



Ordinary Time
September 6, 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 Karen, Paul, and Sue Gabrielson in memory of Allan Gabrielson.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Jan Michaletz

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Door Monitor: Bob Kresse

Head Usher: Sue Nelson

Usher: Julie Schmidt

Coffee Host: Lisa Ritzinger

Greeter: Del Hamaker

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Sue Haffield

Communion Baker: Sue Nelson

Communion Leader: Paul Groskreutz

Communion Servers: Cynthia Dickison, Anne Groskreutz

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Gary Milne

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Anne Groskreutz, Lisa Ritzinger

ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE

Mazurka in A minor, Op. 17, No. 4, Chopin

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ GATHERING LITANY

We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.

We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

‡ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For this water, crisp and cold,
inviting us to shake off the cobwebs of all we had thought to be true.

We give you thanks, O God, for gift of baptism,
For this water, warm and inviting,
reminding us of your comfort and embrace.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For lakes and rivers, oceans and creeks,
For waters that foam and rage, for those that drip and trickle,
For waters that teem with life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For waters that hide dangers yet unknown,
For waters that remind us to be born anew,
For all the waters across your wide creation.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism!
Alleluia! Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

Gather Us In.....ELW 532 (vs 1, 2, 3)

‡ **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.
O God of Good News,
We rejoice in the gift of baptism,
for others, as well as ourselves.
Help us to remember your promises to us,
and to live into them, with each new day.
Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW pg. 227

Margaret May Masselink

Parents: Emmy and Michelle Masselink

Sponsors: Tripp Sommese and Mary Berthelsen

Congregational Representative: Julie Schmidt

CANTICLE OF WELCOME

You Belong to Christ

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

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

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le - lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

‡ **READING: ACTS 8:26-31, 35-40**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles, the eighth chapter.

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, “Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.” (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, the queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, “Go over to this chariot and join it.” So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, “Do you understand what you are reading?” He replied, “How can I, unless someone guides me?” And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water, and the eunuch said, “Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?” He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Remember and Rejoice.....ELW 454

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the whole world.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting that you receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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

Jesus Loves Medley, arr. Bos

Dr. Kevin Hobbs

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

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of every good thing,

you provide for us in every season of our lives.

Help us to open our hands, open our lives, to your whole creation,

that we might prioritize justice over wealth,

truth over reputation, people over profits.

Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This table is set for you –
you who are seeking
and you who rest in the illusion that you have all the answers,
you who speak up in the face of injustice and you who struggle to find your voice,
you who understand that we are both/and, sinner/saint, from beginning to end.
Come. Share in God's meal of grace.

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 HYMNS

Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters.....ELW 445

1 All who are thirst - y for mer - cy, all who are thirst - y for
 2 All who are thirst - y for heal - ing, all who are thirst - y for
 3 All who are thirst - y for beau - ty, all who are thirst - y for
 4 All who are thirst - y for jus - tice, all who are thirst - y for

love; all who are thirst - y for love, for mer - cy,
 touch; all who are thirst - y for touch, for heal - ing,
 truth; all who are thirst - y for truth, for beau - ty,
 peace; all who are thirst - y for peace, for jus - tice,

come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.
 come: come to the Wa - ter of life.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God,

you have fed us with a meal beyond our imaginations –
 a meal of grace, and delight, and freedom.

Send us forth from your table now,
 bearing good news for the whole world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May God bless you with the curiosity to continue growing into your own self.

May God keep you steady in the face of all that is unknown.

May God's face shine on you as you seek new answers

to old questions being born anew, ever and always.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing.....ELW 543

‡ DISMISSAL

Go now in peace with open hearts and minds,

Seeking justice and truth in all things.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Mazurka in B minor, Op. 30, No. 2, Chopin

This congregation traditionally sits and remains in the sanctuary to hear the postlude, which is offered by Dr. Hobbs. 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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