



**First Sunday of Christmas
Christmas Hymn Sing**

December 28, 2025

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 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.

Guest Preacher - Rev. Margaret Kelly, MSW, LICSW

Pastor Margaret is a clinical social worker with particular expertise working with folks on the margins of our communities. She has worked in mental health crisis stabilization, adult and children's mental health case management, and housing support for people with mental illness. She received significant recognition for developing Shobi's Table into a community run food truck that brought worship to the streets of St Paul, MN. She currently resides in South Minneapolis with her 2 kids and a calico cat learning to tolerate two, no longer little, kittens.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Joyce Thyberg Peterson and Paul and Nancy Thyberg, in memory of Virginia and Orville Thyberg, who were charter members of Diamond Lake Lutheran Church.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Margaret Kelly
Assisting Minister: Cynthia Dickson
Organist/Pianist: David Miller
Greeters: Kris Pearson, Julie Schmidt
Ushers:
Reader: Dave Campbell
Communion Baker: Sue Nelson
Communion Leader: Bob Kresse

Communion Servers: Barb Glasoe, Chris Glasoe,
Julie Schmidt
A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Coffee Hosts: Sue Nelson
Pray-ground Cleanup:
Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Joe Plummer, Gene
Zemske

FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

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

PRELUDE

The First Noel arr. B. Wolaver

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
Wonderful Counselor,
Mighty Savior,
Prince of Peace.

Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love and faithfulness,
let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
**we yearn for your presence to transform
our grief, pain, and despair.**

**We confess that we have not always prepared
room in our hearts for your love;
we have not always recognized
your presence among us;
we have not always embraced your message of peace.**

**We cry out, weary with the burden of violence,
oppression, and fear.**

**We confess our failure to make room
for those seeking refuge;
our participation in violent systems
that harm your innocent ones;
our reluctance to embody your good news.**

**Be born in us today
and teach us to sing the joyful song of your salvation.
Amen.**

God’s grace upon grace flows over you.
Christ’s presence redeems the whole creation.
Your sins are forgiven. Let the earth rejoice and be glad!
Amen.


‡ GATHERING HYMN

Joy to the World.....ELW 267

‡ 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.

‡ KYRIE (Sung to the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)



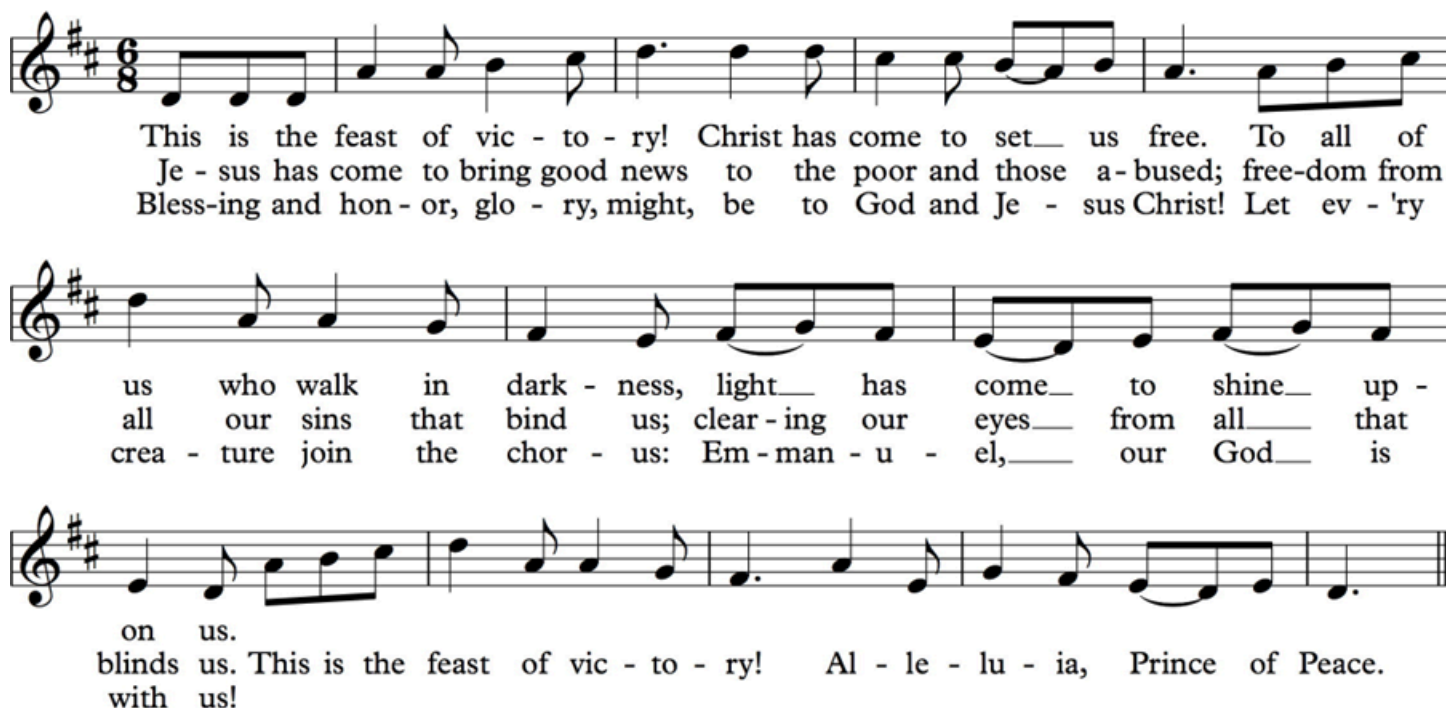
Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on__ us.

Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.

Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.__
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.__

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung to the tune of “People Look East”)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Christ has come to set__ us free. To all of
Je - sus has come to bring good news to the poor and those a - bused; free - dom from
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry, might, be to God and Je - sus Christ! Let ev - 'ry

us who walk in dark - ness, light__ has come__ to shine__ up -
all our sins that bind us; clear - ing our eyes__ from all__ that
crea - ture join the chor - us: Em - man - u - el,__ our God__ is

on us.
blinds us. This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Al - le - lu - ia, Prince of Peace.
with us!

‡ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

Triune God,

**Make us one in Spirit as you are one in Spirit,
together since before time began.**

**Grant us the unity that seeks justice in community,
Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung to the tune of “Once in Royal David’s City”)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior;

open now your saving Word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speak until our hearts are stirred!

Alleluia! Lord, we sing

for the good news that you bring.

‡ **GOSPEL: JOHN 1:1-14**

The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the first chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

There was a man sent from God whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him, yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

CHRISTMAS HYMN SING

Advent and Christmas hymns from our red hymnal, *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, are listed below in alphabetical order. If you'd like to suggest a hymn, raise your hand. Once you have the microphone, share with the congregation (1) your first and last name, (2) the name and number of the hymn you are choosing, (3) which two verses you'd like to sing, and (4) a (very!) brief explanation as to why you chose this hymn.

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| All Earth is Hopeful, #266 | Let All Together Praise Our God, #287 |
| All My Heart Again Rejoices, #273 | Let Our Gladness Have No End, #291 |
| The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came, #265 | Light One Candle to Watch for Messiah, #240 |
| Angels We Have Heard on High, #289 | Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming, #272 |
| As the Dark Awaits the Dawn, #261 | Lost in the Night, #243 |
| Awake, Awake, and Greet the New Morn, #242 | Love Has Come, #292 |
| Away in a Manger, #277 and #278 | Midnight Stars Make Bright the Skies, #280 |
| The Bells of Christmas, #298 | O Come, All Ye Faithful, #283 |
| Blessed Be the God of Israel, #250 | O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, #257 |
| Cold December Flies Away, #299 | O Little Town of Bethlehem, #279 |
| Come Now, O Prince of Peace, #247 | O Lord, How Shall I Meet You, #241 |
| Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus, #254 | Of the Father's Love Begotten, #295 |
| Comfort, Comfort Now My People, #256 | On Christmas Night, #274 |
| Creator of the Stars of Night, #245 | On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry, #249 |
| Each Winter as the Year Grows Older, #252 | Once in Royal David's City, #269 |
| The First Noel, #300 | Peace Came to Earth, #285 |
| Fling Wide the Door, #259 | People, Look East, #248 |
| From Heaven Above, #268 | Prepare the Royal Highway, #264 |
| Go, Tell It on the Mountain, #290 | Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers, #244 |
| Good Christian Friends, Rejoice, #288 | Savior of the Nations, Come, #263 |
| Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding, #246 | Silent Night, Holy Night, #281 |
| Hark, the Glad Sound! #239 | My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, #251 |
| Hark! The Herald Angels Sing, #270 | That Boy-Child of Mary, #293 |
| He Came Down, #253 | There's a Voice in the Wilderness, #255 |
| I am so glad each Christmas Eve, #271 | 'Twas in the Moon of Wintertime, #284 |
| Infant Holy, Infant Lowly, #276 | Unexpected and Mysterious, #258 |
| It Came upon the Midnight Clear, #282 | Wait for the Lord, #262 |
| Jesus, What a Wonderful Child, #297 | What Child is This, #296 |
| Joy to the World!, #267 | Your Little Ones, Dear Lord, #286 |
| The King Shall Come, #260 | |

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church, for our neighbors, for creation, and for all in need.

a brief silence

God, in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy and love, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen

‡ **SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming arr. D. Miller

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: The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC) is a nonprofit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of Native women and their families. Founded in 1984, MIWRC provides a broad range of programs designed to educate and empower Native women and their families, and to inform and assist those who work providing services to the

community. Programs are developed to address issues that significantly affect the well-being of Indigenous women and their families such as affordable housing, chemical dependency, mental health care, cultural resilience and healing, and other family and community issues.

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.



Thank you!

‡ OFFERTORY (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

Oh, what shall I render in thanks to my Lord
for all the good gifts by which I am restored?
No treasure I tender could ever repay
God’s mercy and faithfulness, new every day.
My hands take the cup of salvation you give;
I’ll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,
with all of your people your goodness proclaim.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, receive and bless these gifts we have offered.
Join our hearts with the song of the angels,
and gather us at your table of celebration.
Strengthen us to share with all the world
the abundance of your grace upon grace,
poured out in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh.

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

A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

LAMB OF GOD (Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”)



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give_ us your
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-
joice! Re-joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra-el.

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

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| <i>The First Noel.....</i> | <i>ELW 300</i> |
| <i>Good Christian Friends, Rejoice.....</i> | <i>ELW 288</i> |

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ **BLESSING**

May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.

May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.

May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.

And may the blessing of almighty God,

Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,

be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

‡ **SENDING HYMN**

Go Tell It on the Mountain.....ELVW 290 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

‡ **DISMISSAL**

Glory to God in the highest,

and peace to God's people on earth.

Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Angels We Have Heard On High arr. T. Wilhelmi

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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