

COIN BEARER



DIAMOND LAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent ♦ March 22, 2026 ♦ 9:30 am

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.

Blessing of the Quilts: Yesterday was National Quilting Day and so, today, we celebrate our own quilters. Samples of their beautiful work are spread throughout the sanctuary this morning. The Diamond Lake Lutheran quilting group creates usable quilts for those in need and for distribution through nonprofits and faith organizations. In 2025, the group donated more than 80 quilts to organizations including Agate Housing, Clare House, Emma Norton Housing, 360 Communities, and Our Saviour's Shelter. The Diamond Lake Lutheran Church Quilters are Caroline Due, Linda Ganfield, Grace Gauer, Anna Darland, Jan Evingson, Anne Groskreutz, Carla Hofland, Val Oulman, Carolyn Sandvig, Linda Torkelson, Penny Wells Werneke, Diane West, Norma Williams. They meet on Tuesdays at 10am to quilt, eat tasty snacks, and build community. Anyone is welcome to join, no experience necessary!

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf
Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason
Door Monitor: Sean Laird
Head Usher: Bob Kresse
Ushers: Eli McKigney, Calvin Sexe
Greeter: Julie Schmidt
Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Coffee Host:
Reader: Kathi Gallup
Communion Baker: Natalie Remus
Communion Leader: Nancy Zemske
Communion Servers: Kirk Gallup, Julie Schmidt
A/V Tech: John Nelson, Gary Milne
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Pray-ground Cleanup: Dawn Bartl, Gary Milne
Pursers: Russ Michaletz, Nicole Falk

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT — TRUE ALLEGIANCE

This week challenges the tension between civic life and divine loyalty, interrogating how faith interacts with empire and politics. When religious leaders attempt to trap Jesus with a question about taxes, he refuses the binary, instead pointing to the deeper truth of divine image-bearing. The text does not call for withdrawal or blind obedience but for thoughtful, justice-oriented engagement. Lent Five prepares us for the sharp contrast of Palm Sunday by underscoring faithful resistance and inviting discernment: how do we live within unjust systems without losing our prophetic voice?

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

PRELUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 30, No. 1, Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the Lord, Erickson

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Siblings in Christ, let us confess our sins to God, for God knows the ways we have chosen to serve powers that are unloving and unjust.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and compassion,

**you see the powerful people in this world as they scramble for more,
keeping the weak in places of suffering.**

Even though we are aware of their evil alliances,

we contribute to these systems and power structures with our money,

our time, and our attention.

We confess that our purchases support harmful practices and abusive regimes.

We confess that our participation in consumerism and disposability causes destruction of creation.

Forgive us for aligning our allegiance with systems and corporations that harm life and cause suffering.

Help us resist the temptation to devote ourselves to worldly ways that offend your righteousness.

We choose to give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar, so we might have open hands to serve you better.

Beloveds, God knows how the dazzle of gold and glory charms us, and God is faithful to show us a better way.

Be liberated from the entanglements of this world, receive God's pardon, and be at peace.

Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Be Thou My Vision.....ELW 793

‡ 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.

**God of discernment,
you send your Spirit to guide us
when the questions seem too difficult
or the possibilities seem too limited.
Bless us with curiosity and creativity.
Show us pathways beyond the binaries of
“either/or” and “yes/no.”
Give us the strength to live your will,
and dedicate our lives
to your holy callings
of love, mercy, humility, and grace.
We do this following the way of Jesus Christ,
our leader and our guide.
Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

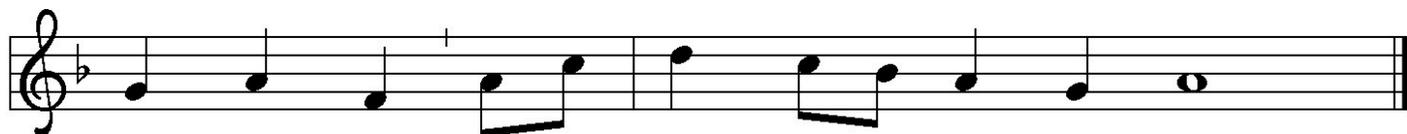
‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and



mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in



stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

‡ **GOSPEL: MARK 12:13–17**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Then they sent to him some Pharisees and some Herodians to trap him in what he said. And they came and said to him, “Teacher, we know that you are sincere and show deference to no one, for you do not regard people with partiality but teach the way of God in accordance with truth. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?”

But knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, “Why are you putting me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me see it.” And they brought one. Then he said to them, “Whose head is this and whose title?”

They answered, “Caesar’s.”

Jesus said to them, “Give to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s and to God the things that are God’s.”

And they were utterly amazed at him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Let Streams of Living JusticeELW 710 (vs 1, 2)

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence

Hear our cries to you, O God,

All

OFFERING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord), Myrin/Redman arr. Sorenson
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.

March Mission of the Month: Washburn Cares

Washburn Cares is a group of students and parents who support Washburn High School social workers to help provide resources like grocery gift cards, rent assistance, school supplies, and clothing for families need. Since mid-December, Washburn Cares has answered the call to help support immigrant families in our own neighborhood. Many of these families are facing increased challenges due to the ICE presence in our city, which has made it unsafe for them to leave home or work. Every gift to the March Mission of the Month will help ensure that students and their families can stay safe and cared.

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 and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.

Thank you!



‡ 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. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Generous God, we bring our gifts before you and your church like tiny seeds from a dandelion. Send out these gifts on the mighty wind of your Spirit, bringing growth, bearing fruit, and nourishing both our faith community and our neighbors. May each gift of every size bloom with your holy imagination.

Amen.

‡ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray:

Holy, imaginative God, you who dreamed and created a world full of colors, textures, shapes, sizes, depths, and heights—help us remember your dream of a world made whole and complete through love and care. Transform these gifts of bread and cup into courage and strength for the work that lies ahead.

With confidence, we pray the prayer you taught us to pray, saying:

Our Creator, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

**Thy kin(g)dom 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 kin(g)dom, and the power, and the glory forever.

Amen.

The table has been set. Come, beloveds. Let's eat.

LAMB OF GOD

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
have mer - cy on us, have mer - cy on us.

^{1*} Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world;
² have mer - cy on us, ³ 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, 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

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross.....ELW 335

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say.....ELW 332

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Gracious God,

we thank you for these tangible gifts of bread and cup
that feed our bodies and nourish our souls.

May these blessings of grace be shared, not hoarded.

Though we have been fed today at the table,

may we still walk away hungry for justice,

working for freedom and fullness for all of your creation.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

Beloved children of God,

as you return to the wild wilderness of everyday life,

as you encounter every kind of person,

cling to the ways of Jesus who helps us imagine a world

where love and justice thrive.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing.....ELW 807

‡ DISMISSAL

Go out into the world,
living in the realm of God's holy imagination,
where heaven and earth meet.

Amen.

‡ CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 102, No. 5, 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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LENT AND HOLY WEEK

Dinner + Church

Wednesdays until March 25

6–7 pm

Throughout Lent, we gather like the early Christians around tables: We enjoy a simple meal, sing, share the sacraments, and engage in conversation with people we know and with those who are new to us. Dinner + Church is intergenerational; everyone is invited! Food options are provided for those who have dietary restrictions.

Note: Kids and youth are encouraged to sit with their families during Dinner + Church. Afterward, the Kids Club/Youth Group meet together in the North Room for “Sundaes on Wednesdays” and a short lesson while adults assist with Lakeview cleanup. One or two adult volunteers are needed each week to help serve ice cream. Confirmation students will meet with their mentors during this time.

Holy Week Schedule

Palm Sunday Worship

Sunday, March 29, 9:30 am

We will joyfully process from the Lakeview Room to the Sanctuary, waving palms high in remembrance of Jesus's triumphant entry into Jerusalem.

Maundy Thursday Worship

Thursday, April 2, 6:30 pm

This evening our Lenten observance comes to an end, and we gather with Christians around the world to celebrate the Three Days of Jesus's death and resurrection.

Good Friday Worship

Friday, April 3, 6:30 pm

Life and death stand side by side as we enter into Good Friday.

Easter Worship

Sunday, April 5, 9:30 am

Today Christ is risen, and we gather together with astonishment and joy. Let us rejoice: Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!

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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