



Sixth Sunday after Epiphany

February 16, 2025



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 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 leave your nametag on during the fellowship time.

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.

Special Assistance

Hearing devices and large print bulletins are available. Please see the ushers for assistance.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Katie McMahon

Congregational Representative: Anne Campbell

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Cynthia Dickison

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Servers: Kirk Gallup, Jan Michaletz

Ushers: Kris Pearson, Julie Schmidt

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Guest Pianist: Dr. Grace Choi

Director of Bell Choirs: Chuck Linderkamp

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host:

Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Mike Eckroth

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

The Messiah has arrived at last. The season of Epiphany celebrates how God is revealed in Jesus. Simeon and Anna proclaim baby Jesus as the savior. Jesus returned to the temple as a boy, revealing his deep understanding of God to the teachers. Jesus was named God's beloved Son at his baptism, the one whom John the Baptist had announced. Jesus reveals his own mission in Nazareth, declaring that he is the fulfillment of prophecy. He then sets about the work of the kingdom as he calls his disciples and challenges the religious leaders.

We invite those who are able to stand each time the † symbol appears.

PRELUDE *Fantasie in F minor, D. 940 (Allegro molto moderato)* Schubert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
our creator, our protector, our wellspring of life.

C: Amen.

P: Trusting that God receives our words and the meditations of our hearts, let us
confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God,

C: you speak blessing and compassion into the world.

**Forgive us for the ways we act
with judgment, cruelty, or indifference.**

**We ignore the needs of our neighbors;
we resist your call to oppose injustice;
we give in to scarcity and fear;**

we assume the worst about one another.

**Cleanse us from our faults
and release us from their grasp.**

Show us your loving kindness.

**Restore our hearts and repair your world,
that we may live in Christ's ways.**

Amen.

P: God proclaims these words of assurance:
"Do not fear, for I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name. You are mine."
In Christ, you are forgiven.
In the Spirit, you are made free.
Refreshed by the waters of mercy,
live anew as beloved children of God.

C: Amen.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Gather Us In

#532

‡ GREETING

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

C: **God of mystery,
Just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you.
Who are you to us? Are you the one? Show us that you are God,
mysterious, wonderful, mighty. Amen.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Robin Lowell Warner

Parents: Julie & Curtis Warner

Sponsors: Cari & Jeremy DeGolier

CANTICLE OF WELCOME

You Belong to Christ

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system also has a treble staff with a vocal line and a bass staff with a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The score ends with a double bar line.

ANTHEM*The Tear*Francisco Tarrega
arr. Kevin McChesney
Children's Bell Choir**SERMON ON THE STEPS****‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION****‡ GOSPEL**

Luke 7:18-35

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the 7th chapter.**C:** **Glory to you, Lord.**

¹⁸ The disciples of John reported all these things to him. So John summoned two of his disciples ¹⁹ and sent them to the Lord to ask, “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?” ²⁰ When the men had come to him, they said, “John the Baptist has sent us to you to ask, ‘Are you the one who is to come, or are we to expect someone else?’ ” ²¹ Jesus had just then cured many people of diseases, afflictions, and evil spirits and had given sight to many who were blind. ²² And he answered them, “Go and tell John what you have seen and heard: the blind receive their sight; the lame walk; those with a skin disease are cleansed; the deaf hear; the dead are raised; the poor have good news brought to them. ²³ And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me.”

²⁴ When John’s messengers had gone, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: “What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ²⁵ What, then, did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who put on fine clothing and live in luxury are in royal palaces. ²⁶ What, then, did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ²⁷ This is the one about whom it is written,

‘See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you,
who will prepare your way before you.’

²⁸ “I tell you, among those born of women no one is greater than John, yet the least in the kingdom of God is greater than he.”

³¹ “To what, then, will I compare the people of this generation, and what are they like? ³² They are like children sitting in the marketplace and calling to one another,

‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;
we wailed, and you did not weep.’

³³“For John the Baptist has come eating no bread and drinking no wine, and you say, ‘He has a demon’; ³⁴ the Son of Man has come eating and drinking, and you say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ ³⁵ Nevertheless, wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry* #249, vs. 1,3,5

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of grace,
C: **hear our prayer.**

P: We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: **And also with you.**

You may share the peace with those around you.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

Norma Williams

OFFERING

Meditation on Beautiful Savior

Silesian folk tune
arr. Cathy Moglebust
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.

