

Ordinary Time
November 8, 2026
9:30 am

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH

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.

Guest Pastor

Rev. Emmy Kegler (they/she) is an ordained pastor in the ELCA and served for six years as the pastor of Grace Lutheran Church in Northeast Minneapolis. When their first child was born in 2022, Emmy transitioned out of called ministry. They currently serve as the blog editor for Church Anew, a ministry resource equipping congregations around the world with worship series, Bible studies, and curricula. Mostly, Emmy spends time with their wife and three children, adventuring through the playgrounds and parks of Minneapolis.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Emmy Kegler
Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson
Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs
Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason
Door Monitor: Sean Laird
Head Usher: Joe Plummer
Usher: Julie Schmidt
Coffee Hosts: Sophia Herrera, Dot Olson
Acolyte: Judi Simons
Reader: Kirk Gallup
Communion Baker: Natalie Remus
Communion Leader: Judi Simons
Communion Servers: Melinda Batz, Kathi Gallup, Kirk Gallup
A/V Tech: John Strasser, Frank Anderson
Pursers: Russ Michaletz, Karen Minge

ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE *"Dance of the Graceful Girl" from Danzas Argentinas*, Ginastera

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Holy, Holy, Holy*, Worst

‡ CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who pours love into our hearts
and healing upon the earth.
Amen.

Confident that God redeems us by grace through faith,
let us confess our sin.

(A brief silence)

Compassionate God,
we confess that we struggle to embody your goodness
in the world and in our own hearts.
Creation groans from overuse.
Jealousy and bitterness strain our relationships.
Indifference keeps us from seeking justice.
Divisions disrupt your call to show genuine love to others.
Turn our hearts back to you.
Restore our world and reconcile us to one another.
Renew us to live as your holy people,

following the way of Jesus Christ.
Amen.

People of God, hear this good news:
We have peace with God through Jesus Christ,
in whom there is no condemnation,
but only forgiveness and the promise of eternal life.
This gift of grace is for you, and for me; for every last one of us.
Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

O Day of Rest and Gladness.....ELW 521 (vs 1, 3, 4)

‡ GREETING
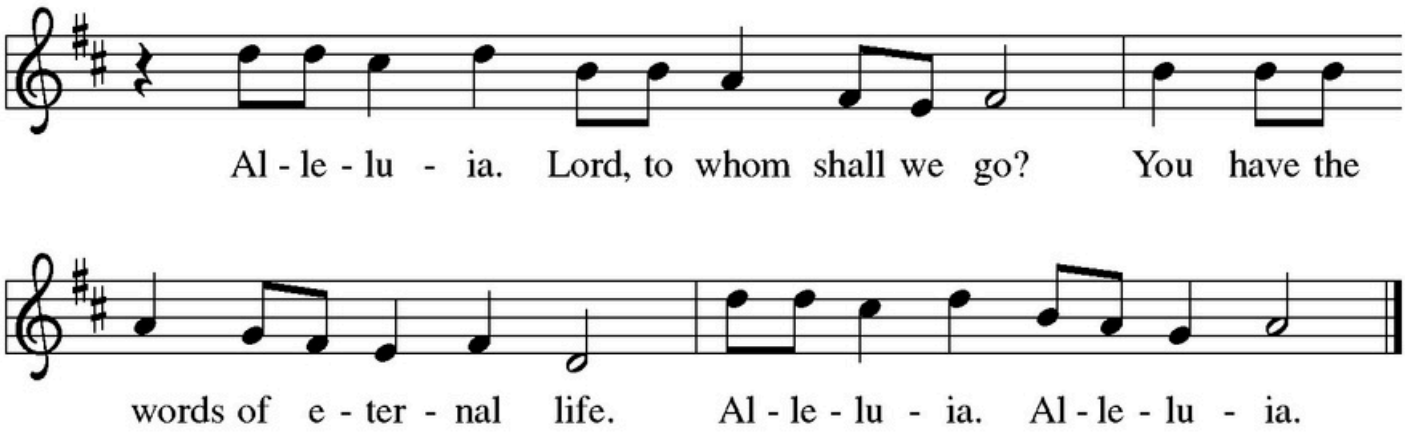
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.
God of impossibilities,
who moves in and through and among us, known and unknown;
who gives each of us a time and place to act with courage;
grant us the strength to rise to the occasion
to protect those in need and defend the oppressed,
so that even kings and politicians would open their hearts
and change their ways,
and so together we might change the world.
Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ READING: ESTHER 3:13-14; 4:1-17

A reading from the book of Esther, the third and fourth chapters.

