



Reconciling in Christ Sunday

October 18, 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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by the Schmidt family in memory of Felecia's parents, Jerry and Lynette Sazama.

Guest Preacher

Rev. Oby Ballinger is the founder and co-Executive Director of Prism Organizing Network, developing local leaders across Minnesota to build power for LGBTQ thriving, so everyone can live with safety, dignity, and freedom. Prior to starting Prism Organizing in January 2025, Oby served United Church of Christ congregations in the Twin Cities for fifteen years.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Guest Preacher: Rev. Oby Ballinger

Assisting Ministers: Frances Bull, Parson Rylander

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Handbell Choir Director: Chuck Linderkamp

Door Monitor: Jon Brunsberg

Head Usher: Kris Pearson

Ushers: Sean Laird, Jeff Simons, Julie Schmidt

Greeter: Dawn Bartl

Coffee Host: Cynthia Dickison

Acolyte: Judi Simons

Reader: Sue Haffield

Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera

Communion Leader: Graydon Royce

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Kirk Gallup, Bob Kresse

A/V Tech: Nick Schmidt, Doug Johnson

Pursers: Carisa Brent, Anne Groskreutz

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday is an annual worship celebration of welcome, inclusion, and advocacy for LGBTQIA2S+ people in the life of the church. While some churches observe RIC Sunday in January, others celebrate this joyful day on the anniversary of their church voting to become an RIC congregation. Today Diamond Lake Lutheran Church is celebrating our one-year RIC anniversary! We are committed to being a community of justice and joy for all people.

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

PRELUDE

Mazurka in C-sharp minor, Op. 50, No. 3, Chopin

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
who makes a home for the outcast;
who brings joy to the downhearted;
who breaks the tools of the oppressor,
and calls us to do the same.

Amen.

Trusting in God's steadfast love which knows no obstacle,
let us confess our sin.

Reconciling God,

Our hearts are broken.

We don't know how to love like you do.

Our community is broken.

Without your help, we cannot love our neighbor as ourselves.

**We confess that we are both the victims
and the perpetrators of harm.**

We implore you, dear God: Break the cycle.

Provide the grace and trust that we cannot provide.

**Open our eyes to our neighbors who are near to us,
and those who are far away.**

Heal our hearts.

Restore our trust.

Build our community.

God created you, knows you intimately, and calls you “Good.” As a minister of Christ, I proclaim that God loves you and forgives all your sins. But this absolution is not just for you. We live as forgiven in cycles of oppression. As forgiven Children of God, created in God’s image, our forgiveness creates our ability to fight the unjust system we find ourselves in. Go forth as created, known, and loved people, forgiven to bring good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, and to proclaim God’s favor.

Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Christ, Be Our Light.....ELW 715 (vs 2, 5)

‡ 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 deliverance,
throughout time you have saved peoples and nations through righteous
and forgiving love. Stir up in us the commitment to follow your rainbow
covenant of justice, mercy, and belonging for all. Equip us to live with
courage, grace, and powerful love, by the name and example of Jesus
our Savior.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ READING: JOSHUA 24:1-15

A reading from the book of Joshua, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, “Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac, and to

Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt.

Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst, and afterward I brought you out. When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea, and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. When they cried out to the Lord, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians and made the sea come upon them and cover them, and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt.

Afterward you lived in the wilderness a long time. Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. Then King Balak son of Zippor of Moab set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you, so I rescued you out of his hand.

When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, as well as the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, and I handed them over to you. I sent swarms of hornets ahead of you that drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your sword or by your bow. I gave you a land on which you had not labored and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and oliveyards that you did not plant.”

Then Joshua said, “Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF THE DAY

For Everyone Born

Adapted by Young Clergy International and Linnea Clark



1. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,
 2. For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
 3. For queer and for straight, a place at the ta - ble,
 4. For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
 5. For eve - ry - one born, a place at the ta - ble,



for eve - ry - one born, clean wa - ter and bread;
 a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
 a cov - e - nant shared, a wel - com - ing space,
 though wound - ed or wronged, a call to for - give;
 to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,



a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
 the hands of a child in hands that are wrink - led,
 a rain - bow of race and gen - der and col - or,
 in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
 to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



for eve - ry - one born, a star o - ver - head.
 for young and for old, the right to be - long.
 for queer and for straight, the chal - ice of grace.
 for just and un - just, a new way to live.
 for eve - ry - one born, the right to be free.



And God will de-light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and



joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de-light when we are cre -



a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.

LITANY OF CELEBRATION AND COMMITMENT

Christ be with you!

And also with you!

Diamond Lake Lutheran Church became a Reconciling in Christ community in 2025. This means we intentionally offer welcome and affirmation to all lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, asexual, and Two Spirit people, and all people of diverse sexual and romantic orientations, gender identities and expressions. Let us celebrate that journey and how it still infuses our ministry of hospitality, welcome, affirmation, and justice.

