



Palm Sunday
April 13, 2025
9:30 am



**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. 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: Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalfe

Assisting Minister: Claire Teurman

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Handbell Director: Chuck Linderkamp

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: David and Karen Minge

Reader: Kris Pearson

Communion Servers: Barb and Chris Glasoe, Rachel Craig

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Kris Pearson

A/V Tech: John Nelson, Frank Anderson

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Coffee Hosts: Dawn Bartl and Gary Milne

Pursers: Bob Gustafson, Lisa Ritzinger



everything [in] between shouting & silence

PALM SUNDAY

Today we encounter the paradox that defines our faith: Jesus Christ is glorified as king before he becomes the humiliated servant. We too are full of paradox. We wave palm branches in celebration today as Christ comes into our midst, and we follow with trepidation as his path will lead to death on the cross. Amidst it all we are invited into this paradoxical promise of life through Christ's broken body and outpoured love in a meal of bread and wine. We begin this week that stands at the center of the church year, anticipating the completion of God's astounding work.

We gather in the Commons and process into the sanctuary.

We invite you to stand in body or in spirit each time the † symbol appears.

TRINITY CHIMES

WORDS OF WELCOME

† PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Prepare the Royal Highway.....264 ELW

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends, we are truth-tellers in the prayer of confession.

We are honest about the fact that we are works in progress.

We tell the truth of our lives.

We lay it all out before God.

But this moment of prayer isn't just about us.

In the prayer of confession we also reveal who God is, and our God is merciful.

Our God is slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.
So let us pray, knowing that God's truth will always mean grace for us.

Silence is kept for reflection

Creator God, **forgive us**
when we speak before listening,
when we speak over our neighbor,
when we speak with barbed words.

Creator God, **forgive us**
when we listen to society,
when we listen to our friends,
when we listen to the news,
but we do not listen to you.

Creator God, **forgive us**
when we shout out, but do not shout your name,
when we listen, but do not listen for your voice.
Forgive us.
Create in us a heart like yours.
Amen.

Friends, whether this is your first time in church or your thousandth time,
whether you know how to speak to God or listen for God's voice,
God listens to you.
God is merciful.
God is abounding in steadfast love.
There is nothing you could do or leave undone that could keep God from loving you.
So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:
We are seen. We are heard. We are loved. We are forgiven.
Not a day goes by that we ever walk alone.
Hosanna in the highest! Amen.

‡ **CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hosanna! The Time Has Come, Erickson

‡ 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.

God of Good Discernment, help us to understand when our silence is warranted, and when it is right to speak up, for the sake of the one whose voice still calls us together, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

ANTHEM

Crown Him with Many Crowns Melody, arr. David Angerman
Children's Handbell Choir

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



‡ GOSPEL: LUKE 19: 29-40

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 19th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you,

‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’ ” So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” They said, “The Lord needs it.” Then they brought it to Jesus, and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. Now as he was approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying, “Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!” Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, order your disciples to stop.” He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.”

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!.....346 ELW

‡ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe that many years ago
a peaceful parade wove its way through the streets of Jerusalem.
We believe that on that day
the people cried out,
longing and praying for a better world.
We believe that these longings
came from a place of deep hope,
and we believe
that hope cannot be silenced.
So we listen for the Spirit.
We sing Hosanna.
We pay attention.
For in between the silence and the song,
we believe the Spirit is speaking.
Amen.**

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Led by the Spirit, let us turn to God in prayer for the church, the world, and all those in need.

A brief silence is kept before the prayers.

God, in your mercy,

Receive our prayer.

Receive the prayers of your people and draw all things together in your love, in the name of Jesus, who leads us from death to life.

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.

DIAMOND LAKE LUTHERAN CHURCH MATTERS TO ME

David Minge

OFFERING

Lead On O King Eternal, arr. Barbara B. Kinyon
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.

April Mission of the Month: Transmission Ministry Collective

As the federal government continues to curtail the rights of transgender people, organizations like Transmission Ministry Collective (TMC) are more vital than ever. By fostering an inclusive Christian community, offering pastoral care, and equipping churches to be places of welcome, TMC ensures that transgender people can live out their faith with dignity and without fear. At the core of TMC's mission is the belief that people of all gender identities and expressions are fully loved by God and should be supported at every level by their Christian siblings. Recognizing that trans and gender-expansive individuals are co-creators and stewards of their own bodies, TMC advocates for their right to self-identify, access transition-related care, and pursue the paths that bring them into alignment with themselves.

