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Christ the King Sunday
November 24, 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: Graydon Royce

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Ralph & Janis Mayer

Reader: Adelaide Brent

Communion Servers: Eloise Miller, Sue Nelson,

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Joe Plummer, Elliot Plummer, Theo Brent

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host:

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

“Morning” from Peer Gynt

Grieg

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Holy, Holy, Holy

John Worst

CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY: THE CROWNING OF THE YEAR

Today, Christ the King Sunday, is the final Sunday of the church year. Even after Israel’s experience with kings who were self-interested, the people still longed for a true king to set things right. He would have the title of Anointed One (Messiah); he would be the “one like a human being” (Son of Man) given dominion in Daniel’s vision.

Jesus is given these titles, even though he is nothing like an earthly king. His authority comes from the truth to which he bears witness, and those who recognize the truth voluntarily listen to him. We look forward to the day he is given dominion, knowing his victory will be the nonviolent victory of love. We gather this day to celebrate the reign of Christ and his victory over death, while still awaiting the fulfillment of all things yet to come.

The church year is cyclical- there is no ending and no beginning. We begin, then, by looking to the end:

READING

Daniel 7:13-14

R: As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven.

C: And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him.

R: To him was given dominion and glory and kingship,

C: that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him.

R: His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away,

C: and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

‡ CHRIST THE KING HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns

#855, vs. 1,5

SERMON ON THE STEPS

ADVENT: A SEASON OF PREPARATION

Advent is about the “coming days.” God’s people have always lived in great expectation, but that expectation finds specific, repeated expression in the texts appointed for these four weeks. Christians affirm that Christ comes not only in a past event, but also in our present life, and in the world’s unfolding future. Advent is about more than anticipating the birth of Jesus. It celebrates the many times Jesus comes to us, including as a baby in Bethlehem, as a victor at the end of time, and each time we gather as a community around Word and Sacrament.

In the midst of the waiting, God speaks in the voice of the prophet Jeremiah to encourage the people that God will fulfill the promises God has made:

ADVENT READING

Jeremiah 33:14-16

¹⁴The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: “The Lord is our righteousness.”

ADVENT HYMN

He Came Down

#253

CHRISTMAS: EMMANUEL, GOD-WITH-US

As on the first day of creation, on Christmas Day the Word illumines the world, shining forth to bring all things into being. We celebrate the incarnate Word, God becoming flesh to live among us in the person of Jesus Christ, both then and now. Emboldened by the good news of Jesus the Word of God made flesh, the one who reveals God to be “full of grace and truth,” we proclaim to the world that love has come to this place.

CHRISTMAS READING

John 1:1-14

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ²He was in the beginning with God. ³All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being ⁴in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. ⁵The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

⁶There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. ⁹The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

¹⁰He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. ¹¹He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. ¹²But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, ¹³who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. ¹⁴And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

CHRISTMAS HYMN

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288

EPIPHANY: THE LIGHT SHINES IN THE DARKNESS

The feast of Epiphany ("manifestation") concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God's glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. In Isaiah and Ephesians, that glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God's love to all people.

EPIPHANY READING

Isaiah 60:1-6

¹ Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you. ² For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the Lord will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you. ³ Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. ⁴ Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

⁵Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. ⁶ A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense and shall proclaim the praise of the Lord.

OFFERING

African Gloria

Sonja Poorman
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.

November Mission of the Month: All Nations Church

All Nations Indian Church, located in the Phillips neighborhood of Minneapolis, is currently facing a serious challenge: a lack of safety in the immediate vicinity of the church building as they seek to minister with and alongside their unhoused neighbors.

These safety issues put the church building, the staff, the congregation, and the wider community at risk. Despite these challenges, the church is committed to staying in the community and continuing its work. All Nations Pastor Kelly Sherman-Conroy is requesting help from Diamond Lake Lutheran and other like-minded congregations. All funds donated to the Mission of the Month will help provide All Nations with the resources it needs to enhance security and safety for its congregation and community members. These funds will help cover the costs of installing a security system and fencing, improving lighting, and reinforcing doors and windows. Every donation, no matter the size, will make a difference. By raising money for All Nations, we are not only helping to protect the physical space but also empowering the congregation to continue its important mission of supporting a community in need. We invite you to contribute to this cause and spread the word among your friends and family.