Letters were sent by couriers to all of King Ahasuerus' provinces, giving orders to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all Jews, young and old, children and women, in one day, the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their goods. A copy of the document was to be issued as a decree in every province by proclamation, calling on all the peoples to be ready for that day.

When Mordecai learned all that had been done, he tore his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes and went through the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry; he went up to the entrance of the king's gate, for no one might enter the king's gate clothed with sackcloth. In every province, wherever the king's command and his decree came, there was great mourning among the Jews, with fasting and weeping and lamenting, and most of them lay in sackcloth and ashes.

When Esther's maids and her eunuchs came and told her, the queen was deeply distressed; she sent garments to clothe Mordecai, so that he might take off his sackcloth, but he would not accept them. Then Esther called for Hathach, one of the king's eunuchs who had been appointed to attend her, and ordered him to go to Mordecai to learn what was happening and why. Hathach went out to Mordecai

in the open square of the city in front of the king's gate, and Mordecai told him all that had happened to him and the exact sum of money that Haman had promised to pay into the king's treasuries for the destruction of the Jews. Mordecai also gave him a copy of the written decree issued in Susa for their destruction, that he might show it to Esther, explain it to her, and charge her to go to the king to make supplication to him and to entreat him for her people.

Hathach went and told Esther what Mordecai had said. Then Esther spoke to Hathach and gave him a message for Mordecai: "All the king's servants and the people of the king's provinces know that, if any man or woman goes to the king inside the inner court without being called, there is but one law: to be put to death. Only if the king holds out the golden scepter to someone may that person live. I myself have not been called to come in to the king for thirty days." When they told Mordecai what Esther had said, Mordecai told them to reply to Esther, "Do not think that in the king's palace you will escape any more than all the other Jews. For if you keep silent at this time, relief and deliverance will rise for the Jews from another place, but you and your father's family will perish. Who knows? Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this." Then Esther said in reply to Mordecai, "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. After that I will go to the king, though it is against the law, and if I perish, I perish." Mordecai then went away and did everything as Esther had ordered him.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON Rev. Emmy Kegler

HYMN OF THE DAY

Perhaps You Have Been Chosen Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

(To the tune of "*The Church's One Foundation*")

"Perhaps you have been chosen for such a time as this!"
So Mordecai told Esther to serve as she'd been blessed.
Their people were in danger and needed someone brave —
A queen who knew her calling to risk and act and save.

She stood up for her people and dared approach the king
Although he might have killed her for doing such a thing.
Inviting him to dinner — a feast to satisfy —
She asked of him a favor: "Don't let my people die!"

The king gave what she wanted and let her people live,
And all because Queen Esther used what she had to give.
She faced her fear with courage, she changed the things she could,
She chose to make a difference — to use her life for good.

O God, we look around us and see a world in need.
There's violence and injustice, there's prejudice and greed.
Remind us of our calling to bravely use our gifts.
Perhaps we have been chosen for such a time as this.

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Reminded of God's gracious and abundant love, we offer our prayers, confident that God hears us.

A brief silence.

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

Grant the prayers we have offered, what we have forgotten to ask, and whatever else you see that we need. We ask this in Jesus' name,
Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

The Lord's Prayer, Hobbs
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.

Mission of the Month: MIGIZI

November's Mission of the Month is MIGIZI, a Native American nonprofit on East Lake Street in Minneapolis. Since 1977, the organization has worked alongside American Indian youth and their families, offering a strong circle of support for their education, social growth, economic opportunity, and culture. MIGIZI began with radio and storytelling. Its founders wanted Native people to be able to tell their own stories accurately, and that thread still runs through their work today. Through academic and cultural support for middle and high school students, as well as innovative career building programs for teens and young adults, MIGIZI works to shatter disparities experienced by American Indians.

Give to the General Fund or the Mission of the Month via:

Cash – Use a "Give Back" envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation. Loose cash without an envelope will go towards the General Fund.
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!

