



Nativity of Our Lord
December 24, 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!

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. 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: Kris Pearson

Cross Bearer: Aspen Clausen

Reader: Emmett Miller

Communion Servers: Kristine Spanier, Graydon Royce, Jan Michaletz, Bob Kresse

Ushers: Mark Bergman, Lyle Dean, Kirk Gallup, Bob Gustafson

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Director of Handbell Choirs & Senior Choir: Chuck Linderkamp

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Greeters: Julie Schmidt, Karen Minge

NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

In winter's deepest night, we welcome the light of the Christ child. Isaiah declares that the light of the long-promised king will illumine the world and bring endless peace and justice. The angels declare that Jesus' birth is good and joyful news for everyone, including lowly shepherds. Filled with the light that shines in our lives, we go forth to share the light of Christ with the whole world.

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

arr. Monk

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: **we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter, claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin, through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice!
You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved, forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy.

C: **Amen.**

‡ 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: **Infant holy, we praise God for this day when we celebrate your miraculous birth! Transform us as you were transformed so that we may perfectly love you with our whole being, for the sake of the one who came humble and powerless, and became glory and power, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

ANTHEM

Happy Christmas Night

arr. Leland Sateren
Senior Choir

READING

Isaiah 9:2-7

R: A reading from the prophet Isaiah, the 9th chapter.

²The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light;
those who lived in a land of deep darkness—
on them light has shined.

³You have multiplied exultation;
you have increased its joy;
they rejoice before you
as with joy at the harvest,
as people exult when dividing plunder.

⁴For the yoke of their burden
and the bar across their shoulders,
the rod of their oppressor,
you have broken as on the day of Midian.

⁵For all the boots of the tramping warriors
and all the garments rolled in blood
shall be burned as fuel for the fire.

⁶For a child has been born for us,
a son given to us;
authority rests upon his shoulders,
and he is named
Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

⁷ Great will be his authority,
and there shall be endless peace
for the throne of David and his kingdom.
He will establish and uphold it
with justice and with righteousness
from this time onward and forevermore.
The zeal of the LORD of hosts will do this.

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

Carol of the Bells

Mykola Leontovych
arr. Diamond Lake Children's Bell Choir
Children's Bell Choir

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

‡ GOSPEL

Luke 2:1-20

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

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

In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. ² This was the first registration and was taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. ³ All went to their own towns to be registered. ⁴ Joseph also went from the town of Nazareth in Galilee to Judea, to the city of David called Bethlehem, because he was descended from the house and family of David. ⁵ He went to be registered with Mary, to whom he was engaged and who was expecting a child. ⁶ While they were there, the time came for her to deliver her child. ⁷ And she gave birth to her firstborn son and wrapped him in bands of cloth and laid him in a manger, because there was no place in the guest room.

⁸ Now in that same region there were shepherds living in the fields, keeping watch over their flock by night. ⁹ Then an angel of the Lord stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. ¹⁰ But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for see, I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people: ¹¹ to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. ¹² This will be a sign for you: you will find a child wrapped in bands of cloth and lying in a manger." ¹³ And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying,

¹⁴ “Glory to God in the highest heaven,
and on earth peace among those whom he favors!”

¹⁵ When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, “Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.”

¹⁶ So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph and the child lying in the manger. ¹⁷ When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child, ¹⁸ and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them, ¹⁹ and Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart. ²⁰ The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

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

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

HYMN OF THE DAY

Love Has Come

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‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

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

Emmanuel, El Shaddai

Michael Card/John Thompson
arr. Sonya K. Tucker
Carillon 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.

