



Ordinary Time
August 23, 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 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.

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.

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God by Julie Schmidt in memory of her mom, Betty.

Guest Pastor

The Rev. Daniel Ruth is the executive director of Lutheran Partners in Global Ministry (LPGM), an independent, pan-Lutheran nonprofit organization that provides access to quality education for people at the margins—especially women and girls. Dan is passionate about helping people see where God is at work in the world. To learn more about LPGM and how you can walk beside your global neighbors, visit www.lutheranpartners.org

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Daniel Ruth

Assisting Minister: Cynthia Dickison

Organist/Pianist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Door Monitor: Graydon Royce

Head Usher: Jeff Simons

Ushers: Paul Groskreutz, Elliot Plummer, Joe Plummer, Julie Schmidt

Coffee Host: Sue Nelson

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Melinda Batz

Communion Baker: Sophia Herrera

Communion Leader: Jan Michaletz

Communion Servers: Carol Anderson, Lisa Bass

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Gary Milne

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pursers: Anne Groskreutz, Adam Podratz

ORDINARY TIME

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

PRELUDE

Nocturne in G major, Op. 37, No. 2, Chopin

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

‡ GATHERING LITANY

We gather in the name of the Creator,
inviting us always to risk the unknown.

We gather in the name of the Christ,
fully human, fully divine, full of gift and mystery.

We gather in the name of the Spirit,
unveiling for us what feels long-hidden. Amen.

‡ THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For this water, crisp and cold,
inviting us to shake off the cobwebs of all we had thought to be true.

We give you thanks, O God, for gift of baptism,
For this water, warm and inviting,
reminding us of your comfort and embrace.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For lakes and rivers, oceans and creeks,
For waters that foam and rage, for those that drip and trickle,
For waters that teem with life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism,
For waters that hide dangers yet unknown,
For waters that remind us to be born anew,
For all the waters across your wide creation.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gift of baptism!
Alleluia! Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind.....ELW 400 (vs 1, 4)

‡ **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.

‡ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God,

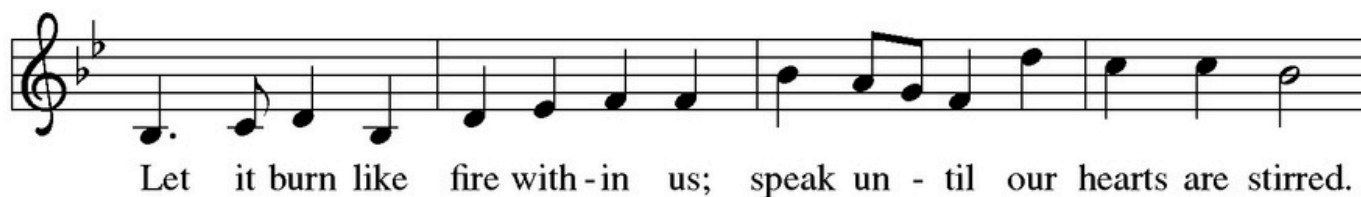
when the world feels like choppy seas,
it's easy to turn inward.

Grant us courage to face the unknown,
the hard decisions,
the cost of doing what is right.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ **READING: ACTS 27:1, 7, 9-11, 18-26, 41-44**

A reading from the book of Acts, the twenty-seventh chapter.

When it was decided that we were to sail for Italy, they transferred Paul and some other prisoners to a centurion of the Augustan Cohort, named Julius. We sailed slowly for a number of days and arrived with difficulty off Cnidus, and as the wind was against us, we sailed under the lee of Crete off Salmone.

Since much time had been lost and sailing was now dangerous, because even the Fast had already gone by, Paul advised them, saying, “Men, I can see that the voyage will be with danger and much heavy loss, not only of the cargo and the ship, but also of our lives.” But the centurion paid more attention to the pilot and to the owner of the ship than to what Paul said.

We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship’s tackle overboard. When neither sun nor stars appeared for many days and no small tempest raged, all hope of our being saved was at last abandoned.

