



Second Sunday in Lent
March 16, 2025



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.

Blessing of the Quilts: Yesterday was National Quilting Day and so, today, we celebrate our own quilters. Samples of their beautiful work are spread throughout the sanctuary this morning. The Diamond Lake Lutheran quilting group creates usable quilts for those in need and for distribution through nonprofits and faith organizations. In 2024, the group donated 90 quilts to organizations including Agate Housing, Clare House, Emma Norton Housing, Every Third Saturday, Luther Park, Our Saviour's Lutheran Church, 360 Communities, and The Linus Project. The Diamond Lake Lutheran Church Quilters are Anna Darland, Jan Evingson, Anne Groskreutz, Carla Hofland, Val Oulman, Carolyn Sandvig, Linda Torkelson, Penny Wells Werneke, Diane West, Norma Williams. They meet on Tuesdays at 10am to quilt, eat tasty snacks, and build community. Anyone is welcome to join, no experience necessary!

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Sean Laird

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Kris Pearson

Reader: Sue Haffield

Communion Servers: Julie Schmidt, Jan Michaletz

Ushers: Adam Podratz, Paul Groskreutz

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Carillon Choir Director: Chuck Linderkamp

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host:

Pursers: Mike Eckroth, Joe Plummer



everything [in] between

faith & works

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

The journey of Lent begins with a clear destination. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and, in doing so, sets his course toward his own suffering and death. He pauses only to remind his followers to set their faces in the right direction—to repent, serve others, and follow him, even to death. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded again and again to turn around and face Jerusalem.

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

PRELUDE

12 Canciones y Danzas, No. 8, Mompou

WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Our faith tells us to love our neighbor as we love ourselves,
but we know this is easier said than done.
When we are honest before God and one other,
we open the door to growth and change.
Join me, then, in the prayer of confession.
Join me now, so that tomorrow,
we will be better at loving our neighbors as ourselves.

Silence is kept for reflection

P: Let us pray:
C: **Holy God, you have told us to love our neighbors as ourselves,
but we get tripped up on logistics.
We want to know: who is our neighbor?
Do we have to love the stranger?
Must we have compassion for our enemy?
Forgive our human tendency to create exceptions in the face of love.
Rewire our hearts so that we might see
the face of a neighbor in every stranger we pass.
With hope we pray, amen.**

P: Family of faith,
When we set limits on love,
God loves extravagantly.
When we forget that we are neighbors,
God claims us as God's own.
When we judge, hold back, or harm,
God surrounds us with grace.
There is nothing we can do or leave undone
that could separate us from the love of God.
This is the good news of the gospel.

C: **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

‡ GATHERING HYMN

As Rain from the Clouds#508, vs. 1,3

‡ 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 Grace,**

We know your promise means that we do not have to earn your love; that we are enough, just as we are. Help us to remember when we forget, help guide our good works as a response to your love, for the sake of your son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

‡ GOSPEL: LUKE 10: 38-42

R: The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 10th Chapter.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

³⁸ Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village where a woman named Martha welcomed him. ³⁹ She had a sister named Mary, who sat at Jesus's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰ But Martha was distracted by her many tasks, so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her, then, to help me."

⁴¹ But the Lord answered her, “Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things, ⁴² but few things are needed—indeed only one. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her.”

R: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ministry and Presence

Sung to the tune of A Mighty Fortress is Our God

1. When Jesus passed near Martha’s home
She had no hesitation
“Please treat my house like it’s your own,”
She gave the invitation
She wanted all the best
To serve her honored guest
Her checklist grew and grew
Her time was all consumed
With ministry abounding
2. Her sister Mary took a seat
To spend time with the teacher
Intently list’ning at his feet
His words drew her in deeper
But Martha took offense
At Mary so content
With all there was to do
She needed Mary, too
And asked for Jesus’ backing
3. He said, “You are both gifts to me
With different ways of being
I won’t take that from Mary
Whose place is right here with me
You have nothing to prove
So let your heart be moved
Just one thing do I need:
To feel your love in deeds
Of ministry and presence”

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS: A LITANY

L: God, our neighbors are all around the world and right here in our own communities. Your Spirit is a mighty force, your whispers of hope bring light into the world. Open our hearts and hands to see your presence in our neighborhoods and across the world.

C: Jesus, help us speak words of hope to our neighbors, and to one another.

L: God, we give you thanks for the ministry of quilting—for pieces of fabric, for thread, for sewing machines, and for the creative spirits required for this endeavor. May these quilts wrap our neighbors in unending love.

C: Jesus, help us reach out in hope to our neighbors, and to one another.

L: God, we give thanks for all the hands that fashion hope into a quilt, for the hands that collect and sort, for the hands that create patterns and designs, for the hands that continually open wider so that no one feels left out.

C: Jesus, help us see hope in our neighbors, and in one another.

L: God, be with our neighbors who will receive these gifts. May they be wrapped in love, may they taste your goodness, may they touch signs of your hope. Whether we know their names or where they live, they are our neighbors, our siblings in Christ. We pray all this in the name of Jesus, the One who is our hope.

C: Amen.

Adapted from the Rev. Kimberly Knowle-Zeller for Lutheran World Relief

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

L: God, in your mercy,

C: receive our prayer.

L: Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

C: Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: 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

Barb Glasoe

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.

