



**Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

January 25, 2026

9:30 am



**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! 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 Barb and Chuck Swanson, in memory of Pete Swanson.

## Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Jan Michaletz

Organist/Pianist: Kevin Hobbs

Door Monitor: Robb Bass

Head Usher: Kris Pearson

Ushers: Elliot Plummer, Joe Plummer, Adam

Podratz, Sam Schleicher

Greeters: Anne Campbell, Julie Schmidt

Coffee Hosts: Pete Anderson

Reader: Elsie Podratz

Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera

Communion Leader: Cynthia Dickison

Communion Servers: Lisa Bass, Summer

Schleicher, Julie Schmidt

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

A/V Tech: Matthew Brent, Gary Milne

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-ground Cleanup:

Pursers: Bob Gustafson, Lisa Ritzinger

## THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

### PRELUDE

*Song Without Words, Op. 67, No. 1, Mendelssohn*

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### TRINITY CHIMES

### CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

*Matthew 25:34, arr. Miller*

### ‡ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

The crashing waters of creation connect us to all that God has ever made, across time and space. Water sustains us as we move through our lives, water reminds us how fragile we are, and water ties us to the promises of the sacrament of baptism.

Each time we baptize in our tradition, I ask you:

*Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?*

And you respond,

**We renounce them!**

And I ask you:

*Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?*

And you respond,

**We renounce them!**

And I ask you:

*Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?*

And you respond,

**We renounce them!**

But these are fancy, churchy phrases, and what I really mean to say is:

Do you renounce the forces of evil you cannot even see, but whose effects are made manifest in our own lives, in the lives of our friends and neighbors, and in the lives of people we will never even meet – forces that work to tear down the kin-dom of God?

**We renounce them!**

Do you renounce the powers and principalities that enact evil in our streets and in the halls of power, that defy international peace-keeping efforts, that trample on any understanding of universal human rights?

**We renounce them!**

Do you renounce the reluctance in your own hearts to draw near to God, to draw near to the suffering of your neighbors, and to repent, all of which prevent you from moving forward with a more direct focus toward justice and joy?

**We renounce them!**

We call this season of the church year “Ordinary Time,” and yet there is nothing ordinary about the living of these days. And so we give thanks for the gift of baptism, and for the reminder of the promises we make in the midst of that sacrament:

*to proclaim Christ through word and deed,  
care for others and the world God made,  
and work for justice and peace.*

Do you promise, then, to honor these promises made in the sacrament of baptism?

**We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

May it be so!

**Amen.**

## ‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

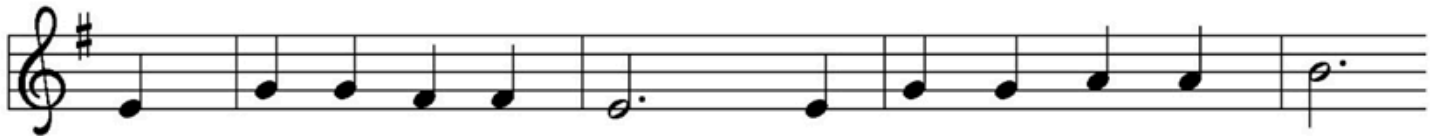
*Gather Us In*.....ELW 532 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

## ‡ 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



- 1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.
- 2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.
- 3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## ‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

**Righteous God,**

**Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuse and injustice.**

**Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world,  
and teach us to make right all that may be wrong.**

**Amen.**

## 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.

## ‡ GOSPEL: JOHN 2:13-25

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

The Passover was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves and the money changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, with the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." The people then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." The people then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this, and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

When he was in Jerusalem during the Passover festival, many believed in his name because they saw the signs that he was doing. But Jesus on his part would not entrust himself to them, because he knew all people and needed no one to testify about anyone, for he himself knew what was in everyone.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Canticle of the Turning*.....ELW 723

## **‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

As God's beloved children united in Christ, let us pray for the church, the whole human community, and the well-being of the earth, our home.

*A brief silence*

Merciful God,

**Receive our prayer.**

Confident that the Holy Spirit receives our prayers and answers us, we commend all for whom we pray to God's loving-kindness, made known to us in Christ Jesus 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**

*Hymn of Peace, Mary McDonald*  
Diamond Lake Lutheran 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.

### **January Mission of the Month: Minneapolis Area Synod**

#### **Immigrant Welcome Fund**

The Welcome Fund provides direct financial support to immigrant communities across the Minneapolis Area Synod through the work of the Synod's Immigration Task Force. This fund was created as a result of the Resolution on Accompanying Immigrants at the last Synod Assembly and supports efforts to stand alongside and accompany our immigrant neighbors. To read the Resolution on Accompanying Immigrants in full, visit this link: [bit.ly/3KZP6ek](https://bit.ly/3KZP6ek)

