

**First Sunday of Advent**

November 30, 2025

9:30 am



**DIAMOND  
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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.

## Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Strasser family, in memory of Greg, Paul, Mark, Ronda, and Adrienne Strasser.

## Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Paul Groskreutz

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Guest Musician: Anna Koopmann

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Anne Campbell

Reader: Sue Haffield

Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera

Communion Leader: Judi Simons

Communion Servers: Cynthia Dickison, Joe Plummer, Sam Schleicher

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Theo Brent, Summer Schleicher, Jeff Simons

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Harley and Lana Hanson, Sue Nelson

Pray-ground Cleanup: Sue Nelson

Pursers: Joe Plummer, Darrell Williams

## FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this liminal time, there are so many reasons not to say YES. Even the small YESes in our daily lives feel riskier. Decisions about where we put our money, our time, our energy, our confidence, and our faith feel more important than ever. We come from a history of people who said YES—everyday people, brave and faithful, who said YES to God. In Advent, these YESes are even more significant. This story that we tell isn't just on a page, but one that lives in our bones, and prompts us to say our own YES when we are called into what God is doing now.

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

### PRELUDE

### WORDS OF WELCOME

### TRINITY CHIMES

### LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light one candle for one God,  
The one who comes to us as a baby, swaddled and wailing.  
We light one candle for one hope, one light, one salvation.  
We light one candle to say YES to the invitation  
to participate in the story of God's people.

### † GATHERING HYMN

*Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn.....ELW 242 (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.**

## ‡ KYRIE (Sung to the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)



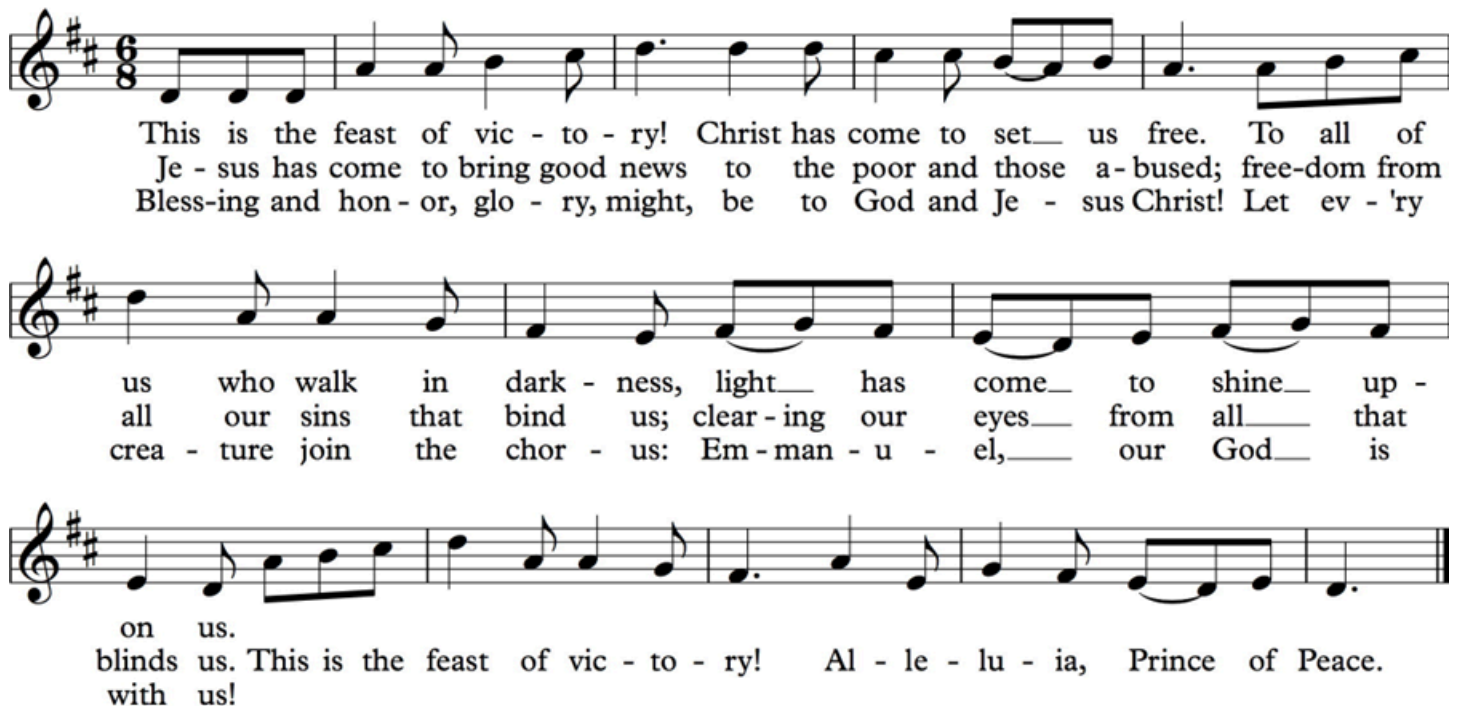
Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on\_\_ us.

Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.  
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.

Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.\_\_  
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.\_\_

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

## ‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung to the tune of “People Look East”)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Christ has come to set\_\_ us free. To all of  
Je - sus has come to bring good news to the poor and those a - bused; free - dom from  
Bless - ing and hon - or, glo - ry, might, be to God and Je - sus Christ! Let ev - 'ry

us who walk in dark - ness, light\_\_ has come\_\_ to shine\_\_ up -  
all our sins that bind us; clear - ing our eyes\_\_ from all\_\_ that  
crea - ture join the chor - us: Em - man - u - el,\_\_ our God\_\_ is

on us.  
blinds us. This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Al - le - lu - ia, Prince of Peace.  
with us!

## ‡ **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**Lord God,**

**We have grown so jaded**

**that we hardly even look for the miracles anymore.**

**Open our eyes,**

**that we might see your good work in new ways,**

**Amen.**

## **SERMON ON THE STEPS**

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung to the tune of “Once in Royal David’s City”)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior;

open now your saving Word.

Let it burn like fire within us;

speak until our hearts are stirred!

Alleluia! Lord, we sing

for the good news that you bring.

‡ **GOSPEL: LUKE 1: 5-25, 57-80**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the first chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the days of King Herod of Judea, there was a priest named Zechariah, who belonged to the priestly order of Abijah. His wife was descended from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. Both of them were righteous before God, living blamelessly according to all the commandments and regulations of the Lord. But they had no children because Elizabeth was barren, and both were getting on in years.

Once when he was serving as priest before God during his section’s turn of duty, he was chosen by lot, according to the custom of the priesthood, to enter the

sanctuary of the Lord to offer incense. Now at the time of the incense offering, the whole assembly of the people was praying outside. Then there appeared to him an angel of the Lord, standing at the right side of the altar of incense. When Zechariah saw him, he was terrified, and fear overwhelmed him. But the angel said to him, “Do not be afraid, Zechariah, for your prayer has been heard. Your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will name him John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth, for he will be great in the sight of the Lord. He must never drink wine or strong drink; even before his birth he will be filled with the Holy Spirit. He will turn many of the people of Israel to the Lord their God. With the spirit and power of Elijah he will go before him, to turn the hearts of parents to their children and the disobedient to the wisdom of the righteous, to make ready a people prepared for the Lord.” Zechariah said to the angel, “How can I know that this will happen? For I am an old man, and my wife is getting on in years.” The angel replied, “I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. But now, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their time, you will become mute, unable to speak, until the day these things occur.”

Meanwhile the people were waiting for Zechariah and wondering at his delay in the sanctuary. When he did come out, he was unable to speak to them, and they realized that he had seen a vision in the sanctuary. He kept motioning to them and remained unable to speak. When his time of service was ended, he returned to his home.

After those days his wife Elizabeth conceived, and for five months she remained in seclusion. She said, “This is what the Lord has done for me in this time, when he looked favorably on me and took away the disgrace I have endured among my people.”

Now the time came for Elizabeth to give birth, and she bore a son. Her neighbors and relatives heard that the Lord had shown his great mercy to her, and they rejoiced with her.

On the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to name him Zechariah after his father. But his mother said, “No; he is to be called John.” They said to her, “None of your relatives has this name.” Then they began motioning to his father to find out what name he wanted to give him. He asked for a writing tablet and wrote, “His name is John.” And all of them were amazed. Immediately his mouth was opened and his tongue freed, and he began to speak, praising God. Fear came over all their neighbors, and all these things were talked about throughout the entire hill country of Judea. All who heard them pondered them and said, “What then will this child become?” For indeed the hand of the Lord was with him.

Then his father Zechariah was filled with the Holy Spirit and prophesied:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,

for he has looked favorably on his people and redeemed them.

He has raised up a mighty savior for us

in the house of his child David,

as he spoke through the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,

that we would be saved from our enemies and from the hand of all who hate us.

Thus he has shown the mercy promised to our ancestors

and has remembered his holy covenant,

the oath that he swore to our ancestor Abraham,

to grant us that we, being rescued from the hands of our enemies,

might serve him without fear, in holiness and righteousness

in his presence all our days.

