



Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 2, 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: Kris Pearson

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Julie Schmidt

Reader: Cyndi Kresse

Communion Servers: Paul & Anne Groskreutz

Ushers: Scouts from Troop 196

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host: Kathi Gallup

Pursers: Darren McKigney, Kate Sexe

Pray-Ground Cleanup:

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Messiah has arrived at last. The season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed in Jesus. Simeon and Anna proclaim baby Jesus as the savior. Jesus returned to the temple as a boy, revealing his deep understanding of God to the teachers. Jesus was named God's beloved Son at his baptism, the one whom John the Baptist had announced. Jesus reveals his own mission in Nazareth, declaring that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. He then sets about the work of the kingdom as he calls his disciples and challenges the religious leaders.

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

PRELUDE *Sonata in A major, D. 664 (2nd mov.)* Schubert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP *Matthew 25:34* Aaron David Miller

† CONFESSIOIN & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;**

**we give in to scarcity and fear;
we assume the worst about one another.**

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your loving kindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
“Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine.”
In Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: **Amen.**

‡ **GATHERING HYMN** *Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service* #712 vs. 1,2,3

‡ **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 of the Sabbath,
your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly
plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to
rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions
that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up
on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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

‡ GOSPEL

Luke 6:1-16

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 6th chapter.

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

¹One Sabbath while Jesus was going through some grain fields, his disciples plucked some heads of grain, rubbed them in their hands, and ate them. ²But some of the Pharisees said, "Why are you doing what is not lawful on the Sabbath?" ³Jesus answered, "Have you not read what David did when he and his companions were hungry? ⁴How he entered the house of God and took and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and gave some to his companions?" ⁵Then he said to them, "The Son of Man is lord of the Sabbath."

⁶On another Sabbath he entered the synagogue and taught, and there was a man there whose right hand was withered. ⁷The scribes and the Pharisees were watching him to see whether he would cure on the Sabbath, so that they might find grounds to bring an accusation against him. ⁸But he knew what they were thinking, and he said to the man who had the withered hand, "Come and stand in the middle." He got up and stood there. ⁹Then Jesus said to them, "I ask you, is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the Sabbath, to save life or to destroy it?" ¹⁰After looking around at all of them, he said to him, "Stretch out your hand." He did so, and his hand was restored. ¹¹But they were filled with fury and began discussing with one another what they might do to Jesus.

¹²Now during those days he went out to the mountain to pray, and he spent the night in prayer to God. ¹³And when day came, he called his disciples and chose twelve of them, whom he also named apostles: ¹⁴Simon, whom he named Peter, and his brother Andrew, and James, and John, and Philip, and Bartholomew, ¹⁵and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Simon, who was called the Zealot, ¹⁶and Judas son of James, and Judas Iscariot, who became a traitor.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate

#722

INSTALLATION OF 2025 CONGREGATIONAL COUNCIL

Scott Benson, Adelaide Brent (youth member), Lisa Johannes, Sean Laird, Gary Milne, Sue Nelson, Leslie Pitt, Adam Podratz, James Powell, Jim Teurman, Melanie Zaelich, Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of grace,

C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

You may share the peace with those around you.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

Nick Schmidt

OFFERING

Wings of a Dove

Ferguson/Curry
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.

February Mission of the Month: LA Wildfires-Lutheran Disaster Response

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 150,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds, and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed more than 12,000 homes and businesses, and have led to injuries and loss of life. Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster Response is present to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. These groups are working together to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Give to the Mission of the Month

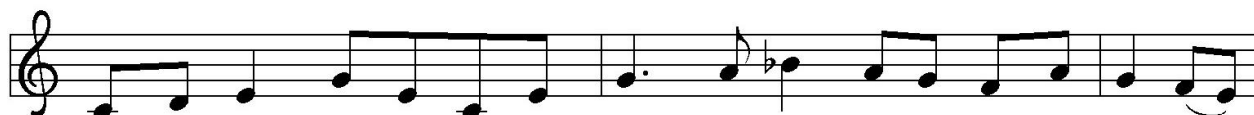
To make a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit "Give Back" page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose "Mission of the Month" from the drop-down menu.