### **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.

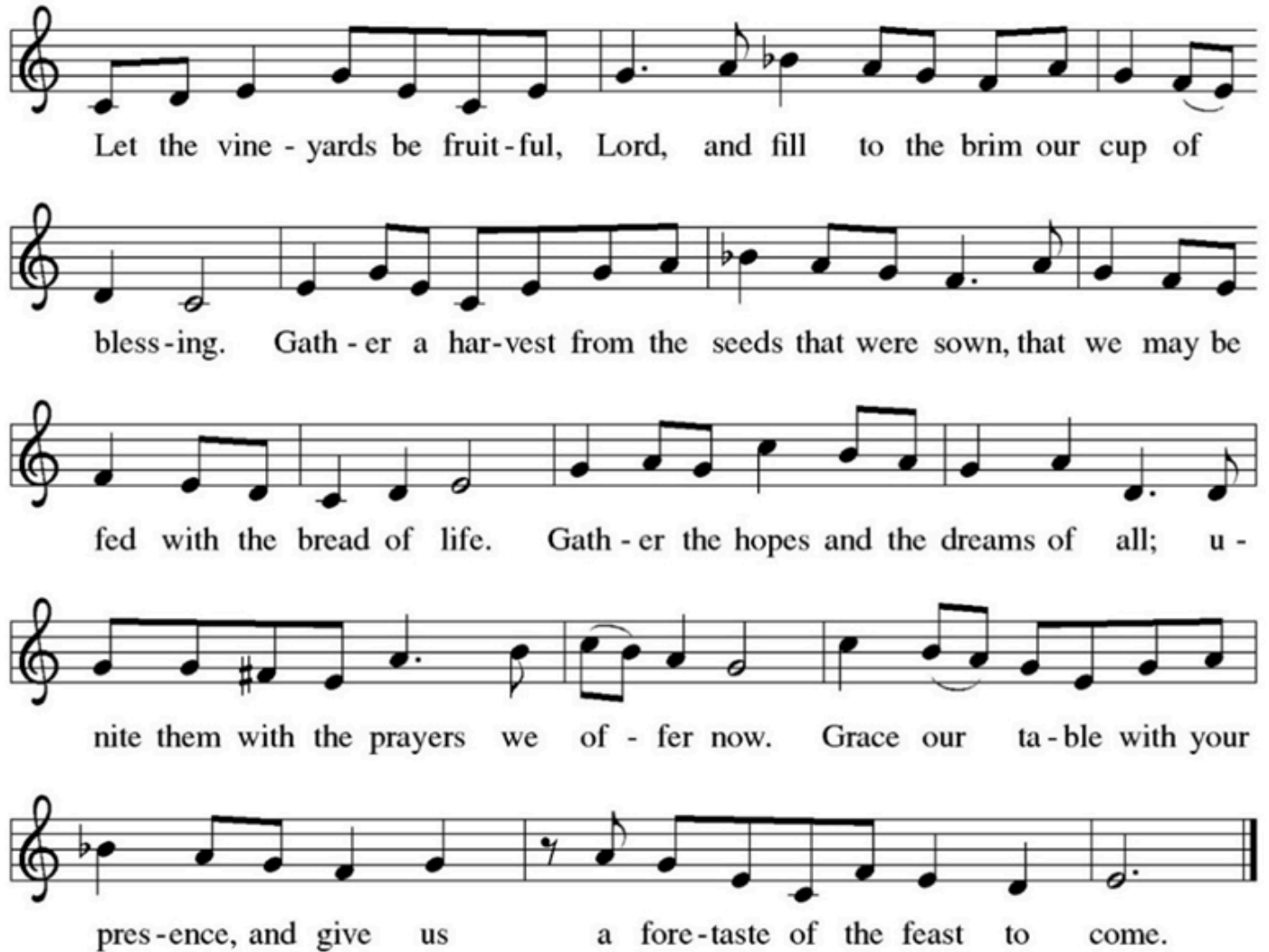
**Phone** – Scan the QR code to visit the Give Back page of [www.dllc.org](http://www.dllc.org) and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.

Thank you!



Scan to Give

## ‡ OFFERTORY



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

Let us pray.

God of every good gift, we offer what you have first given us back to the service of your kin-dom. Grant us glad and generous hearts as we prepare to share in this meal of grace and welcome, through Jesus Christ, who invites us to this table,  
**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

At this table you will find warmth and goodness; a messy and miraculous welcome. Come and see! Come, be fed.

## LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;  
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf-fered death our lives to save: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer-cy now, we pray.  
e - ter-nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

**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*
- As the Grains of Wheat.....ELW 465*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.  
Christ Jesus, you have fed us at your table, and we are strengthened for the work you call us to do. Help us to share the grace and welcome we encountered here with all those we encounter in the days ahead,  
**Amen.**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**‡ BLESSING**

And now, may the Triune God,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit among us,  
remain with you and bless you  
for the days ahead,  
and for the work to which you have been called.  
**Amen.**

## ‡ SENDING HYMN

*The Church's One Foundation*.....ELW 654

## ‡ DISMISSAL

Go now with peace in your hearts,  
that you might spread peace in our streets.  
Go now with love in your hearts,  
that you might show love to those who feel forgotten and afraid.  
Go now, out into the world,  
grateful for your baptismal promises  
to care for others and the world God made,  
and to work for justice and peace.  
**Thanks be to God!**

## ‡ CHORAL AMEN

## POSTLUDE

*Song Without Words, Op. 67, No. 2, Mendelssohn*

*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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