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>



‡ OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel, vs. 1 & 2



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

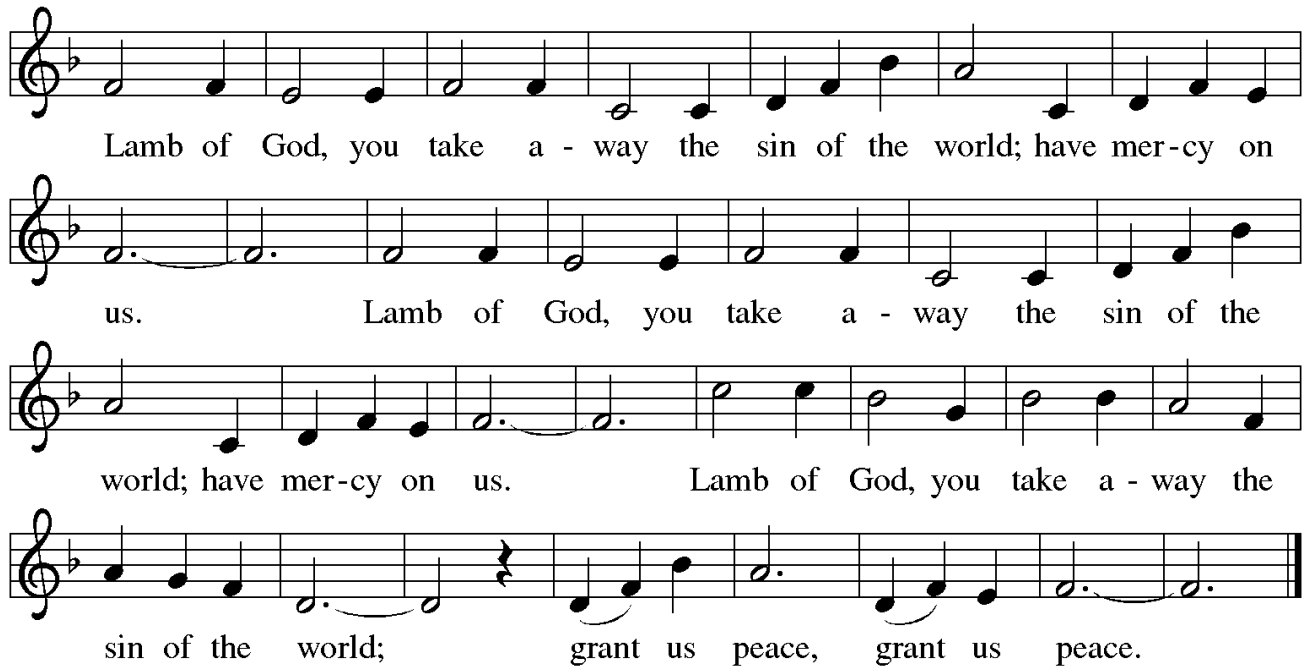
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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

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

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| <i>Away in a Manger</i> | #278 |
| <i>What Child Is This</i> | #296 |
| <i>Once in Royal David's City</i> | #269 |

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: 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.

C: Amen.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Silent Night, Holy Night



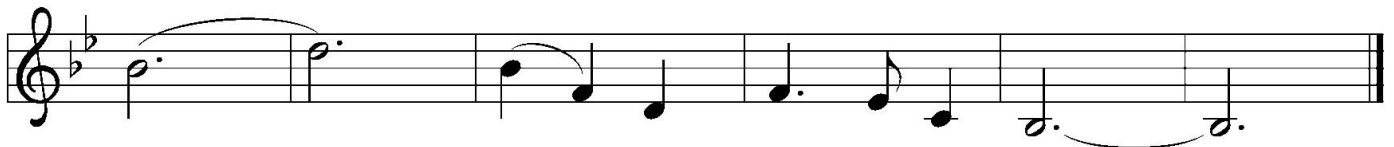
Stil - le Nacht, hei - li - ge Nacht! Al - les schläft,
 1 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! All is calm,
 2 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Shep - herds quake
 3 Si - lent night, ho - ly night! Son of God,



ein - sam wacht nur das trau - te, hoch - hei - li - ge Paar.
 all is bright round yon vir - gin moth - er and child.
 at the sight; glo - ries stream from heav - en a - far,
 love's pure light ra - diant beams from your ho - ly face,



Hold - er Kna - be im lok - ki - gen Haar, schlaf in himm - li - scher
 Ho - ly In - fant, so ten - der and mild, sleep in heav - en - ly
 heav'n - ly hosts . . . sing, al - le - lu - ia! Christ, the Sav - ior, is
 with the dawn of re - deem - ing grace, Je - sus, Lord, at your



Ruh, schlaf in himm - li - scher Ruh.
 peace, sleep in heav - en - ly peace.
 born! Christ, the Sav - ior, is born!
 birth, Je - sus, Lord, at your birth.

‡ BLESSING

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

You may extinguish your candles.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

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‡ DISMISSAL

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: **And peace to God's people on earth!**

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

POSTLUDE

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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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