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



‡ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of



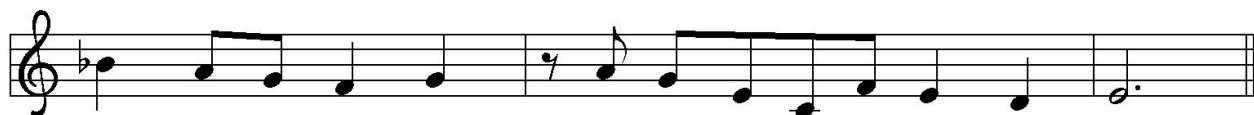
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be



fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -



nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your



pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: **Amen.**

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

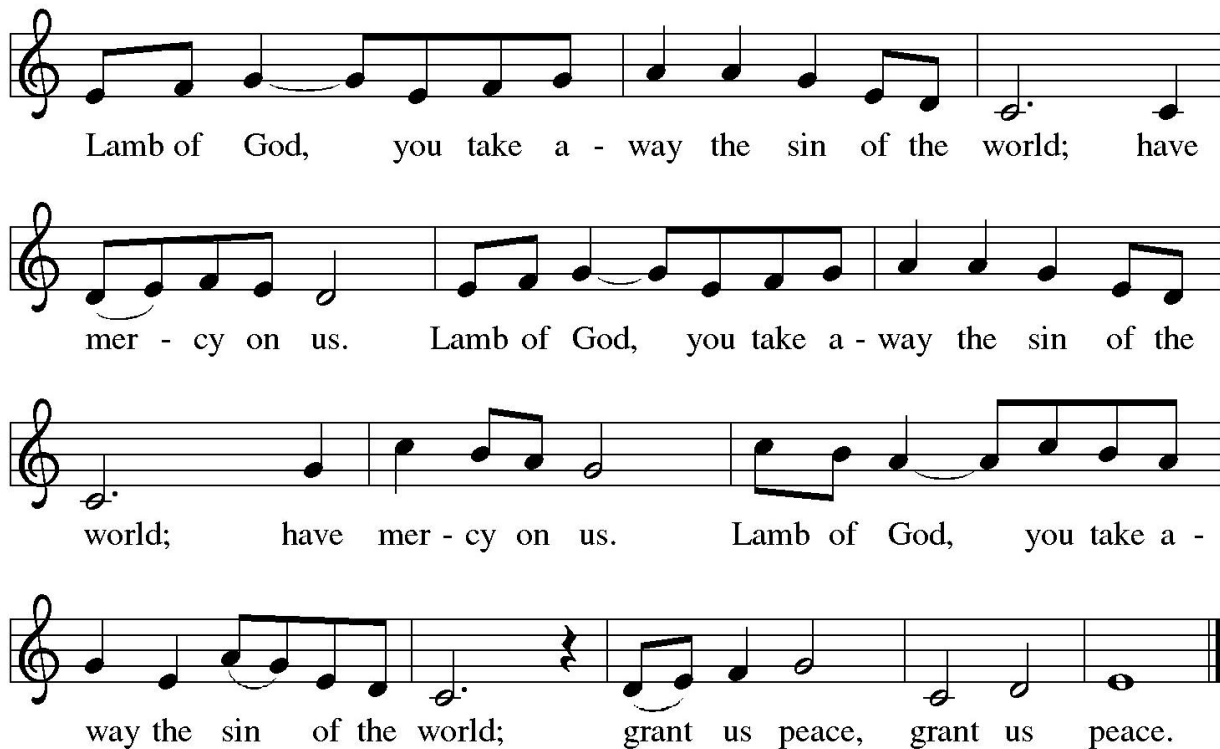
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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 HYMN

As the Grains of Wheat

#465

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness

#521, vs. 1,3,4

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

POSTLUDE

Sonata in A major, D. 664 (3rd mov.)

Schubert

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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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