Welcome Statement:

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 have strived to live into the hospitality and promises in our welcome statement, but we know there is always more to learn and more to do to support people who have been marginalized in our community. We promise to listen to the stories and honor the experiences of our neighbors who are members of the LGBTQIA2S+ community so that we can better understand the difficulties of living as themselves in our church and society.

We have open hearts and open minds and strive to learn more about our many different neighbors.

In the years ahead, we commit to continue to work towards full inclusion in our congregation and in our community. We promise to work together with others to make this space one that provides a welcome in both words and deeds, one that is safe from humiliation and violence and offers sanctuary to those cast out by families and shunned by friends.

We commit to the spirit of hospitality and authentic welcome.

We renew our commitment to welcome all who have been treated as less than or who were told they do not belong, especially transgender, nonbinary, intersex, and Two Spirit people.

We commit to the work of justice and full inclusion.

We renew our commitment to advocate for all LGBTQIA2S+ people as well as our commitment to racial and gender equity. We commit to advocacy and support for immigrants regardless of status. We commit to advocacy and support for neurodivergent and disabled people, who are often targets for shaming language that diminishes their humanity.

We commit to using our voices to speak up for those who have been silenced in our church and society. We promise to continue to advocate for inclusion, affirmation, and justice in our church and in our community and in the wider world even when we encounter resistance or ignorance, or when our steps falter as we grow tired. We promise all these things as we take another step in our journey towards understanding God's boundless love.

Let us pray: O God of compassion and liberation, guide our feet as we strive to walk the good road with Jesus, a road towards justice. We ask you to strengthen our hands as we use them to build your blessed community with space at the table for all of God's beloveds. We ask you to support our voices as we speak words of welcome and compassion. We ask your Spirit to inspire and sustain us when our hearts grow weary. Be with us in and out of every day and night.

And together, as God's children, we say: **Amen!**

‡ **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Trusting in the One who made us, dwells in us, and calls us to life, we pray for the world, the church, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of mercy,
hear our prayer.

We lift these prayers to you, O God, trusting in your mercy, through your son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord,
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

Beach Spring arr. McChesney
Carillon 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: Prism Organizing

Prism Organizing is a statewide movement committed to building power for LGBTQIA2S+ equality by developing leaders and organizing communities across Minnesota. Prism collaborates across queer and trans community groups, spiritual traditions, and justice movements to build power for LGBTQIA2S+ thriving, so

everyone can live with safety, dignity, and freedom. In an era when LGBTQIA2S+ rights are under increasing attack, Prism organizes Minnesota leaders and communities for bold, strategic action, challenging harmful policies, and advancing a vision of belonging and dignity for all.

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

On the night before Jesus was tried and executed by the state,

he dined with his friends, even the one who would betray him.

Jesus took bread, broke it, and gave it to his friends.

Take this bread, the Word made flesh,

to feed you to speak words of justice and truth.

He then took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to his friends to drink.

Take this wine, the blood of Christ,

to quench your throats parched by forced silence.

Let all who hunger for justice, eat.

Let all who thirst for mercy, drink.

Let this meal strengthen and encourage you.

Let this meal remind you, you are not in debt to Empire.

We are to seek the new reality of the realm, the Kin-dom of God in this world.

We are to advocate for our LGBTQIA2S+ siblings.

We are to advocate for one another,

as Christ advocated for us, his arms outstretched in love for all.

Let this table be the place where the spark of the Spirit is ignited,

to fuel us and send us into the world,

embodying justice and peace.

