

Second Sunday of Advent Advent Music Celebration December 8, 2024



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 worship and in the Lakeview Room following 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.

Participating in Today's Service Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalfe Assisting Minister: Olaf Minge Acolyte: Lyle Dean Greeters: Harley & Lana Hanson Reader: Sue Haffield Communion Servers: Kristine Spanier, Darren McKigney Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Adam Podratz, Paul Groskreutz A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs Flute: Bethany Summersgill Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason Director of Handbell Choirs: Chuck Linderkamp Nursery: Mary Teurman Coffee Hosts: Harley & Lana Hanson

ADVENT MUSIC CELEBRATION

God sent prophets to the peoples of Israel and Judah, often bringing words of warning and condemnation for idolatry and injustice, calling the people to get back on the right path. However, in times of suffering, the prophets gave God's people words of hope—that God would rescue them from their troubles. God delivered Daniel from the lions' den. Joel spoke of a hope that comes out of repentance, and Isaiah prophesied of the hope that comes through the Messiah—the one who will deliver humanity from suffering and oppression. Finally, the Messiah's birth is foretold to his mother by an angel and confirmed by her cousin Elizabeth.

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

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Hark! A Thrilling Voice is Sounding!

arr. Monk

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

- L: In this Advent season, the herald in the wilderness calls out, "Prepare the way of the Lord!" and the prophets call us to righteousness. We live in a world that trades in isolation and comparison, competition and fear.
- C: *We are waiting for the One who will turn the world around, causing us to live in connection and compassion, mutual support and liberation.
- L: We live in a world that races for money and success, that worships busyness and productivity, that hoards and consumes.
- C: *We are waiting for the One who will turn the world around, so we will know that there is enough and that we are enough, and so we can be still and rest.
- L: We live in a world that tries to hide from death by pursuing eternal youth.
- C: We are waiting for the One who will turn the world around, and bring new life from places we would call dead and worthless.

- L: We live in a world that is broken and hurting.
- C: We are waiting for the One who will turn the world around, to heal and comfort all people.
- L: God, restore our hope in this time of watching and waiting. Give us a spirit of wisdom and understanding, counsel and might, knowledge and reverent trembling in your presence. Reveal to us that our stories are woven together, that we will be healed and whole when all people are fed and free. Gather us together in the shelter of your righteousness.
- C: Amen.

*indicates where each of the four candles are lit

‡ GATHERING HYMN	Hark, the Glad Sound!	#239
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‡ 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: Loving Lord, when we have strayed, you have called us to come home. With all our hearts we return to you, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ, our loving savior. Amen.

ANTHEM

Good King Wenceslas

Traditional arr. James D. Kimball Children's Bell Choir

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



READING

- R: The reading is from the book of Joel, the 2nd chapter.
 - ¹² Yet even now, says the Lord, return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;
 - ¹³ rend your hearts and not your clothing. Return to the Lord your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from punishment.
 - ²⁸ Then afterward I will pour out my spirit on all flesh; your sons and your daughters – all children shall prophesy, your old ones shall dream dreams, and your young ones shall see visions.
 - ²⁹ Éven on slaves from all corners, in those days I will pour out my spirit.
- R: The word of the Lord.
- C: Thanks be to God.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

HYMN OF THE DAY

Once in Royal David's City

Alexander/Gauntlett arr. Richard Proulx Senior Choir Flute: Bethany Summersgill

Congregation joins in singing verses 3 – 6.

- And through all his wondrous childhood, He would honor and obey, Love and watch the lowly maiden, In whose gentle arms he lay: Christian children all must be----Mild, obedient, good as he.
- 4. For he is our childhood's pattern, Day by day like us he grew, He was little, weak, and helpless, Tears and smiles like us he knew: And he feeleth for our sadness, And he shareth in our gladness.

- And our eyes at last shall see him, Through his own redeeming love, For that child so dear and gentle is our Lord in heav'n above; And he leads his children on To the place where he is gone.
- Not in that poor lowly stable, With the oxen standing by, We shall see him, but in heaven, Set at God's right hand on high; Where like stars his children crowned All in white shall wait around.

