

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 30, 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. 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 Pastor

Rev. Emmy Kegler

Emmy Kegler is a queer Christian mom, author, pastor, and speaker called to ministry at the margins of the church. She served as an ELCA pastor for six years before transitioning out of congregational ministry, and she currently serves as the interim executive director for Inside Out Faith, which promotes LGBTQ+ inclusion within faith communities. She believes in and works for a church rooted in accessibility, intentionality, integrity, and transformation, knowing that God is already out ahead of us creating expansive space for those most hungry for the good and liberating news of Jesus.

Participating in Today's Service

Guest Pastor: Rev. Emmy Kegler

Assisting Minister: Kris Pearson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Greeters: Kathi Gallup

Reader: Kirk Gallup

Communion Servers: Sue Nelson, Kristine Spanier

Ushers: Sean Laird, Julie Schmidt

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson, Bob Kresse

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Pray-Ground Cleanup: Sue Nelson, Gary Milne

Coffee Hosts: Sean Laird, Sue Nelson

Pursers: Jon Brunsberg, Adam Podratz



everything [in] between

lost & found

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

The journey of Lent begins with a clear destination. Jesus sets his face toward Jerusalem and, in doing so, sets his course toward his own suffering and death. He pauses only to remind his followers to set their faces in the right direction—to repent, serve others, and follow him, even to death. As we journey toward Holy Week, we are reminded again and again to turn around and face Jerusalem.

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

PRELUDE

12 Canciones y Danzas No. 7, Mompou

WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

† CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the Christian tradition many have used “lost” and “found” labels to describe people “out there” versus people “in here.” Many have used “lost” and “found” language to create a damaging dichotomy that Christians are found and non-Christians are lost. But the truth is, each and every one of us is a little bit lost and a little bit found from time to time. Each and every one of us needs the love of the Good Shepherd.

Silence is kept for reflection

Together, let us go to God in prayer:

**If God is a painter,
let us be the brush.**

**If God is a musician,
let us be the song.**

**If God is an architect,
let us be the tools.**

Let us be the hands.

Let us be the builders.

**But if God is a shepherd,
who never stops seeking,
let us be willing to be found,
no matter how lost we feel.**

Our God is never far away.

Forgive us for forgetting this good news. Amen.

Family of faith, we are all a little bit lost and a little bit found.

We grumble. We push back. We doubt God. We doubt ourselves.

We leave the flock and lose our way.

But fortunately for us, our God is a shepherding God who is always by our side.

So hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

No matter how far we wander,

we can never wander from the bounds of God's grace.

We are loved. We are forgiven. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

‡ **GATHERING HYMN**

O Christ, Your Heart, Compassionate722 ELW, vs. 1–2

‡ **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.

Holy God, you are our Good Shepherd.

You count us, you seek us, you find us, you celebrate us.

May we count with you and witness who is present;

may we seek with you and work to restore who is missing;

may we find with you and carry our joy home;

may we celebrate with you at the feast where all are one.

Amen.

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Let your stead - fast love come to us, O Lord.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.



Save us as you prom - ised; we will trust your word.

‡ GOSPEL: LUKE 15: 1-7

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 15th Chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” So he told them this parable: “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one

sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance.

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Rev. Emmy Kegler

HYMN OF THE DAY

Lost and Found

Sung to the tune of *Wash, O God, Our Sons and Daughters*

1. In the flock I am surrounded
By my siblings and my friends
Safe at home and feeling grounded
With my shepherd to defend
But an aching, longing feeling
As the stars shine late at night
Draws me in, my dreams revealing
And I know I'm not quite right

2. The horizon starts to brighten
As I quietly slip away
I can feel my spirit lighten
With each cautious step I take
Unfamiliar paths unfolding
As excitement blends with fear
All creation now enfolds me
Like the flock I hold so dear

3. As I wander down the quarry
A familiar voice cries out
It's my shepherd searching for me
Reckless love has tracked me down
Though I left my place of refuge
He has followed all along
But I had to lose myself to
Find myself where I belong

‡ 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

Lynne Morioka

Executive Director, Hearts and Minds Learning Community

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OFFERING

Calvary Covers It All

Sung by Cynthia Dickison, Sue Nelson, and
Norma Williams; Kevin Hobbs accompanying

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.

March Mission of the Month: Global Refuge

(formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service)

Global Refuge has been a lifeline for immigrants and refugees for over 85 years, helping them find stability and a sense of home. Services support children and families through refugee resettlement, foster care, economic empowerment, mental healthcare, and crisis response.

In January, a stop work order halted all refugee reception and placement services under the U.S. Refugee Admissions Program, immediately impacting thousands of refugees. Many arrive with little more than what they can carry, relying on Global Refuge to guide them through their first months in

a new country. With federal funding suddenly cut, Global Refuge must now depend on community support to continue this vital work. Your generosity will help provide housing, essential resources, education, and job assistance to refugees, ensuring they have the foundation to rebuild their lives.

