



First Sunday in Lent
March 9, 2025



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 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-Metcalfe

Assisting Minister: Lisa Bass

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Kathi Gallup

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Joe Plummer

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Paul Groskreutz

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Cleanup

Coffee Host: Mary Delebo

Pursers: Adam Podratz, Bob Gustafson, Lisa Ritzinger



everything [in] between

stranger & neighbor

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

The journey of Lent begins with a clear destination. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and, in doing so, sets his course toward his own suffering and death. He pauses only to remind his followers to set their faces in the right direction—to repent, serve others, and follow him, even to death. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded again and again to turn around and face Jerusalem.

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

PRELUDE

12 Canciones y Danzas, No. 5, Mompou

WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Return to the Lord, Erickson

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves,
but we know this is easier said than done.
When we are honest before God and one other,
we open the door to growth and change.
Join me, then, in the prayer of confession.
Join me now, so that tomorrow,
we will be better at loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Let us pray:

C: **Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
but we get tripped up on logistics.
We want to know: who is our neighbor?
Do we have to love the stranger?
Must we have compassion for our enemy?
Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.
Rewire our hearts so that we might see
the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass.
With hope we pray, amen.**

P: Family of faith,
When we set limits on love,
God loves extravagantly.
When we forget that we are neighbors,
God claims us as God's own.
When we judge, hold back, or harm,
God surrounds us with grace.
There is nothing we can do or leave undone
that could separate us from the love of God.
This is the good news of the gospel.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Jesus Calls Us; o'er the Tumult.....#696, vs. 1,4,5

‡ 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: **Compassionate God,**

How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



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‡ GOSPEL: LUKE 10:25-37

P: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

²⁵ An expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to vindicate himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and took off, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road, and when he saw him he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came upon him, and when he saw him he was moved with compassion. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, treating them with oil and wine. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him, and when I come back I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

- P: The gospel of the Lord.
- C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart.....#800, vs. 1,4

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

- L: God, in your mercy,
- C: **receive our prayer.**

- L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

- 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

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OFFERING

*His Voice as the Sound, arr. Parker/Shaw
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: Global Refuge

(formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)

Global Refuge has been a lifeline for immigrants and refugees for over 85 years, helping them find stability and a sense of home. Services support children and families through refugee resettlement, foster care, economic empowerment, mental healthcare, and crisis response.

In January, a stop work order halted all refugee reception and placement services under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, immediately impacting thousands of refugees. Many arrive with little more than what they can carry, relying on Global Refuge to guide them through their first months in a new country.

With federal funding suddenly cut, Global Refuge must now depend on community support to continue this vital work. Your generosity will help provide housing, essential resources, education, and job assistance to refugees, ensuring they have the foundation to rebuild their lives.

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to Global Refuge, 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

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

- L: Let us pray.
Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing
those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

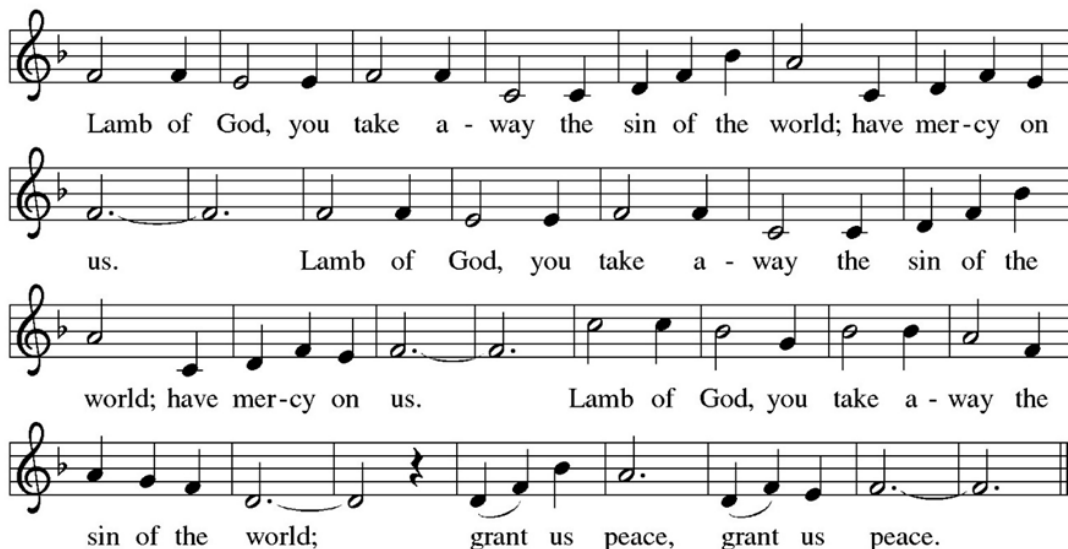
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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: All who are hungry, come!
The feast of grace is spread.

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, 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

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness.....#488

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

L: As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains,
in the valleys,
and everywhere in between.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING SONG

O God of Mercy, God of Light.....#714, vs. 1,5,6

DISMISSAL

L: Go now in peace, into the [in]between.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

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

POSTLUDE

12 Danzas españolas, No. 12, Granados

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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Artist's Statement

Neighbors

Each individual carries generations within them, made up of billions of people who have occupied this earth before us. We have an individual and collective responsibility to be good stewards (Good Samaritans) of our bodies, neighbors, and communities, rooted in love. Every day we make a dance of life and death—celebrating the entrance and exit of life, the progression of age and maturity, and the expansion of our tent, grafting to people who share our blood and our beliefs. We are the structures, those temporal buildings that weather the storms, that creak and wither away daily, but are fortified by our relationships to each other and with the sharing of the good news planted by the Heavenly Father. This dance is an open profession of our vow to live by God's commandments and find a way to collectively preserve the truth of our origin while moving as one communal body into an untouched future.

—Steve Prince

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