‡ **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:**

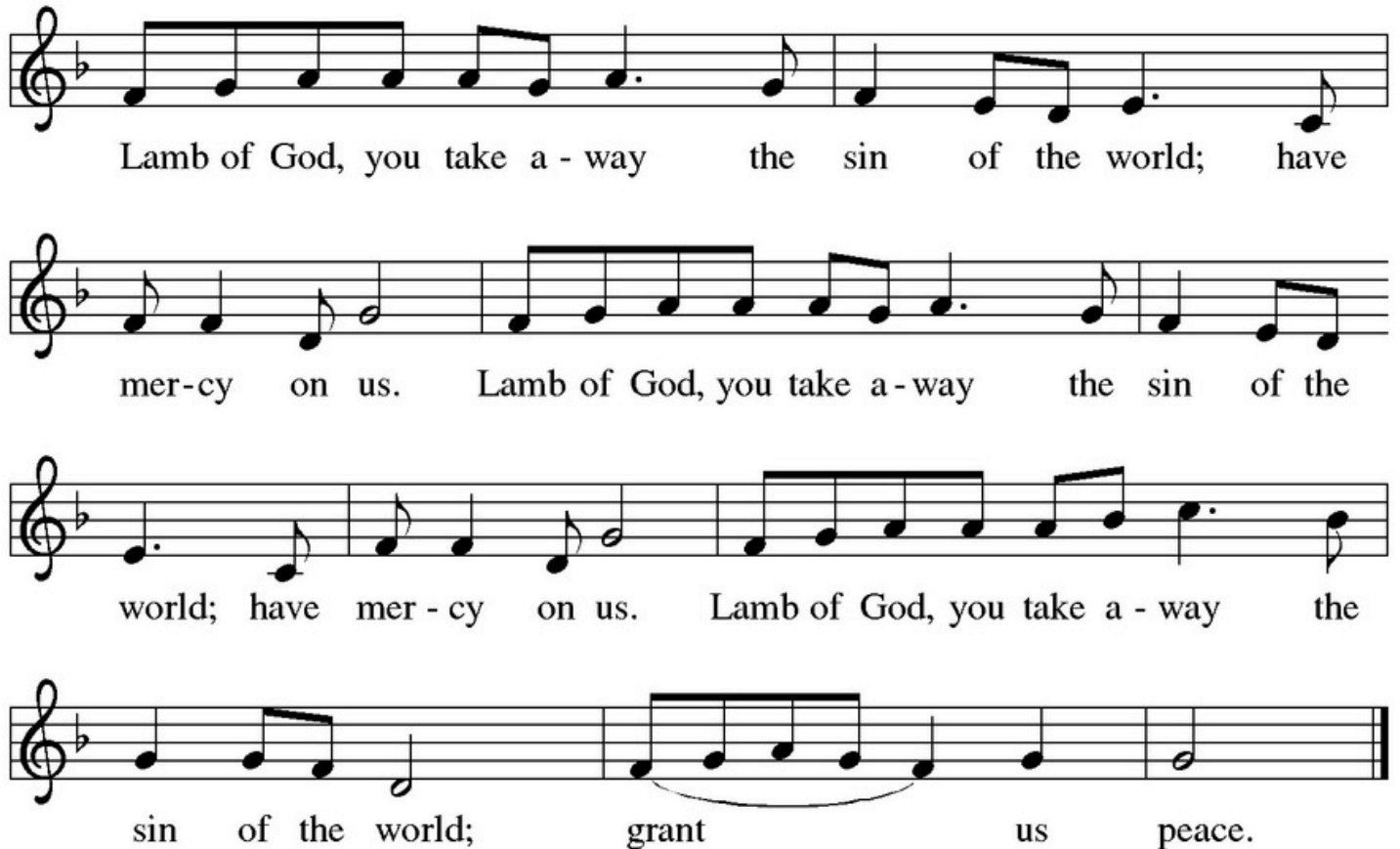
**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**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

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



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

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

Build a Longer Table.....ACS 1062



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

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

God invites us into Their future,
where the One who makes all things new
has made Their home among us.
We are called and chosen, together, embraced by God,
in whom tears, mourning, crying, pain, oppression,
unwelcome, and even death will be no more.
Remember God’s future of a re-imagined church, for this is our story.
May the God of dreamers and visionaries bless you and keep you.
Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

All Are Welcome.....ELW 641

‡ **DISMISSAL**

May God ignite the fires of advocacy in your heart.

May the Spirit place the scroll of knowledge on your tongue for tough conversations.

May the Son walk with you as you march with your queer siblings.

Amen.

Go out into the world and shout from the rooftops that God's love is for all!

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Mazurka in C-sharp minor, Op.63, No. 3, Chopin

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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Our Reconciling in Christ Journey

2022: At the recommendation of the Journey Toward Justice team, the Congregational Council, along with Interim Pastor Lee Hallstrom, approves exploring the Reconciling in Christ process.

2023: A Reconciling in Christ team is formed. Members of the team include Lisa Bass, Stacy Klage, Sean Laird, Russ Michaletz, Karen Minge, John Pedersen, and Lizzy Roberts. The team completes ReconcilingWorks training in November.

2024–2025: The team works through the “Building an Inclusive Church” framework. This work includes congregational surveys, one-to-one conversations, and a variety of congregational education opportunities.

Fall 2025: A Welcome Statement is drafted, and the congregation is surveyed.

October 12, 2025: A vote to adopt the Welcome Statement and become a Reconciling in Christ congregation is held. The outcome is 96 “yes” votes out of 97 ballots, meeting and exceeding the team’s goal of 80 percent approval.

October 18, 2026: Diamond Lake Lutheran celebrates the one-year anniversary of becoming a Reconciling in Christ congregation. This year’s Reconciling in Christ team, who lead our continuing efforts to be a welcoming and affirming place for all, includes Julie Schmidt, Felecia Schmidt, Sean Laird, Jessie Jones, and John Pedersen.



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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.

Our mission: Stirred by the Spirit of Christ to learn, follow, and serve.

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