



Advent Music Sunday
Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

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. 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 Marge Schmidt, beloved grandmother to Nick, great-grandmother to Harper and Indie.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Lisa Bass

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Handbell Choir Director: Chuck Linderkamp

Acolyte: Landon Garner

Greeters: Julie Schmidt

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Baker: Alli Frey

Communion Leader: Kristine Spanier

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Julie Schmidt, Parker Webster

Ushers: Mark Bergman, Nick Schmidt, Harper Schmidt

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Kathi Gallup

Pursers: Adam Podratz, Lisa Ritzinger

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

In this liminal time, there are so many reasons not to say YES. Even the small YESes in our daily lives feel riskier. Decisions about where we put our money, our time, our energy, our confidence, and our faith feel more important than ever. We come from a history of people who said YES—everyday people, brave and faithful, who said YES to God. In Advent, these YESes are even more significant. This story that we tell isn't just on a page, but one that lives in our bones, and prompts us to say our own YES when we are called into what God is doing now.

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

PRELUDE

O Little Town of Bethlehem, arr. Hayes

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding! arr. Monk

LITANY FOR LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

We light one candle for one God,
The one who comes to us as a baby, swaddled and wailing.
We light one candle for one hope, one light, one salvation.
We light one candle to say YES to the invitation
to participate in the story of God's people.

We light two candles for two people: you and me.
The way of Jesus is not often the easy one,
And so we walk it together.
We light two candles to say YES to the invitation
to walk the way of Jesus together.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying.....ELW 436 (vs 1, 3)

‡ **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.

‡ **KYRIE** (Sung to the tune of “Infant Holy, Infant Lowly”)



Lord have mer - cy on your peo - ple. Christ have mer - cy on__ us.

Shine your light in - to our dark - ness. Fill us with your ho - ly love.
Heal all con - flicts be - tween na - tions. Teach us how to love as one.

Be our strength in times of trou - ble. Set us free from chains that bind.__
Show us how to love our neigh - bor. Run to those who cry for help.__

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Chri - ste e - le - i - son.

‡ CANTICLE OF PRAISE (Sung to the tune of “People Look East”)



This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Christ has come to set__ us free. To all of
Je - sus has come to bring good news to the poor and those a-bused; free-dom from
Bless-ing and hon - or, glo - ry, might, be to God and Je - sus Christ! Let ev - 'ry



us who walk in dark - ness, light__ has come__ to shine__ up -
all our sins that bind us; clear - ing our eyes__ from all__ that
crea - ture join the chor - us: Em - man - u - el,__ our God__ is



on us.
blinds us. This is the feast of vic - to - ry! Al - le - lu - ia, Prince of Peace.
with us!

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord God,

Prepare the way in us this Advent,

that we might make space in our hearts

for the arrival of your son,

our savior,

Amen.

ANTHEM

He Is Born, Wetzler
Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION** (sung to the tune of “Once in Royal David’s City”)

Alleluia! Lord and Savior;
open now your saving Word.
Let it burn like fire within us;
speak until our hearts are stirred!
Alleluia! Lord, we sing
for the good news that you bring.

‡ **GOSPEL: MATTHEW 3: 1-12**

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming,
“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” This is the one of whom the
prophet Isaiah spoke when he said,

“The voice of one crying out in the wilderness:
‘Prepare the way of the Lord;
make his paths straight.’ ”

Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and
his food was locusts and wild honey. Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the
region around the Jordan were going out to him, and they were baptized by him in
the River Jordan, confessing their sins.

But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he
said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming
wrath? Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, and do not presume to say to
yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from
these stones to raise up children to Abraham. Even now the ax is lying at the root
of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down
and thrown into the fire.

“I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON FOR ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

ANTHEM

Joy to the World, arr. Brian Childers

Carillon Choir and Children's Boomwhacker Choir

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

In our waiting and watching, we come to you in prayer, O God, trusting your promise to renew the church, the nations, and the whole of creation.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
receive our prayer.

Draw near to us, O God, as we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy through Jesus Christ, Emmanuel.

Amen.

‡ SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

You may share the peace with those around you.

