelt - 'ring the cold.
 run - ning the race with God's fu - ture the goal.
 claim - ing God's love for the lost and the least.
 gift - ed by grace, we re - spond in God's love.



Bless, God, our hands as we work in your name,
 Bless, God, our feet as we fol - low your way,
 Bless, God, our voice as we speak in your name,
 Bless, God, our lives as we an - swer your call,



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‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name,

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

I Want Jesus to Walk With Me arr. Linderkamp
Agape Quintet

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.

Mission of the Month: Every Meal

Over 300,000 kids in Minnesota face food insecurity, and for many, school lunches are their only reliable meals. Every Meal helps close the weekend gap by sending home 4–5 pounds of healthy food each Friday, with options that fit different cultural and dietary needs. Diamond Lake Lutheran supports Barton Elementary in this initiative where about 25–30 students are expected to take part this year. \$440 feeds one student for the whole school year—and gifts of any amount make a difference.

Give to the General Fund or the Mission of the Month via:

Cash – Use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation. Loose cash without an envelope will go towards the General Fund.

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.

Thank you!



Scan to Give

‡ OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.

For these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.

For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.

In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.

In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.

All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.

Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always,

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, all who long for the gift of community, come!

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.

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 MUSIC

This is My Father's World arr. Curry
Agape Quintet

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Sustaining God,

with this bread and cup,

you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.

By your spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.

Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,

following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May the God of love draw us together as one
in the body of Christ Jesus.

Amen.

May the God of hope
grant us strength and joy in all circumstances
by the power and delight of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May the God of grace bless us now and forever.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind.....ELW 400 (vs 1, 4)

‡ DISMISSAL

Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Wade in the Water/You Gotta Sing arr. Sowash
Agape Quintet

*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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