And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High,

for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,

to give his people knowledge of salvation

by the forgiveness of their sins.

Because of the tender mercy of our God,

the dawn from on high will break upon us,



to shine upon those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

The child grew and became strong in spirit, and he was in the wilderness until the day he appeared publicly to Israel.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

## **HYMN OF THE DAY**

*Abide with Me*.....ELW 629 (vs 1, 3, 5)

## **‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole of creation.

*A brief silence.*

God of grace,  
**receive our prayer.**

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

**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.*

### 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: New Creations Food Ministry

The New Creations Food Ministry addresses food insecurity in our community. With grocery costs continuing to rise, this ministry plays a critical role in ensuring that families have consistent access to healthy food. Your financial gifts this month will help purchase holiday turkeys and fund needed van repairs, ensuring the ministry can continue picking up food donations from area grocery stores.

### 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](http://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** (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

Oh, what shall I render in thanks to my Lord  
for all the good gifts by which I am restored?  
No treasure I tender could ever repay  
God’s mercy and faithfulness, new every day.  
My hands take the cup of salvation you give;  
I’ll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.  
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,  
with all of your people your goodness proclaim.

‡ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.  
God of every good gift,  
We offer what we have back to you,  
knowing that your son is the greatest gift we will ever receive.  
Grant us glad and generous hearts,  
ever 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

Even as we wait and watch this season,  
Good News is here already, hosting this meal.  
Come, join in this feast of abundance

## LAMB OF GOD (Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”)



O Lamb of God you take a-way our sin; have mer-cy on us, give\_ us your  
peace. Pre -pare us to re - ceive\_ your grace and teach us how to fol - low your ways. Re-  
joice! Re-joice! E - man - u - el has come to you, O Is - ra-el.

## 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

Savior of the Nations, Come.....ELW 263  
What Feast of Love.....ELW 487

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Let us pray.

Christ Jesus,

You have fed us with love incarnate,

and we are utterly changed.

Send us forth from this meal to be forces for change in this world,

as we find the YES within each of us,

**Amen.**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **‡ BLESSING**

May God bless you with courage, as you seek the YES within you;

May Christ be born again in every risk you take for the sake of the world;

And may the Holy Spirit remind you, again and again, that you are never alone,

and that you are loved beyond measure.

**Amen.**

### **‡ SENDING HYMN**

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*.....ELW 244 (vs 1, 4)

### **‡ DISMISSAL**

Go in peace, and stay awake,

Go in joy, and stay alert,

Go in love, for every neighbor and for yourselves,

As we wait for the birth of Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## 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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# December Worship



## **Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer**

December 3, 10, 17

6:30 pm

We're gathering in the Sanctuary after dinner on Wednesdays for a time of song, candlelight, poetry, and stillness in the midst of a busy season. Together we'll sing through the Holden service, including Mary's Magnificat, as we wait for the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. All ages are invited to attend; Kids Club will not be running during these services—families are encouraged to worship together.



## **Advent Music Sunday**

December 7

9:30 am

Make sure to attend this special worship service, known as Advent Music Sunday. The choir led by Dr. Bruce Gleason and the bell choirs led by Chuck Linderkamp will share music throughout the service.

Following worship, attend the December performance of *The New Frontier Lutheran Radio Hour* in the Lakeview Room.



## **Children's Christmas Program**

Sunday, December 14

9:30 am

The children of Diamond Lake Lutheran present a creative retelling of the birth of Jesus with *Mary Said Yes!*, a pageant written by Pastor Andrea. After the program, all are invited to the Lakeview Room for cookies, cocoa, and gift wrapping for the families in the Lutheran Social Service apartments we support through the Welcome Home ministry. Be sure to invite family and friends!



## **Blue Christmas Service**

Saturday, December 20

6 pm

Christmastime can be hard for those who are grieving, those struggling with depression, those feeling isolated or alone, and those for whom the future seems bleak. This quiet, candlelit service is designed especially for those who need a moment of stillness amid the holiday rush. All are welcome to come and experience God's light and hope on the longest night of the year.



## **Christmas Eve Worship**

Wednesday, December 24

4 pm

Worship on Christmas Eve is a traditional service, ending with a candlelit singing of *Silent Night*. Come to be grounded in the story we know so well, and to sing your favorite Christmas hymns. This is a family-friendly service – there will be a Sermon on the Steps and battery-operated candles for kids. A staffed nursery will be provided.

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.



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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.

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