

CANAANITE WOMAN



DIAMOND LAKE
LUTHERAN CHURCH

Third Sunday of Lent ♦ March 8, 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe
Assisting Minister: Jan Michaletz
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason
Door Monitor: Bob Kresse
Head Usher: David Minge
Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Karen Minge
Greeters: Dawn Bartl, Gary Milne
Acolyte: Lyle Dean
Coffee Hosts: Nancy Zemske, Gene Zemske

Reader: Sue Haffield
Communion Baker: Sue Nelson
Communion Leader: Paul Groskreutz
Communion Servers: Kathi Gallup, Kirk Gallup, Sue Nelson
A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson
Nursery: Mary Teurman
Pray-ground Cleanup:
Pursers: Joe Plummer, Adam Podratz

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT - HOLY CONFRONTATION

This week confronts exclusionary traditions and highlights how sacred truth often emerges from the margins. The Canaanite woman crosses boundaries of ethnicity, gender, and religious purity to plead for her daughter's healing. Though Jesus' initial response is unsettling, her persistence reclaims dignity and reframes exclusion through faith. The Third Sunday in Lent amplifies voices typically silenced in scripture and society, reminding us that divine wisdom is often spoken by those denied power. Through courage and holy confrontation, the kin(g)dom advances—inviting reinterpretation rooted in justice.

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

PRELUDE

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 our temptation to be cruel to one another, and yet imagines for us a life of mutual blessings.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of mercy and compassion,

We confess we have not always treated our neighbors, friends, or even family members with dignity.

We have used dehumanizing language or stereotypes.

We have been critical when we should have been encouraging.

We have told lies when we should have been honest with hard truths.

**We have excluded people when we should have widened the invitation. Forgive us for the ways that we have failed our neighbors, friends, and family with unkind words.
Amen.**

Beloveds, God knows how it feels to be frustrated with other people. Yet, God promises the Spirit to replenish our reserves of patience and love when it feels like we cannot spare one more kind thought. Receive these gifts of grace. Receive God's pardon for your sins, and be at peace.
Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

All Are Welcome.....ELW 641 (vs. 1, 2, 5)

‡ 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.

**Compassionate God,
you listen to the cries of all your children
and are quick to respond with mercy.**

**As Jesus' heart was opened
by the pleading of a neighbor in need,
open our hearts
to the sighs and longings of our world.**

**Teach us to be courageous in faith,
speaking up for justice
and persisting in hope
that makes all things new.**

We pray in Jesus' name.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

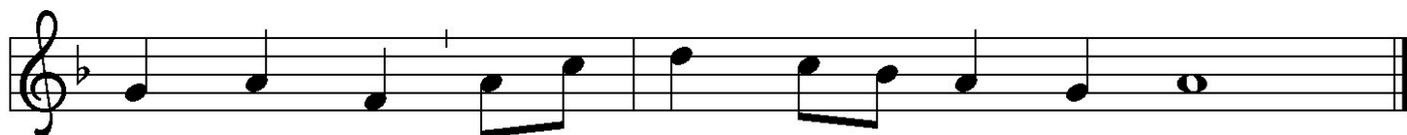
‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



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: MATTHEW 15:21–28**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus left Gennesaret and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, “Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon.”

But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, “Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us.” He answered, “I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel.”

But she came and knelt before him, saying, “Lord, help me.” He answered, “It is not fair to take the children’s food and throw it to the dogs.” She said, “Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters’ table.”

Then Jesus answered her, “Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.” And her daughter was healed from that moment.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table.....ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es: all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

‡ 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

Hear My Prayer, O Lord, Arkhangel'sky/Savich
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;
have mer - cy on us, 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

O Bread of Life From Heaven.....ELW 480

For the Bread Which You Have Broken.....ELW 494

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

Light Dawns on a Weary World.....ELW 726 (vs 1, 2)

‡ **DISMISSAL**

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

Amen.

‡ **CHORAL AMEN**

POSTLUDE

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!