



Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 23, 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. 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.

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

Alter Flowers

The flowers on the altar are from the memorial service of Tom Luukkonen. Thank you to the Luukkonen family for the beautiful arrangements.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Adam Podratz

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeter: Anne Campbell

Reader: Dave Campbell

Communion Servers: Sean Laird, Val Oulman

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Paul Groskreutz

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Host:

Pursers: Gene Zemske, Darrell Williams

Pray-Ground Cleanup:

SEVENTH 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

Impromptu No. 2, D. 935

Schubert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 25:34

Aaron David Miller

† CONFESSON & 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**

Rise, Shine, You People!

#665

‡ **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: **Forgiving God,**

Too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the Jesus Christ our healer. Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

‡ GOSPEL

Luke 7:36-50

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

³⁶ One of the Pharisees asked Jesus to eat with him, and when he went into the Pharisee's house he reclined to dine. ³⁷ And a woman in the city who was a sinner, having learned that he was eating in the Pharisee's house, brought an alabaster jar of ointment. ³⁸ She stood behind him at his feet, weeping, and began to bathe his feet with her tears and to dry them with her hair, kissing his feet and anointing them with the ointment. ³⁹ Now when the Pharisee who had invited him saw it, he said to himself, "If this man were a prophet, he would have known who and what kind of woman this is who is touching him, that she is a sinner." ⁴⁰ Jesus spoke up and said to him, "Simon, I have something to say to you." "Teacher," he replied, "speak." ⁴¹ "A certain moneylender had two debtors; one owed five hundred denarii, and the other fifty. ⁴² When they could not pay, he canceled the debts for both of them. Now which of them will love him more?" ⁴³ Simon answered, "I suppose the one for whom he canceled the greater debt." And Jesus said to him, "You have judged rightly." ⁴⁴ Then turning toward the woman, he said to Simon, "Do you see this woman? I entered your house; you gave me no water for my feet, but she has bathed my feet with her tears and dried them with her hair. ⁴⁵ You gave me no kiss, but from the time I came in she has not stopped kissing my feet. ⁴⁶ You did not anoint my head with oil, but she has anointed my feet with ointment. ⁴⁷ Therefore, I tell you, her many sins have been forgiven; hence she has shown great love. But the one to whom little is forgiven loves little." ⁴⁸ Then he said to her, "Your sins are forgiven." ⁴⁹ But those who were at the table with him began to say among themselves, "Who is this who even forgives sins?" ⁵⁰ But he said to the woman, "Your faith has saved you; go in peace."

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY*O Christ, Our Hope*

#604, vs. 1,4,5

‡ 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.

L: 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

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

Adam Podratz

OFFERING

O God Beyond All Praising

Holst/Perry/Hayes
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

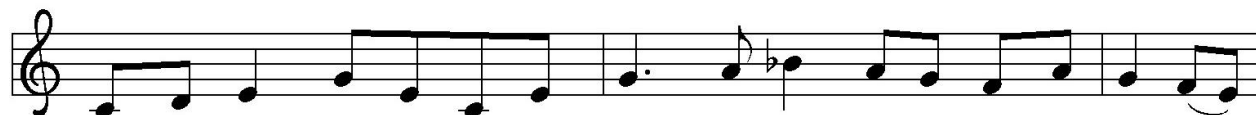
To make a gift to Lutheran Disaster Response, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit "Give Back" page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose "Mission of the Month" from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

Now We Join in Celebration

#462

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

Take My Life, That I May Be

#685

‡ 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

Impromptu No. 4, D. 935

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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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