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: As we prepare for Emmanuel, God-with-us, let us pray for all people and places that long for God's presence.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

- L: Lord, in your mercy,
- C: receive our prayer.
- L: Savior of the nations, come, and receive these prayers and the pleas of our hearts, in the name of Jesus Christ.
- 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 Robb Bass

O Holy Night

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: Sanctuary Supply Depot

Sanctuary Supply Depot is a Minneapolis-based mutual aid collective dedicated to collecting and distributing essential survival supplies to unhoused neighbors. Volunteers with Sanctuary Supply Depot listen to the needs of those living in the encampments and provide tents, tarps, fresh water, portable phone chargers, or even makeshift camp toilets. Donations are vital to helping Sanctuary Supply Depot keep people safe and alive in the harsh Minnesota weather.

A winter supply drive is also currently underway. The following items are being collected at Diamond Lake Lutheran and will be dropped off for distribution.

- Adult-sized clothing (new or used in good condition)
- Winter coats, snow pants, and boots in all sizes
- Socks
- Emergency blankets
- Hot hands/feet/body warmers
- All kinds of new batteries
- Lighters

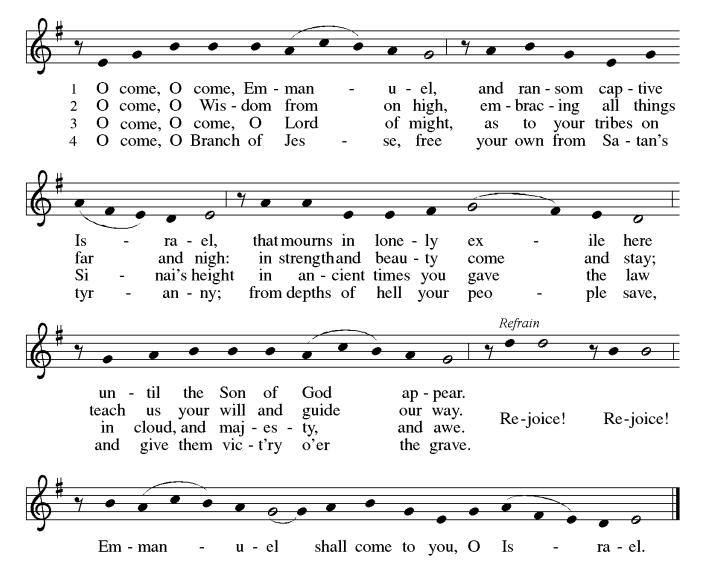
Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a financial gift to Sanctuary Supply Depot, 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 <u>www.dllc.org</u> 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 <u>https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online</u>



‡ OFFERTORY



‡ OFFERING PRAYER

- L: Let us pray. Creator God, you made the whole world, even the farthest stars, and yet you draw near to sustain us. We praise you for your gifts, and the invitation to share what we receive, as we await the advent of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.
- C: Amen.

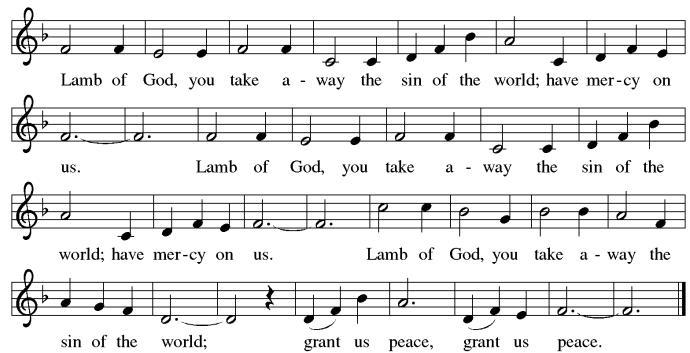
‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ 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: God feeds us with tender mercy. Come to the table, all who are hungry! There is more than enough for all.



LAMB OF GOD

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.

The King Shall Come

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- P: Generous God, We thank you for coming among us, for giving us the bread of salvation, for leading us into peace. Come, Lord Jesus, and go with us as we seek the work of justice and joy in your name.
- C: Amen.

ANTHEM

Happy Christmas Night

Blix/Beck arr. Leland Sateren Senior Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

- P: May the God of endings and beginnings, May the God of the darkness and of the light, May God, our hope for the journey, bless and keep you now and forever.
- C: Amen.
- **‡ SENDING HYMN** Prepare the Royal Highway #264, vs. 1,4

‡ DISMISSAL

- L: Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.
- C: Thanks be to God!
- **‡ CHORAL AMEN** (Please remain in place until the choir is finished.)

POSTLUDE

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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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