



Transfiguration Sunday
February 15, 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 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. 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.

Guest Pastor

Rev. Emmy Kegler is a queer Christian mom, author, pastor, and speaker called to ministry at the margins of the church. She served as an ELCA pastor for six years before transitioning out of congregational ministry, and she currently serves as the interim executive director for Inside Out Faith, which promotes LGBTQ+ inclusion within faith communities. She believes in and works for a church rooted in accessibility, intentionality, integrity, and transformation, knowing that God is already out ahead of us creating expansive space for those most hungry for the good and liberating news of Jesus.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Emmy Kegler

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Assisting Minister: Lisa Bass

Communion Baker: Alli Frey

Organist/Pianist: Kevin Hobbs

Communion Leader: Stephanie Johnson

Handbell Choir Director: Chuck Linderkamp

Communion Servers: Robb Bass, Cynthia

Door Monitor: Nathan Jones

Dickison, Kirk Gallup

Head Usher: Paul Groskreutz

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Summer Schleicher

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Pray-ground Cleanup:

Greeters: Cheryl Vold

Pursers: Carissa Brent, Anne Groskreutz

Coffee Hosts: Harley Hanson

TRANSFIGURATION SUNDAY

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

PRELUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 38, No. 1, Mendelssohn

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CALL TO WORSHIP

On this Sunday, Christians around the world come together to celebrate the festival day of Transfiguration, when Jesus was transformed before the disciples' eyes, spoke with the great leaders Moses and Elijah, and heard a voice from heaven say, "This is my beloved Son."

On this Sunday, we gather out of the cold and ice, out of the chill of winter and of frozen hearts, and we lift our eyes up in hope.

We have come through a dark and despairing valley,
**Holding on to hope and to each other
even in the shadow of death.**

We have climbed with weary but determined feet,
**Proclaiming our belief with every step
that something good still lies before us.**

We have come to reach the summit of God's mercy,
**And to look out upon the wide world
with eyes of diligent grace.**

And here we rest, releasing our burdens,
and breathe in the mountain air—
a quiet yet fearsome peace.

We pause to breathe and rest together.

God of majesty,
as we rest as one from our many journeys,
we long for the same transformations
that the disciples received.

We look for revelation.

Reveal to us

The gift of your law,
That we like Moses might know the blessings
of righteousness and justice,
and ground our every action in your command:
You shall love your neighbor as yourself.

Reveal to us

The gift of your prophets,
That we like Elijah might turn away from the idols
of cruelty, violence, greed, and oppression,
and trust instead in your still small voice
and your unending care for the widow and orphan.

Reveal to us

The gift of your beloved son,
That we in Him might too know our own belovedness.

Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

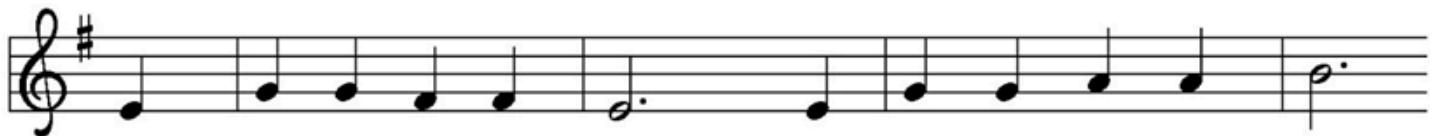
*Hail to the Lord's Anointed.....*ELW 311 (vs 1, 2, 3)

‡ 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.

**Transfigured Christ,
before your disciples you were transformed from humility to glory,
not to terrify them, but to reveal your belovedness.**

**Grant that we too might fulfill God's call
to listen to you and follow you into the world in service,
loving our neighbor as ourself.**

Amen.

ANTHEM

Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Anna Laura Page

Children's Bell Choir

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: MATTHEW 17:1-9

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" When the

disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. But Jesus came and touched them, saying, “Get up and do not be afraid.” And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, “Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Emmy Kegler

HYMN OF THE DAY

*Oh, Wondrous Image, Vision Fair.....*ELW 316 (vs. 1, 2, 3)

‡ 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

Siyahamba — I'm Gonna Sing arr. Tammy Waldrop
Carillon Handbell 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.

February Mission of the Month: Lake Street Council

Recent immigration raids have made it harder for some business owners and employees to show up safely and consistently, leading to lost income and increased uncertainty. The February Mission of the Month supports Lake Street Council, whose work helps employ community members, keep storefronts open, and sustain the neighborhood's economic and cultural vitality. To learn more about the Lake Street Council and its work, go to www.visitlakestreet.com.

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!



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‡ 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



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

Beautiful Savior.....ELW 838
This Little Light of Mine.....ELW 677

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 Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve..........ELW 551

‡ DISMISSAL

Jesus' disciples could not remain on the mountain.

They walked back into their ordinary lives with Jesus by their side
and a simple and everlasting invitation:

Do not be afraid.

We, too, cannot stay here.

The hope we receive is not for our own comfort,
but sends us out into a world hungry
to know what it is like to be unafraid.

Let us go first.

Let us go into the world

With eyes determined to see the truth.

Let us go into the world

With feet steady to seek those in need.

Let us go into the world

With hands holding tight to love.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Song Without Words, Op. 38, 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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