March Mission of the Month: Global Refuge

(formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)

Global Refuge has been a lifeline for immigrants and refugees for over 85 years, helping them find stability and a sense of home. Services support children and families through refugee resettlement, foster care, economic empowerment, mental healthcare, and crisis response.

In January, a stop work order halted all refugee reception and placement services under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, immediately impacting thousands of refugees. Many arrive with little more than what they can carry, relying on Global Refuge to guide them through their first months in a new country.

With federal funding suddenly cut, Global Refuge must now depend on community support to continue this vital work. Your generosity will help provide housing, essential resources, education, and job assistance to refugees, ensuring they have the foundation to rebuild their lives.

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to Global Refuge, 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



Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right
spir-it with-in me. Cast me not a-way from your pres-ence, and take
not your Ho-ly Spir-it from me. Re-store to me the joy of
your sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with your free Spir-it.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

- L: Let us pray.
Gracious Provider,
you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world.
As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing
those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- C: **Amen.**

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

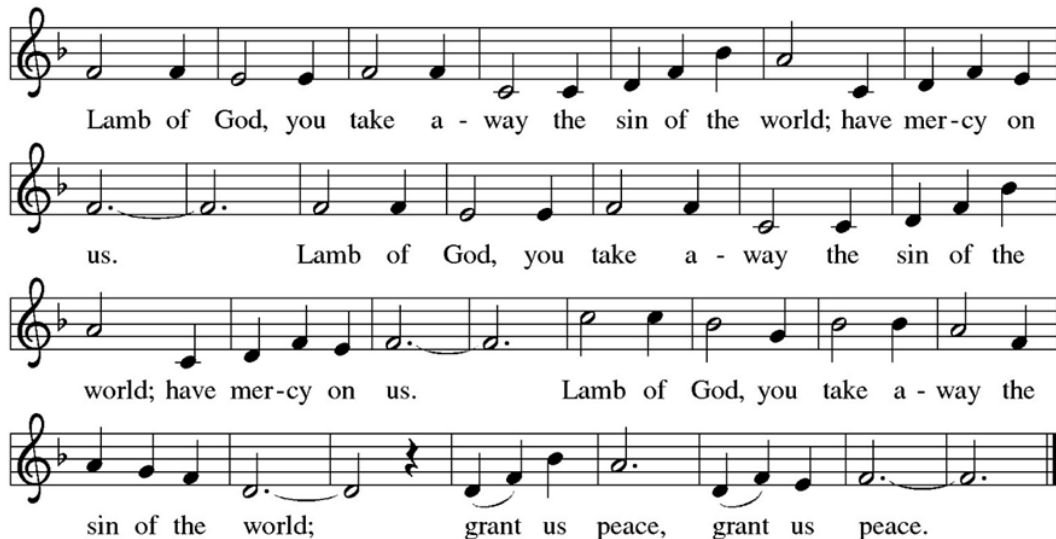
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

- 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: All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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, 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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is#502

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Generous Host,
you have shared your feast with us and made us new.
Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities,
that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom,
in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

L: As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains, in the valleys,
and everywhere in between.

C: Amen.

‡ SENDING SONG

The Holy Wings#613

DISMISSAL

L: Go now in peace, into the [in]between.
C: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

12 Danzas españolas, No. 3, Granados

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Artist's Statement

Mary & Martha

Growing up, I felt I had to decide whether I was a Mary or a Martha. I never identified with Martha because the culturally-prescribed roles of a woman were my weakness, and I didn't identify with Mary either because she seemed more earnest than I felt.

Diving into the Greek of this text helped me work through my very well-worn opinions to find some nuance. Martha's work was not limited to cooking and cleaning; the Greek word used for her many tasks is *διακονία* which also means "service, ministering, and promoting religion."³ With this layered meaning in mind, it is clear to me that Jesus' response is not about Martha's ministry, but her preoccupation with Mary.

I think the most pivotal shift in translation is found in v. 42 where it is often translated, "Mary has chosen the better part." When you look at the Greek, however, it can also be translated as, "a good portion" or "a useful share."⁴ In light of this, I believe Jesus is not offering a value judgment between them, but assuaging Martha's worry by affirming that Mary is doing a good portion of the work too.

Mary sits at the feet of Jesus, a place that was reserved for men. I wonder if Martha was concerned about what might happen to Mary for being out of "her place." Jesus' response is radical because he affirms she has chosen a good portion of the work, and even though she is not where she is expected to be, no one can take that away from her. Jesus protects her right to assume the position of a disciple.

In this image, Mary eagerly reaches toward Jesus. Her clothing is patterned with mustard seeds and flowers because her faith may seem small, but her boundary-breaking faithfulness will nurture her faith to grow beyond what seems possible. Martha reaches toward Mary to pull her into more "appropriate" work. Martha's dress is patterned with open hands to image her vital ministry of welcome, service, and cultivating space for Jesus' message to take root. I imaged Jesus equally affirming both Mary and Martha's lived-out faiths. He is green, the combination of Mary and Martha's colors (yellow + blue), showing that he embodies the integration of both faith and works.

—Rev. Lauren Wright Pittman

³ blueletterbible.org/lexicon/g1248/kjv/tr/0-1/

⁴ Strong's Greek Lexicon, G18 and G3310.