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to All Nations Church, 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>



LENT: PENITENCE AND PREPARATION

On Ash Wednesday we begin our forty-day journey toward Easter with a day of fasting and repentance. Marking our foreheads with dust, we acknowledge that we die and return to the earth. At the same time, the dust traces the life-giving cross indelibly marked on our foreheads at baptism. While we journey through Lent to return to God, we have already been reconciled to God through Christ. Returning to our baptismal call, we more intentionally bear the fruits of mercy and justice in the world. In Isaiah, we hear of the fasting that God calls us to.

LENTEN READING

Psalm 51:1-12

- R: ¹ Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.
- C: ² **Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.**
- R: ³ For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.
- C: ⁴ **Against you, you alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight, so that you are justified in your sentence and blameless when you pass judgement.**
- R: ⁵ Indeed, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me.
- C: ⁶ **You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.**
- R: ⁷ Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.
- C: ⁸ **Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.**
- R: ⁹ Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities.
- C: ¹⁰ **Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me.**
- R: ¹¹ Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me.
- C: ¹² **Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

LENTEN HYMN

Create in Me a Clean Heart

#186

HOLY WEEK, MAUNDY THURSDAY & GOOD FRIDAY: GOD'S LOVE REVEALED

Our Lenten observance comes to an end, as we gather during the Three Days (Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Holy Saturday). On Good Friday, we hear God's love revealed through Jesus' death on the cross. On Maundy Thursday, we remember Christ's last meal with his disciples, but the central focus of worship is his commandment that we live out the promise embodied in this meal. As Jesus washed his disciples' feet, so we are called to give and receive love in humble service to one another. Formed into a new body in Christ through this holy meal, we are transformed by the mercy we have received and carry into the world the love that will not let us go.

MAUNDY THURSDAY READING

John 13:2b-17

During supper ³Jesus, knowing that the Father had given all things into his hands, and that he had come from God and was going to God, ⁴got up from the table, took off his outer robe, and tied a towel around himself. ⁵Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel that was tied around him. ⁶He came to Simon Peter, who said to him, "Lord, are you going to wash my feet?" ⁷Jesus answered, "You do not know now what I am doing, but later you will understand."

⁸Peter said to him, "You will never wash my feet." Jesus answered, "Unless I wash you, you have no share with me." ⁹Simon Peter said to him, "Lord, not my feet only but also my hands and my head!" ¹⁰Jesus said to him, "One who has bathed does not need to wash, except for the feet, but is entirely clean. And you are clean, though not all of you." ¹¹For he knew who was to betray him; for this reason he said, "Not all of you are clean."

¹²After he had washed their feet, had put on his robe, and had returned to the table, he said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord—and you are right, for that is what I am. ¹⁴So if I, your Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have set you an example, that you also should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Very truly, I tell you, servants are not greater than their master, nor are messengers greater than the one who sent them. ¹⁷If you know these things, you are blessed if you do them."

