



Holy Humor Sunday

April 12, 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

Assisting Minister: Robb Bass

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Door Monitor: Sean Laird

Head Usher: Paul Groskreutz

Ushers: Adam Podratz, Brandy

Schleicher, Julie Schmidt

Coffee Host: Harley and Lana Hanson

Greeters: Mary and John Delebo

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Dave Campbell

Communion Baker: Natalie Remus

Communion Leader: Gene Zemske

Communion Servers: Jan Michaletz, Joe

Plummer, Graydon Royce

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Gary Milne

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Bob Gustafson, Liza Ritzinger

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY - UPSIDEDOWN CHURCH

Holy Humor Sunday (also known as Laughter Sunday, Bright Sunday, or Holy Fools Sunday) has its roots in a number of different Christian traditions. Churches in 15th century Bavaria used to celebrate the Sunday after Easter as *Risus Paschalis* ('God's Joke,' or 'the Easter laugh'). Priests would deliberately include amusing stories and jokes in their sermons in an attempt to make the faithful laugh. Today we celebrate the holiness of laughter, remembering during this Easter season that the resurrection was the biggest joke God ever played on the devil.

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

POSTLUDE

"The Sunken Cathedral" from Preludes, Book I, Debussy

† DISMISSAL

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen, indeed. Alleluia!

Go (or better yet, stay for a bit) in peace. In Christ you are made new.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!

† SENDING HYMN

Christ Joyful

To the tune of "The Church's One Foundation"

VI We lack the gift of laughter;
Faith sits all pale and glum,
Hope dozes on a rafter,
and Love is stricken dumb
Come, Christ, into our drabness,
tell us that matchless jest
of life and resurrection,
your sweetest and your best.

V2 We know the trick of tumbling,
red nose and redder face;
by virtues of our bumbling
ours is the jester's case.
Come, Christ, come down immortal,
teach us that matchless jest
of life and resurrection,
your sweetest and your best.

V3 You joined our sad profession,
made good our foolishness,
brought clowning into fashion,
put on our joker's dress.
Come, Christ, come holy laughter,
to share that matchless jest
of life and resurrection,
your sweetest and your best.

V4 Upon a foolish cross, Lord,
you hung to make us mirth;
but there you conquered loss, Lord,
old death became new birth.
Come everlasting joy; Christ,
confirm that matchless jest
of life and resurrection,
your sweetest and your best.

‡ **BLESSING**

Alleluia! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen, indeed! Alleluia!

May the God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
bless you now and always.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

ELW pg. 227

Cameron Wiles Richardson & James Connolly Richardson

Parents: Megan and Conor Richardson

Sponsors: Andrew Kresse & Anya Dymentrenko

Congregational Representative: Bob Kresse

CANTICLE OF WELCOME

You Belong to Christ

The musical score consists of two systems. The first system has a treble staff with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style. Below the treble staff is the bass staff, which provides a harmonic accompaniment using chords and single notes. The lyrics are: "You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized." The second system follows the same musical structure. The lyrics are: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia." The music concludes with a final chord in the bass staff.

You be - long to Christ, in whom you have been bap - tized.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

‡ 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

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

LAMB OF GOD



1 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
2 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;
3 O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world a - way;



you suf - fered death our lives to save: have mer - cy now, we pray.
you set us free from guilt and grave: have mer - cy now, we pray.
e - ter - nal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

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

Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain.....ELW 363

With High Delight Let Us Unite.....ELW 368

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Holy One,

through this meal you have made your home among us
and are making all things new.

Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts,
to love our enemies,
and to bring your healing to the nations.

In the name of Jesus,

Amen.

OFFERING

My Soul Proclaims, arr. Hobbs

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.

April Mission of the Month: Mukwa

Coinciding with Earth Month, the April Mission of the Month is Mukwa, a program of the Indigenous Environmental Network. Based in Minnesota, the organization works to advance environmental and economic justice for Indigenous communities. Its efforts include protecting wild rice, opposing the development of new hyperscale data centers in the state, protecting sacred sites, and advocating for a more sustainable and equitable economy. Your gift this month will directly support Indigenous communities as they defend their homelands, protect vital ecosystems, and work toward economic and environmental justice.

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 and select a fund from the drop-down menu. Repeat the process if giving to both funds.



Thank you!