Since they had been without food for a long time, Paul then stood up among them and said, “Men, you should have listened to me and not have set sail from Crete and thereby avoided this damage and loss. I urge you now to keep up your courage, for there will be no loss of life among you, but only of the ship. For last night there stood by me an angel of the God to whom I belong and whom I worship, and he said, ‘Do not be afraid, Paul; you must stand before the emperor, and, indeed, God has granted safety to all those who are sailing with you.’ So keep up your courage, men, for I have faith in God that it will be exactly as I have been told. But we will have to run aground on some island.”

Striking a reef, they ran the ship aground; the bow stuck and remained immovable, but the stern was being broken up by the force of the waves. The soldiers’ plan

was to kill the prisoners, so that none might swim away and escape; but the centurion, wishing to save Paul, kept them from carrying out their plan. He ordered those who could swim to jump overboard first and make for the land and the rest to follow, some on planks and others on pieces of the ship. And so it was that all were brought safely to land.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Daniel Ruth

HYMN OF THE DAY

Eternal Father, Strong to Save.....ELW 756 (1, 2, 4)

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the whole world.

A brief silence.

God of grace,
hear our prayer.

Trusting that you receive all our prayers, spoken and unspoken, we commend them to you, O God, through Jesus our Savior.

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.

OFFERING

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.

Mission of the Month: Neighborhood Roots

Neighborhood Roots is the nonprofit organization behind the Fulton, Kingfield, and Nokomis Farmers Markets. Its mission is to bring neighbors together to buy, eat, and learn about local food, supporting local farmers and small businesses while promoting a vibrant community and advocating for meaningful change in food and agriculture policy. Vendor fees cover only 50% of the organization's operating costs—Neighborhood Roots keeps those fees low on purpose, to help incubate small farmers and new businesses just getting started. The rest depends on community support like ours. Your gift to the August Mission of the Month will help sustain Neighborhood Roots' vibrant community gathering spaces, its educational programming, and its work building a stronger local food system for our neighborhoods.

Give to the General Fund or the Mission of the Month via:

Cash – Use a “Give Back” envelope from the pew pocket to designate a fund for your donation. Loose cash without an envelope will go towards the General Fund.

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!



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‡ OFFERTORY

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when

Refrain

may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of every good thing,

you provide for us in every season of our lives.

Help us to open our hands, open our lives, to your whole creation,

that we might prioritize justice over wealth,

truth over reputation, people over profits.

Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

‡ LORD'S PRAYER

From the New Zealand Prayer Book

**Eternal Spirit,
Earth-maker, Pain bearer, Life-giver,
Source of all that is and that shall be,
Father and Mother of us all,
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**The hallowing of your name echo through the universe;
The way of your justice be followed by the peoples of the world;
Your heavenly will be done by all created beings;
Your commonwealth of peace and freedom
sustain our hope and come on earth.**

**With the bread we need for today, feed us.
In the hurts we absorb from one another, forgive us.
In times of temptation and test, strengthen us.
From trial too great to endure, spare us.
From the grip of all that is evil, free us.
For you reign in the glory of the power that is love,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

This table is set for you –
you who are seeking
and you who rest in the illusion that you have all the answers,
you who speak up in the face of injustice and you who struggle to find your voice,
you who understand that we are both/and, sinner/saint, from beginning to end.
Come. Share in God's meal of grace.

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.

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

On Jordan's Story Bank I Stand.....ELW 437
Bless Now, O God, the Journey.....ELV 326

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray.

O God,

you have fed us with a meal beyond our imaginations –
a meal of grace, and delight, and freedom.

Send us forth from your table now,
bearing good news for the whole world.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

May God bless you with the curiosity to continue growing into your own self.

May God keep you steady in the face of all that is unknown.

May God's face shine on you as you seek new answers
to old questions being born anew, ever and always.

Amen.

‡ SENDING HYMN

Jesus, Still Lead On.....ELW 624 (1, 3, 4)

‡ **DISMISSAL**

Go now in peace with open hearts and minds,
Seeking justice and truth in all things.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

Grand Valse Brillante, Op. 18, Chopin

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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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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