



Reconciling in Christ Sunday
January 26, 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. 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.

Special Assistance

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

Guest Preacher

Rev Margaret Kelly, MSW, LICSW

Pastor Margaret is a clinical social worker with particular expertise working with folks on the margins of our communities. She has worked in mental health crisis stabilization, adult and children's mental health case management, and housing support for people with mental illness. Pastor Margaret was a mission developer (church planter) in the ELCA. She received significant recognition for developing Shobi's Table into a community run food truck that brought worship to the streets of St Paul, MN. Pastor Margaret thrives at the intersection of social services implementation and faith based communities. She currently resides in South Minneapolis with her 2 kids and a calico cat learning to tolerate two, no longer little, kittens.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Guest Preacher: Rev. Margaret Kelly

Assisting Minister: Paul Groskreutz

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Anne Campbell, Anne Groskreutz

Reader: Jan Michaletz

Communion Servers: Lisa Bass, Sean Laird, John Pedersen

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Adam Podratz

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, Lyle Dean

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Darren McKigney

Pray-Ground Cleanup:

Coffee Host:

RECONCILING IN CHRIST SUNDAY

Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Sunday is an annual worship celebration created to share in the commitment that *ReconcilingWorks* and partnering faith communities have in the ongoing work of welcome, inclusion, celebration, and advocacy for LGBTQIA+ people in the life of the church.

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

PRELUDE

Piano Pieces, D. 946, No. 2

Schubert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 25:34

Aaron David Miller

† COMMUNAL LAMENT *(based on Psalm 10)*

P: In response to the ways that people have been excluded and condemned for whom they love and for their gender identities or expressions, let us call out to the God who knows the depths of our sorrows and shares the grief in our hearts.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: O God, when racism, intolerance, and queerphobia, homophobia, and transphobia feel inescapable, when it is hard to imagine justice and a love that welcomes all of your children to our community, you seem hidden and far away. Come closer and dwell among us, encouraging us as we build resilient and just communities.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

P: O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many beloved children, especially those whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of patriarchy. Challenge us to disrupt this way of treating people who need our love and support.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

P: O God, we have witnessed the harm and suffering of many people, especially those whose race, ethnicity, or immigration status cause us to ignore needs as we tolerate racism, xenophobia, and the lack of equity in our society that keep many of your beloved children from full belonging.

C: Come near to us. Show us the way.

P: Help us to remember that you see us: our troubles and grief, the broken relationships that undermine community, our weakness and lack of courage in confronting evil. You hold our pain. We can leave it all to you. You are our helper.

C: **Come near to us. Show us the way.**

P: Help us to remember that you listen to our desires and calm our troubled hearts. We can cry out to you. You will not abandon us.

C: **Come near to us. Show us the way.**

P: God, rise up and comfort us so we no longer have to be afraid. Lead us to trust in the hope and promise of a resilient community, with justice for the oppressed, afflicted, and excluded.

C: **Amen!**

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

All Are Welcome

#641, vs. 1,4,5

‡ **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: **Holy God, your Word teaches us, calls us, and shapes us, that we will become the wisdom of God and the body of Christ for others. On this Reconciling in Christ Sunday, may your word turn us toward what is good and holy and just, and may the example of Jesus continue to create words and action of courage. Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Red: A Crayon's Story by Michael Hall

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

‡ GOSPEL

Mark 9:2-13

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 9th chapter.

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

² Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³ and his clothes became dazzling bright, such as no one on earth could brighten them. ⁴ And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵ Then Peter said to Jesus, “Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.” ⁶ He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷ Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, “This is my Son, the Beloved;^[b] listen to him!” ⁸ Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. ¹⁰ So they kept the matter to themselves, questioning what this rising from the dead could mean. ¹¹ Then they asked him, “Why do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?” ¹² He said to them, “Elijah is indeed coming first to restore all things. How then is it written about the Son of Man, that he is to go through many sufferings and be treated with contempt? ¹³ But I tell you that Elijah has come, and they did to him whatever they pleased, as it is written about him.”

R: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

SERMON

Rev. Margaret Kelly

HYMN OF THE DAY

Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

‡ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

P: God desires full life for all. As a church we recognize that beloved children whose sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression do not follow the patterns of sexism and patriarchy are too often restricted from realizing abundant life.

This church names as sin the social forces that silence, control, or devalue people on the basis of sexual or romantic orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

We affirm all people are created in God's image, and we reject any power, privilege, or prejudice that undermines our community and disrupts joy, gladness, relationships, and flourishing life for all people.