February Mission of the Month: LA Wildfires-Lutheran Disaster Response

In early January, multiple wildfires broke out across Los Angeles County in California, with over 150,000 people under evacuation orders. Sparked by dry conditions, strong winds, and a limited water supply, these fires have destroyed more than 12,000 homes and businesses, and have led to injuries and loss of life. Though we don't yet know the full impact of the fires, Lutheran Disaster Response is present to support the families and communities that will be rebuilding their lives. Lutheran Disaster Response is coordinating with the Southwest California Synod and Pacifica Synod to assess the needs of people impacted by the wildfires. These groups are working together to provide for immediate needs amid the destruction as well as to assist with recovery efforts for months and years to come.

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit "Give Back" page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose "Mission of the Month" from the drop-down menu.

To contribute to either of these funds, use the QR code, visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online>



‡ OFFERTORY

Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful



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

L: Let us pray.
God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens,
and your abundance to the depths of the seas.
Bless what we offer to your service:
our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts.
Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity,
now and always.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

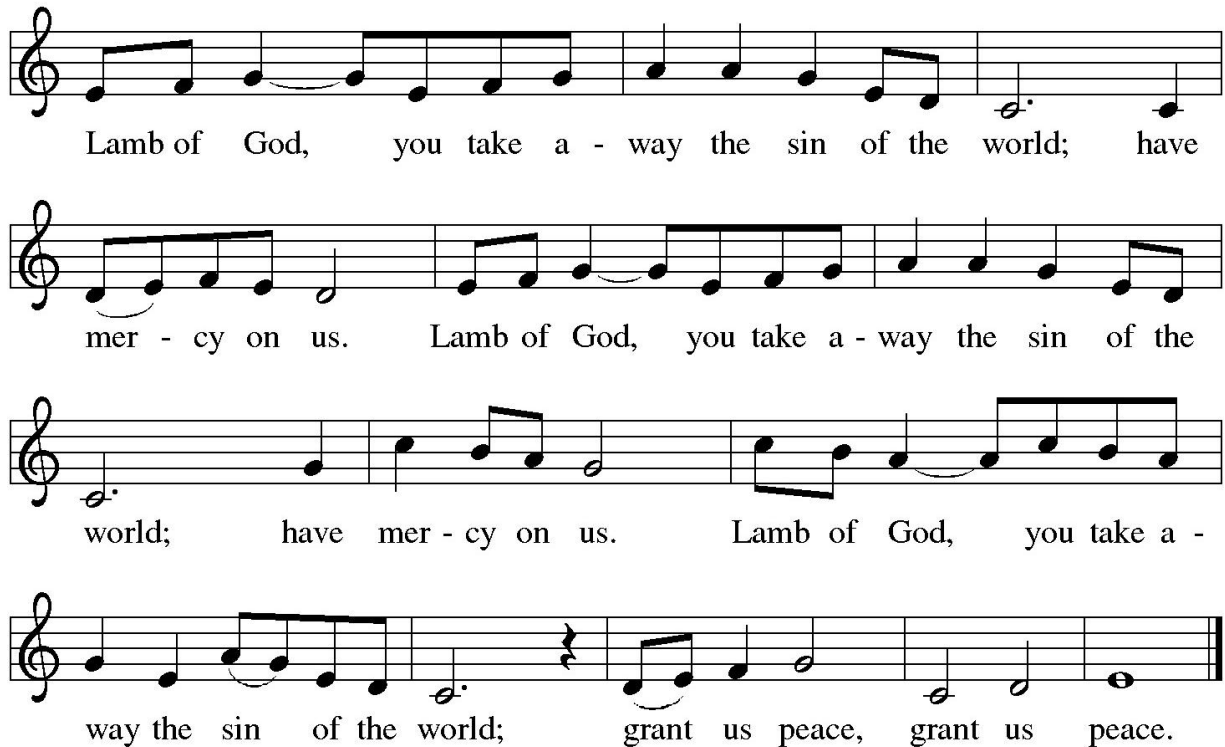
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

C: **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

P: The joy of the Lord is our strength.
Come, eat this meal of gladness.

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, 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 from the pastor instead, 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 HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Nourishing God,
at this table you have refreshed us
with holy gifts of food and drink.
Strengthen us for service,
and send us out to embody your good news
of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: The Spirit of the triune God
bless you with joy,
anoint you with compassion,
and send you in love.

C: **Amen.**

‡ **SENDING HYMN** *God of Grace and God of Glory* #705, vs. 1,2,4

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Live in hope.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

‡ **CHORAL AMEN** *(Please remain in place until the choir is finished.)*

POSTLUDE *Fantasie in F minor, D. 940 (Allegro vivace)* Schubert

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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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