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

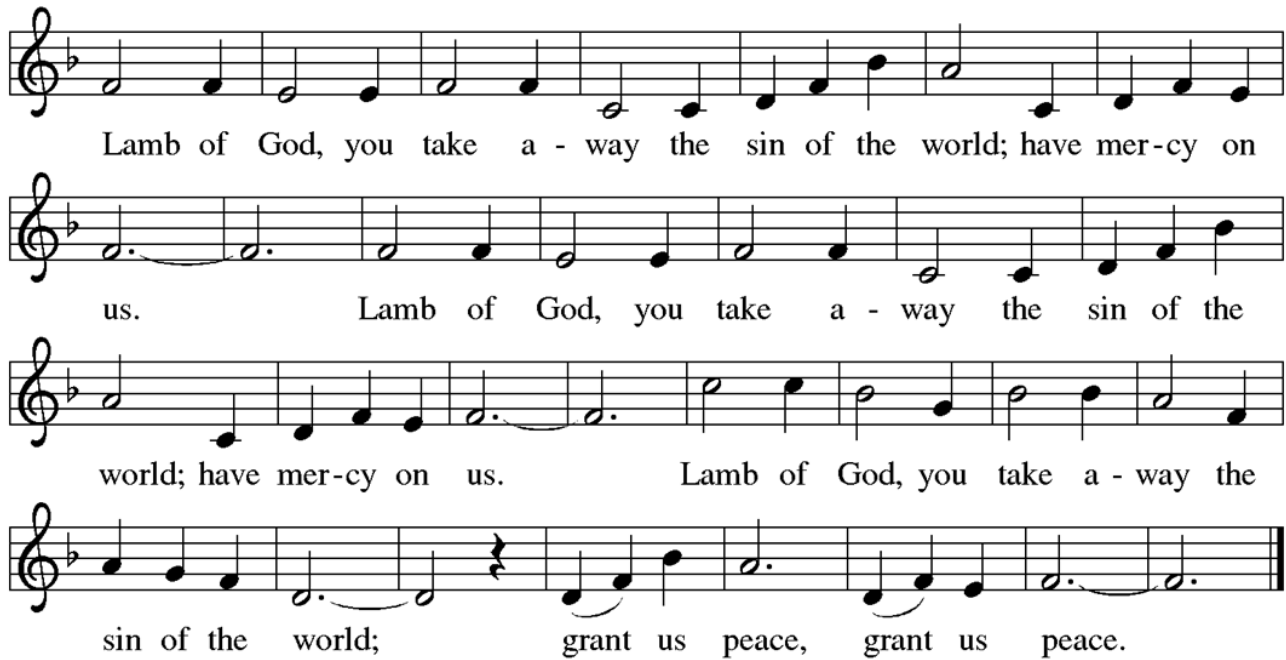
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

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.

COMMUNION HYMN

Rejoice, for Christ Is King!

#430

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Faithful God,
you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink
in the body and blood of your Son.
Now send us out to labor with you,
in service to the world you have made,
and among the people you have made your home,
in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

EASTER: THE LORD IS RISEN!

Christ is risen! Jesus is alive, and God has swallowed up death forever. With Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome, we may feel astonished and confused, unsure of what to make of the empty tomb. But this is why we gather: to proclaim, witness, praise, and affirm the liberating reality of Christ's death and resurrection. In word and feast, we celebrate God's unending love, and depart to share this good news with all the world. Alleluia!

EASTER READING

Mark 16:1-7

¹ When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. ² **And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb.** ³ **They had been saying to one another, "Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?"** ⁴ **When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back.**

⁵ As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. ⁶ But he said to them, "Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. **He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him.** ⁷ **But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you."**

EASTER HYMN

Jesus Christ is Risen Today

365, vs. 1,2,4

PENTECOST: THE HOLY SPIRIT COMES AMONG US

Fifty days after Easter, we celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. Crossing all boundaries that would separate us, the Spirit brings the wideness of God's mercy to places we least expect it—to a crowd of strangers of different lands and tongues, to dry bones, to our weak hearts. Jesus promises his disciples that they will be accompanied by the Holy Spirit, and that this Spirit reveals the truth. We celebrate that we too have been visited with this same Spirit. Guided by the truth, we join together in worship, and then disperse to share the fullness of Christ's love with the world.

PENTECOST READING

Romans 8:22-27

²² We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³ and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴ For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵ But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. ²⁶ Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷ And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

PENTECOST HYMN

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind

#400, vs. 1, 2

ORDINARY TIME: FOR THE LIVING OF THESE DAYS

While we have seen God at work in the movement of the life of Jesus, we also see how God is working in us too to make all things new. God's presence is real even in the most ordinary moments of life and living. Even amidst the struggles of the day to day, we know that God journeys with us everywhere we go and shows us how to trust the fullness of God's grace amidst all of time and space. We also see God at work through ordinary means – through water, through bread, through wine... These ordinary parts of lives, when linked with God's word are transformed into signs of God's extraordinary grace.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

Scott Benson

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

C: **receive our prayer.**

L: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE REIGN OF CHRIST: ALREADY AND NOT YET

Our service concludes at the same place that it began: Jesus Christ is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. He reigns over us and all our world with justice, mercy, and peace.

‡ BENEDICTION

P: As this church year comes to an end and a new one begins,
may the Lord bless you and keep you;
may the Lord's face shine on you and be gracious to you;
may the Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Jesus Shall Reign

#434, vs. 1,2,5

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

POSTLUDE

“In the Hall of the Mountain King” from Peer Gynt

Grieg

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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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