‡ **OFFERTORY**

(To the tune of “As Saints of Old”)

A world in need now summons us
to labor, love, and give;
to make our life an offering
to God, that all may live.

The church of Christ is calling us
to make the dream come true:
a world redeemed by Christ-like love;
all life in Christ made new.

In gratitude and humble trust
we bring our best today
to serve your cause and share your love
with all along life's way.

O God, who gave yourself to us
in Jesus Christ your Son,
teach us to give ourselves each day
until life's work is done.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

Risen One,

you have gathered us around your table of grace
along with these gifts we bring.

Come among us again,

breathe your life into us,

and enliven us with this meal (which, it turns out, we have already eaten),
that we may live as your risen body in the world.

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.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Trusting in the power of Christ's resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

A brief silence.

Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

(Sung twice through)



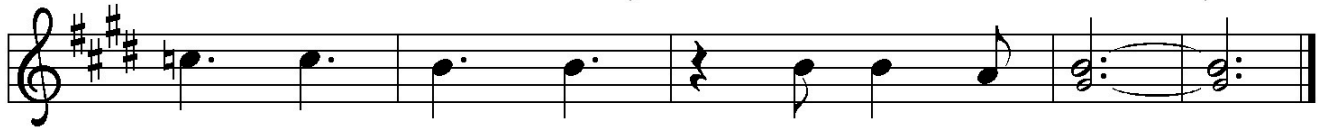
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Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
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al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

‡ GOSPEL: LUKE 24:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the twenty-fourth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, “Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: ‘The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.’” Then they remembered his words.

When they came back from the tomb, they told all these things to the Eleven and to all the others. It was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the others with them who told this to the apostles. But they did not believe the women, because their words seemed to them like nonsense. Peter, however, got up and ran to the tomb. Bending over, he saw the strips of linen lying by themselves, and he went away, wondering to himself what had happened.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

REFLECTION

“Easter is Coming” by David Lose

HYMN OF THE DAY

Give to Us Laughter

To the tune of “Be Thou My Vision”

V1 Give to us laughter,
O Source of our life.
Laughter can banish
so much of our strife!
Laughter and love
give us wholeness and health.
Laughter and love
are the coin of true wealth.

V2 Give to us laughter
as sign of deep joy;
let us in laughing
find Christian employ,
joining with stars
and with bright northern lights,
laughing and praising
and sharing delights.

V3 Even in sorrow
and hours of grief,
laughter with tears
brings us healing relief!
God, give us laughter,
and God, give us peace,
joy of your promise
among us increase.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

God of surprises,

**You up-end our understandings
and flip our assumptions on their heads.**

**Reminds us, again and again,
that your ways are not the ways of the world,
and help us to flip assumptions in our own lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Amen.**

‡ 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.

‡ GATHERING HYMN

Sing a Happy Alleluia

To the tune of “God of Grace and God of Glory”

V1 Sing a happy alleluia,
sing it out with heart and style—
we’re the echo of God’s laughter,
we’re the image of God’s smile.

Refrain:
Alleluia, all creation, alleluia, everyone!
Alleluia, everyone!

V2 We’re the proof of God’s good humor,
we’re the twinkle in God’s eye,
made to shine, reflect the glory,
given light and space to fly.

V3 Sarah laughed at God’s good timing,
Mary sang and David danced,
Jesus smiled and hugged the children—
so is life for us enhanced.

V4 Every day sing alleluia!
We are loved, though so absurd,
human, foolish, chosen people,
God still takes us at our word!

‡ **GATHERING LITANY**

O praise to the God of laughter whose humor sends ripples
through even the river of death,
who turns a mustard seed into a tree,
who conceals the meaning of life in a loaf of bread.

Like a trickster, you turn the world topsy-turvy.

**When I think I am lovely, you hold up a mirror
that shows me as thin as a pencil or as squat as a toad.**

Here in the Fun House, the popular routes lead me in circles,
but the dead-ends have doors.

**O for a thousand tongues to sing the praise of One who is All,
who is as invisible as the wind, yet as firm as a rock. Amen.**

TRINITY CHIMES

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Minstrels” from Preludes, Book I, Debussy

*This congregation traditionally sits and remains in the sanctuary to hear the postlude
(or prelude!).*

If you need to leave early, please feel free to do so quietly.

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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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