Scan to Give

‡ OFFERTORY

For the Fruit of All Creation

For the fruit of all creation,
thanks be to God.
For these gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God.
For the plowing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labor,
God's will is done.
In the help we give our neighbor,
God's will is done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing,
God's will is done.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.
God of creation,
you send rain and the earth springs forth abundantly.
All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always,
Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

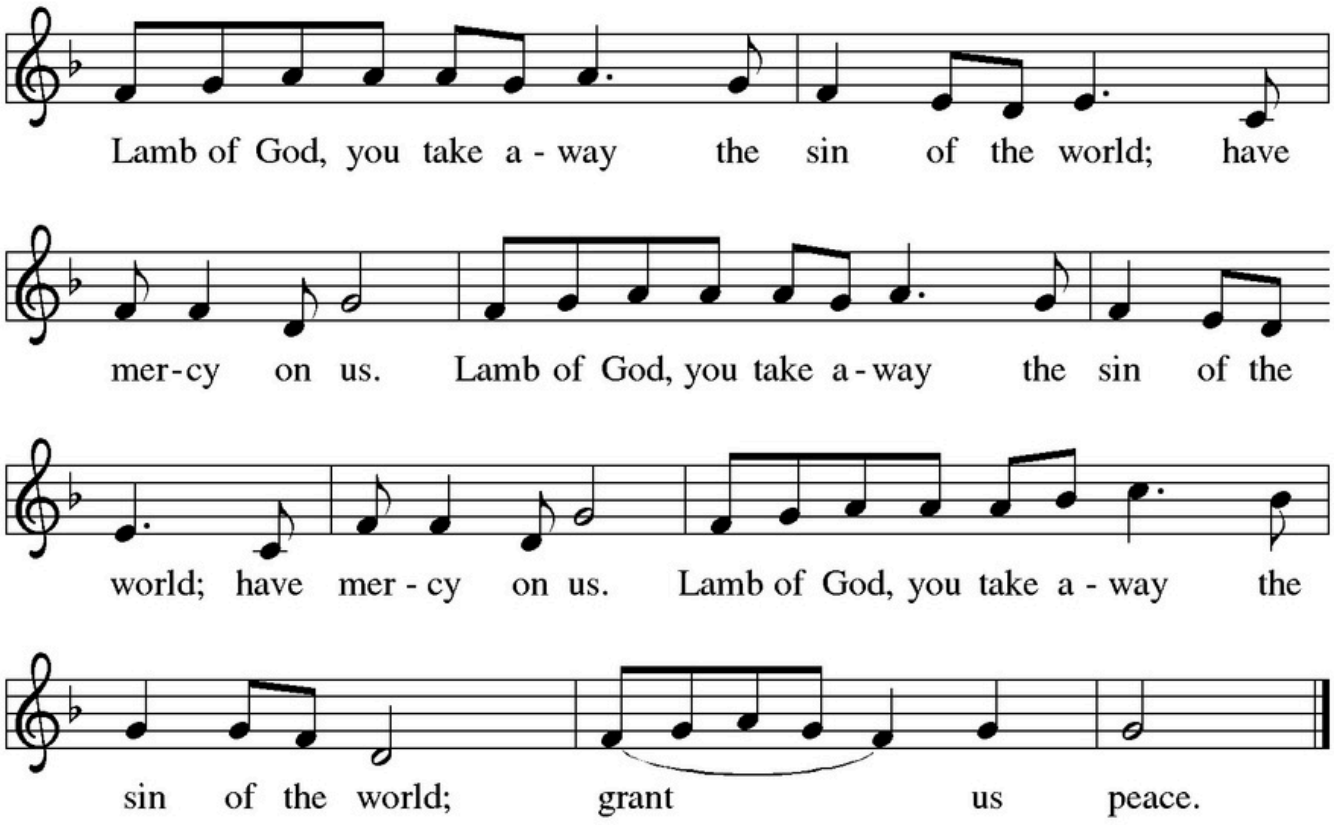
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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

Christ invites you to this table. All who are thirsty, all who are hungry, all who long for the gift of community, come!

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

Thy Holy Wings.....ELW 613
O Christ, The Healer, We Have Come.....ELW 610

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.
Sustaining God,
with this bread and cup,
you nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May the God of love draw us together as one
in the body of Christ Jesus.
Amen.
May the God of hope
grant us strength and joy in all circumstances
by the power and delight of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.
May the God of grace bless us now and forever.
Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

God of Grace and God of Glory.....ELW 705 (vs. 1, 2, 4)

‡ DISMISSAL

Go out in joy! Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God.

‡ CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE *"Homage to Roberto Garcia Morillo" from American Preludes,* Ginastera

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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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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