



First Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



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 worship and in the Lakeview Room following 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: Sean Laird

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Carol Anderson

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Servers: Kirk Gallup, Melinda Batz, Iris Mckigney

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Jan Michaletz, Adam Podratz, Paul Groskreutz

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Clean-Up: Carol Anderson

Coffee Host: Kathi Gallup

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

God sent prophets to the peoples of Israel and Judah, often bringing words of warning and condemnation for idolatry and injustice, calling the people to get back on the right path. However, in times of suffering, the prophets gave God's people words of hope—that God would rescue them from their troubles. God delivered Daniel from the lions' den. Joel spoke of a hope that comes out of repentance, and Isaiah prophesied of the hope that comes through the Messiah—the one who will deliver humanity from suffering and oppression. Finally, the Messiah's birth is foretold to his mother by an angel and confirmed by her cousin Elizabeth.

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

PRELUDE *“The Annunciation” and “The Shepherds on Earth” from Evangelion* Castelnuovo-Tedesco

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP *Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!* arr. Monk

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

L: In this Advent season, the herald in the wilderness calls out,
 “Prepare the way of the Lord!”
 and the prophets call us to righteousness.
 We live in a world that trades in isolation and comparison,
 competition and fear.

**C: *We are waiting for the One
 who will turn the world around,
 causing us to live in connection and compassion,
 mutual support and liberation.**

L: We live in a world that races for money and success,
 that worships busyness and productivity,
 that hoards and consumes.

**C: We are waiting for the One
 who will turn the world around,
 so we will know that there is enough
 and that we are enough,
 and so we can be still and rest.**

L: We live in a world that tries to hide from death
 by pursuing eternal youth.

**C: We are waiting for the One
 who will turn the world around,
 and bring new life from places we would call
 dead and worthless.**

L: We live in a world that is broken and hurting.

C: **We are waiting for the One
who will turn the world around,
to heal and comfort all people.**

L: God, restore our hope in this time of watching and waiting.
Give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding,
counsel and might,
knowledge and reverent trembling in your presence.
Reveal to us that our stories are woven together,
that we will be healed and whole
when all people are fed and free.
Gather us together in the shelter of your righteousness.

C: **Amen.**

**indicates where each of the four candles are lit*

‡ **GATHERING HYMN** *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn* #242, vs, 1,3,4

‡ **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: **God of deliverance, you rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshiping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from all that separates us from worshiping you, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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

READING

R: The reading is from the book of Daniel, the 6th chapter, verses 6 – 27.

⁶ So the administrators and satraps conspired and came to the king and said to him, “O King Darius, live forever! ⁷ All the administrators of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an interdict, that whoever prays to any god or human, for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions. ⁸ Now, O king, establish the interdict and sign the document, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and the Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ⁹ Therefore King Darius signed the document and interdict.

¹⁰ Although Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he continued to go to his house, which had windows in its upper room open toward Jerusalem, and to get down on his knees three times a day to pray to his God and praise him, just as he had done previously. ¹¹ Then those men watched^[a] and found Daniel praying and seeking mercy before his God. ¹² Then they approached the king and said concerning the interdict, “O king! Did you not sign an interdict, that anyone who prays to any god or human, within thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be thrown into the den of lions?” The king answered, “The thing stands fast, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which cannot be revoked.” ¹³ Then they responded to the king, “Daniel, one of the exiles from Judah, pays no attention to you, O king, or to the interdict you have signed, but he is saying his prayers three times a day.”

¹⁴ When the king heard the charge, he was very much distressed. He was determined to save Daniel, and until the sun went down he made every effort to rescue him. ¹⁵ Then the conspirators came to the king and said to him, “Know, O king, that it is a law of the Medes and Persians that no interdict or ordinance that the king establishes can be changed.”

¹⁶ Then the king gave the command, and Daniel was brought and thrown into the den of lions. The king said to Daniel, “May your God, whom you faithfully serve, deliver you!” ¹⁷ A stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signet ring of his lords, so that nothing might be changed concerning Daniel. ¹⁸ Then the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; no entertainment was brought to him, and sleep fled from him.

¹⁹ Then at dawn, the king got up and at first light hurried to the den of lions. ²⁰ When he came near the den where Daniel was, he cried out anxiously to Daniel, “O Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God whom you faithfully serve been able to deliver you from the lions?”

²¹ Daniel then said to the king, “O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions’ mouths so that they would not hurt me, because I was found blameless before him; also before you, O king, I have done no wrong.” ²³ Then the king was exceedingly glad and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him because he had trusted in his God. ²⁴ The king gave a command, and those who had maliciously accused Daniel were brought and thrown into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives. Before they reached the bottom of the den, the lions overpowered them and broke all their bones in pieces.

²⁵ Then King Darius wrote to all peoples and nations of every language throughout the whole world: “May you have abundant prosperity! ²⁶ I make a decree, that in all my royal dominion people shall tremble and fear before the God of Daniel:

For he is the living God,
enduring forever.

His kingdom shall never be destroyed,
and his dominion has no end.

²⁷ He delivers and rescues;
he works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth;
he has saved Daniel
from the power of the lions.”

R: The word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Blessed Be the God of Israel

#250

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God’s presence.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.

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.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

Julie Schmidt

OFFERING

The Work of Christmas

Dan Forrest
Senior 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



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.
Creator God,
you made the whole world,
even the farthest stars,
and yet you draw near to sustain us.
We praise you for your gifts,
and the invitation to share what we receive,
as we await the advent of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

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: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table, all who are hungry!
There is more than enough for all.

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

O Lord, How Shall I Meet You

#241

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous God,
We thank you for coming among us,
for giving us the bread of salvation,
for leading us into peace.
Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us
as we seek the work of justice and joy in your name.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: May the God of endings and beginnings,
May the God of the darkness and of the light,
May God, our hope for the journey,
bless and keep you now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING HYMN

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

#251

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

POSTLUDE

“The Three Kings” from Evangelion

Castelnuovo-Tedesco

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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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