Give to the Mission of the Month

A donation to Transmission Ministry Collective helps ensure that transgender Christians have access to a faith community that affirms, uplifts, and walks alongside them. To make a gift to Transmission Ministry Collective, 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 the general fund and/or the Mission of the Month, please visit <https://dllc.breezechms.com/give/online> or scan the QR code.



‡ OFFERTORY

Musical notation for the Offertory, consisting of four staves of music in a single system. The music is written in a treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are printed below the notes.

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a right
spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your pres - ence, and take
not your Ho - ly Spir - it from me. Re - store to me the joy of
your sal - va - tion, and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray. Gracious Provider, you set your immense treasures among us, opening your heart to the world. As we prepare to feast on your bountiful love, deepen our commitment to sharing those treasures with others, through our Savior, Jesus Christ.

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

All who are hungry, come! The feast of grace is spread.

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, 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 ANTHEM

Hosanna in the Highest, Allen Pote
Choir

COMMUNION HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly.....461 ELW

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Generous Host, you have shared your feast with us and made us new. Send us now to set tables of love and grace in our communities, that your liberating love might nourish the world into freedom, in the name of the crucified one, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

On this day, Jesus marched in between the city walls and the Temple,
in between joyful Hosannas and doubtful whispers,
in between oppressive poverty and greedy power,
in between rampant fear and hope unfurled.

On this day, Jesus marched in between what had been and what could be.

As we go forth, may we meet Christ in that liminal space.

May we lay down our coats in that messy middle.

Amen.

‡ RECESSIONAL HYMN

All Glory, Laud, and Honor.....344 ELW, vs. 1, 3-4

‡ DISMISSAL

Go now in peace, into the [in]between.

Thanks be to God!

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

POSTLUDE

"Procession of the Nobles" from Mlada, Rimsky-Korsakov

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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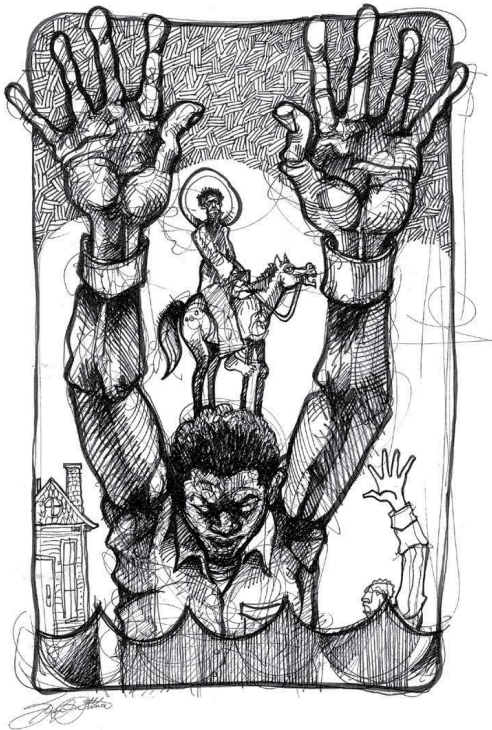
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I Believe

by Steve Prince

Inspired by Luke 19:29-40

Pen and ink on paper

It is said that the true confession that flows from one's heart and lips and professes that they are a sinner and desire to be healed, is essentially the key to unlocking one's salvation. Amid a sometimes turbulent and chaotic world, if we enter with faith and Christ in our hearts we shall be delivered. The figure's hands are lifted in praise as he navigates the flood of life which can be overbearing. He recognizes that the flood of life is symbolic of sin and separation from God. He closes his eyes, humbles himself before God, and he is delivered into a new chapter of his life, triumphant.

—Steve Prince

Prompts for contemplation

- Look closely at the waves. What does the flood of life represent for you?
- Notice the contrast between the house on one side and the man on the other. What emotions or thoughts do these images evoke?
- How does the image of Jesus on a donkey influence your understanding of this scene? What do you make of its placement in this work?
- Notice the abstract shaded area at the top. Does it feel like a cloud, storm, or something else? Does this texture remind you of God's presence?