



Ordinary Time
August 30, 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 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.

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. Margaret Kelly is a clinical social worker with particular expertise working with folks on the margins of our communities. She has worked in mental health crisis stabilization, adult and children's mental health case management, and housing support for people with mental illness. She received significant recognition for developing Shobi's Table into a community run food truck that brought worship to the streets of St Paul, MN. She currently resides in South Minneapolis with her 2 kids and a calico cat learning to tolerate two, no longer little, kittens.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Margaret Kelly

Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Special Music: Connor Strasser

Door Monitor: Sean Laird

Head Usher: Paul Groskreutz

Usher: Ken Oulman

Coffee Host:

Greeters: Julie Schmidt

Reader: Mike Applequist

Communion Baker: Alli and Katie Frey

Communion Leader: Bob Kresse

Communion Servers: Julie Schmidt, Parker Webster

A/V Tech: Lyle Dean, Doug Johnson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Karen Minge, Joe Plummer

ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ GATHERING LITANY

We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.

We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

‡ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For this water, crisp and cold,
inviting us to shake off the cobwebs of all we had thought to be true.

We give you thanks, O God, for gift of baptism,
For this water, warm and inviting,
reminding us of your comfort and embrace.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For lakes and rivers, oceans and creeks,
For waters that foam and rage, for those that drip and trickle,
For waters that teem with life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For waters that hide dangers yet unknown,
For waters that remind us to be born anew,
For all the waters across your wide creation.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism!
Alleluia! Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

God, Whose Almighty Word.....ELW 673 (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.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God,

we thank you for your Son,

who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world.

Humble us by his example,

pointing us to the path of obedience,

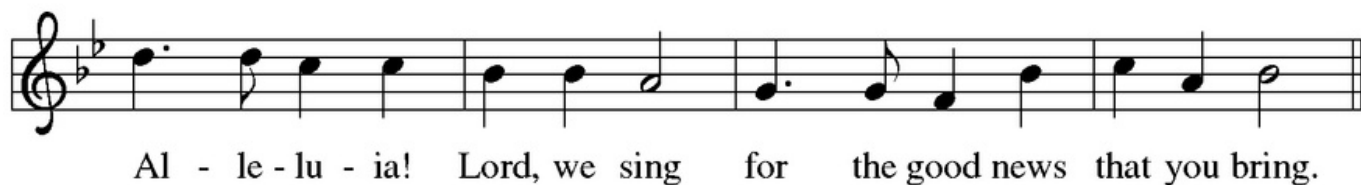
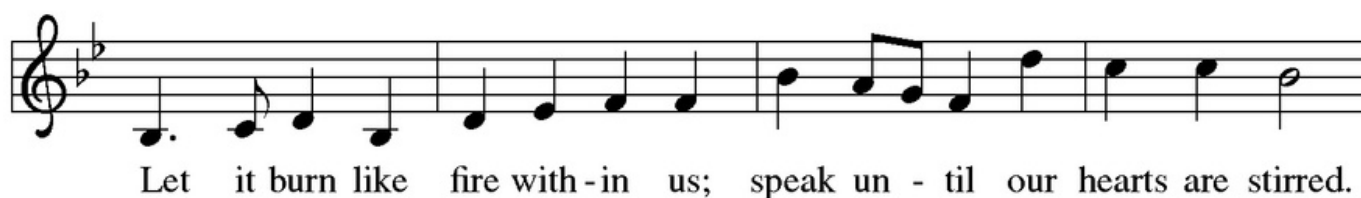
and give us strength to follow your commands,

through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 16:21-28**

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes and be killed and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me, for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Margaret Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Will You Come and Follow Me.....ELW 798

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the whole world.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting that you receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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

American Patrol, Glenn Miller Orchestra arr. Mike Lewis

Connor Strasser

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.

Fifth Sunday: Angel Fund Donations

During every month with five Sundays we take one Sunday off from our Mission of the Month donations in order to stock the Diamond Lake Lutheran Angel Fund. This fund is intended to provide a meal or a tank of gas or a small financial cushion when a situation feels desperate for someone in our church community. If you'd like to contribute gift cards for gas or groceries, rather than cash, please see Director of Community Outreach John Pedersen. If you find yourself in need of help from the Angel Fund, please contact Pastor Andrea.

Give to the General Fund or the Angel Fund 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

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of every good thing,

you provide for us in every season of our lives.

Help us to open our hands, open our lives, to your whole creation,

that we might prioritize justice over wealth,

truth over reputation, people over profits.

Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This table is set for you –
you who are seeking
and you who rest in the illusion that you have all the answers,
you who speak up in the face of injustice and you who struggle to find your voice,
you who understand that we are both/and, sinner/saint, from beginning to end.
Come. Share in God's meal of grace.

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.

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

O Word of God Incarnate.....ELW 514
Alleluia, Song of Gladness.....ELW 318

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God,

you have fed us with a meal beyond our imaginations –
a meal of grace, and delight, and freedom.

Send us forth from your table now,
bearing good news for the whole world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May God bless you with the curiosity to continue growing into your own self.

May God keep you steady in the face of all that is unknown.

May God's face shine on you as you seek new answers
to old questions being born anew, ever and always.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Thy Strong Word.....ELW 511 (vs 1, 4)

‡ **DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace with open hearts and minds,
Seeking justice and truth in all things.

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.

Cover: *Get Thee Behind Me, Satan* (1886-1894 CE) by James Tissot, housed in the Brooklyn Museum.

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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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