P: I invite you to profess your faith, renouncing the forces of evil and the power of sin. Do you renounce the powers of racism, sexism, queerphobia, homophobia, transphobia, biphobia, and ableism?

C: We renounce them!

P: Do you renounce systems of oppression that harm God's children?

C: We renounce them!

P: Do you renounce the sins of silence that draw one away from God and neighbor?

C: We renounce them!

P: Do you believe in God the Creator?

C: We believe in you, O God, who spoke all life into being, author of heaven and earth, architect of time, quilter of the cosmos. You shape our bodies from the dust of the ground, and by your breath we are given life.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

C: We believe in you, O God, who became incarnate in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh, truly divine and truly human. You lived among us to reveal your justice, died among us to break the bonds of sin and death, and were raised among us to bring abundant life.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: We believe in you, O God, who transforms us by the Holy Spirit, draws us into community, moves us to action, and inspires us to hope against hope. You breathe new life into a fallen world and equip us to proclaim the good news of resurrecting love. All thanks and praise to you, O God, our beginning and our end. Amen.

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Trusting in the liberating and reconciling love of God, let us pray for all people and all creation.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: Merciful God,

C: receive our prayer.

P: We entrust these our prayers, spoken and silent, and our sighs too deep for words, to your abundant mercy, through Christ our Lord.

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

Bob Kresse

OFFERING

Kyrie Eleison

Tómas Luis de Victoria
arr. Arthur Hardwicke
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.

January Mission of the Month: Reconciling Works

As people of faith, we are called to build a more inclusive, just, and loving world. Supporting ReconcilingWorks enables vital efforts to ensure that LGBTQIA+ individuals and their families are fully welcomed, celebrated, and affirmed within the church and beyond. Your generosity fuels this important work in three key areas:

Deepening and Expanding the Reconciling in Christ (RIC) Program: *The RIC program equips congregations to create inclusive and affirming spaces. Your donations support outreach, education, and the production and distribution of resources to faith communities across the country. These efforts also strengthen relationships with existing RIC settings, ensuring that the ongoing work of inclusion and affirmation continues to grow.*

Dismantling Injustice Through a Lutheran Lens: *ReconcilingWorks advocates for LGBTQIA+ protections and addresses injustices rooted in sexual orientation, gender identity, race, ethnicity, and other forms of marginalization. Through an intersectional and ecumenical approach, ReconcilingWorks amplifies a Lutheran voice in society, standing firmly with LGBTQIA+ individuals and families to ensure justice and equality.*

Building and Strengthening Relationships with Lutheran

Churches: *ReconcilingWorks collaborates with the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Canada (ELCIC) to implement LGBTQIA+-inclusive policies and practices. By engaging with bishops, churchwide staff, and councils, ReconcilingWorks continues to move the church toward becoming a more inclusive and loving community for all people, especially those on the margins.*

Every dollar you give ensures that ReconcilingWorks can continue equipping congregations, advocating for systemic change, and inspiring the church to boldly stand with LGBTQIA+ individuals and families. Join us in this holy work of love, justice, and reconciliation.

Give to the Mission of the Month

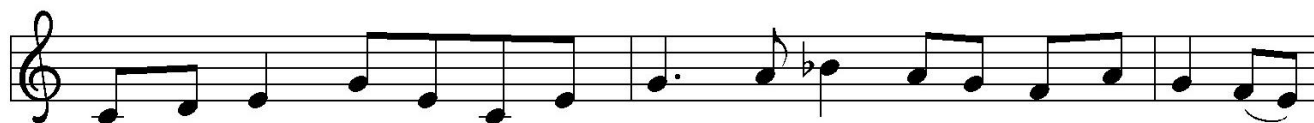
To make a gift to Reconciling Works, you may write a check payable to Diamond Lake Lutheran Church with "Mission of the Month" in the memo line and drop in an offering plate. Alternately, you may visit "Give Back" page at www.dllc.org or scan the QR Code and choose "Mission of the Month" from the drop-down 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,
Generous God, we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom.

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

Come, Let Us Eat

#491

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: May the blessing of God, Holy One and Holy Three, be with us today and every day, building us into a resilient community that practices justice and radical inclusion.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING HYMN

Let Streams of Living Justice

#710, vs. 1,3

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace, to practice resilient justice.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

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

POSTLUDE

Piano Pieces, D. 946, No. 1

Schubert

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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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