OFFERING

Traditions of Christmas, Chip Davis
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.

December Mission of the Month: The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center

The Minnesota Indian Women's Resource Center (MIWRC) is a nonprofit social and mental health services organization committed to traditional ways of being and support of Native women and their families. Founded in 1984, MIWRC provides a broad range of programs designed to educate and empower Native women and their families, and to inform and assist those who work providing services to the community. Programs are developed to address issues that significantly affect the well-being of Indigenous women and their families such as affordable housing, chemical dependency, mental health care, cultural resilience and healing, and other family and community issues.

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** (sung to the tune of “Away in a Manger”)

Oh, what shall I render in thanks to my Lord
for all the good gifts by which I am restored?
No treasure I tender could ever repay
God’s mercy and faithfulness, new every day.
My hands take the cup of salvation you give;
I’ll praise you, O God, for as long as I live.
My thanks will rise up as I call on your name,
with all of your people your goodness proclaim.

‡ **OFFERING PRAYER**

Let us pray.
God of every good gift,
We offer what we have back to you,
knowing that your son is the greatest gift we will ever receive.
Grant us glad and generous hearts,
ever and always,
Amen.

‡ **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

Even as we wait and watch this season,
Good News is here already, hosting this meal.
Come, join in this feast of abundance

LAMB OF GOD (Sung to the tune of “O Come, O Come, Emanuel”)



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

When in Our Music God is Glorified.....ELW 851

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry.....ELW 249

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

Christ Jesus,

You have fed us with love incarnate,
and we are utterly changed.

Send us forth from this meal to be forces for change in this world,
as we find the YES within each of us,

Amen.

ANTHEM

Nigh Bethlehem, Burt
Diamond Lake Lutheran Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May God bless you with courage, as you seek the YES within you;

May Christ be born again in every risk you take for the sake of the world;

And may the Holy Spirit remind you, again and again, that you are never alone,
and that you are loved beyond measure.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

*Blessed Be the God of Israel.....*ELW 250 (vs 1, 3)

‡ DISMISSAL

Go in peace, and stay awake,

Go in joy, and stay alert,

Go in love, for every neighbor and for yourselves,

As we wait for the birth of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE

Masters in this Hall, arr. Hayes

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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December Worship



Wednesday Holden Evening Prayer

December 3, 10, 17

6:30 pm

We're gathering in the Sanctuary after dinner on Wednesdays for a time of song, candlelight, poetry, and stillness in the midst of a busy season. Together we'll sing through the Holden service, including Mary's Magnificat, as we wait for the coming of Emmanuel, God-With-Us. All ages are invited to attend; Kids Club will not be running during these services—families are encouraged to worship together.



Advent Music Sunday

December 7

9:30 am

Make sure to attend this special worship service, known as Advent Music Sunday. The choir led by Dr. Bruce Gleason and the bell choirs led by Chuck Linderkamp will share music throughout the service.

Following worship, attend the December performance of *The New Frontier Lutheran Radio Hour* in the Lakeview Room.



Children's Christmas Program

Sunday, December 14

9:30 am

The children of Diamond Lake Lutheran present a creative retelling of the birth of Jesus with *Mary Said Yes!*, a pageant written by Pastor Andrea. After the program, all are invited to the Lakeview Room for cookies, cocoa, and gift wrapping for the families in the Lutheran Social Service apartments we support through the Welcome Home ministry. Be sure to invite family and friends!



Blue Christmas Service

Saturday, December 20

6 pm

Christmastime can be hard for those who are grieving, those struggling with depression, those feeling isolated or alone, and those for whom the future seems bleak. This quiet, candlelit service is designed especially for those who need a moment of stillness amid the holiday rush. All are welcome to come and experience God's light and hope on the longest night of the year.



Christmas Eve Worship

Wednesday, December 24

4 pm

Worship on Christmas Eve is a traditional service, ending with a candlelit singing of *Silent Night*. Come to be grounded in the story we know so well, and to sing your favorite Christmas hymns. This is a family-friendly service – there will be a Sermon on the Steps and battery-operated candles for kids. A staffed nursery will be provided.

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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