Give to the Mission of the Month

To make a gift to Global Refuge, 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 (Bb) 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

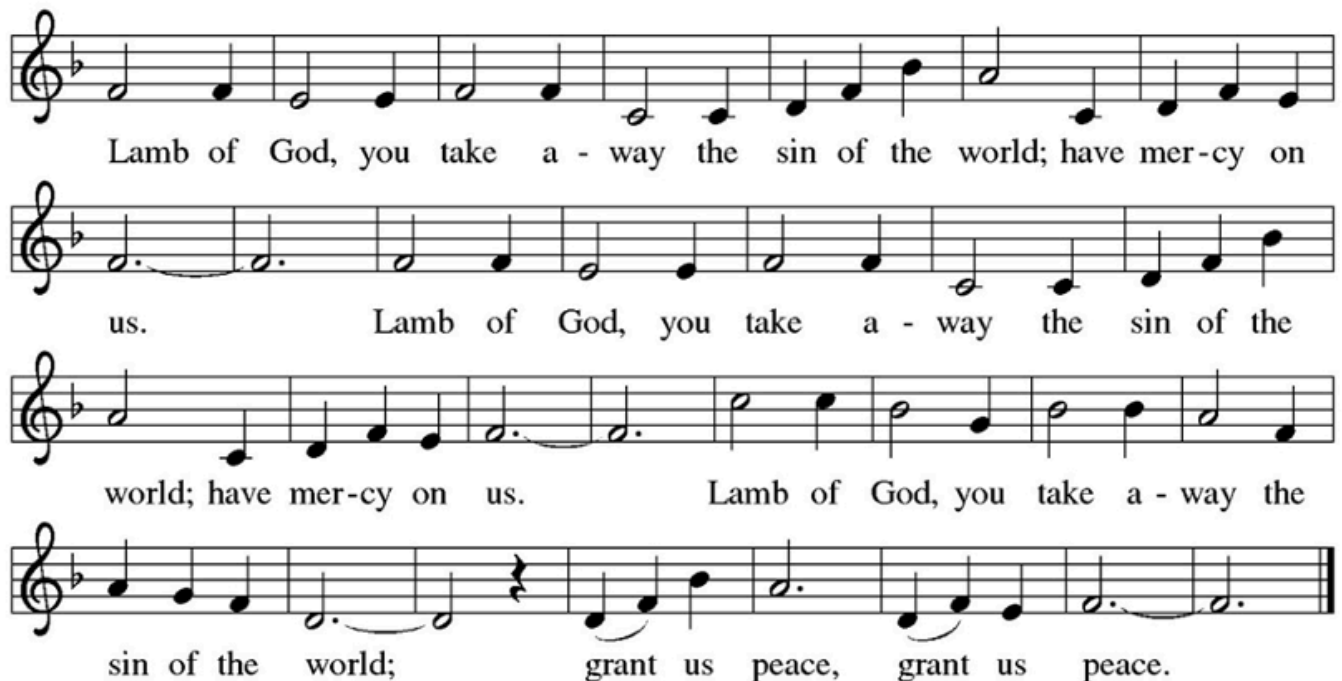
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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 HYMN

Lord of All Hopefulness.....765 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

As you leave this place,
may you find God in every messy middle.
May you know that the world is bigger than two sides.
May you trust that you are made in the image of God,
and therefore, you contain multitudes.
So may you move through this world with an open heart,
with a curious mind, and with the confidence that you do not go alone.
God is with you in the mountains,
in the valleys,
and everywhere in between.

Amen.

‡ SENDING SONG

Light Dawns on a Weary World.....726 ELW, vs. 1–2

‡ DISMISSAL

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

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

12 Danzas Españolas, No. 1, Granados

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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Artist's Statement:



Lost & Found

by Lisle Gwynn Garrity

Inspired by Luke 15:1-7

Newspaper & gold leaf collage with digital drawing

I began my artwork for this series by collaging torn strips of newspaper articles together, overlapping global headlines with photos of current events. Along the torn edges, I added gold leaf. Then I photographed the result, editing the photos in black and white. These photos would become the backdrop for my pieces, as I wanted my digital drawings to emerge within the noise of the world's deepest pains, divisions, and everything in between. The collage is also a reference to theologian Karl Barth's famous quote about reading the bible and the newspaper together.⁷ I wanted the gold leaf to represent God's presence in the spaces in between the events and forces that tear us apart.

On September 27th, 2024, I began drawing the Good Shepherd with the lost sheep tenderly wrapped around his shoulders. As I worked, rain pummeled our roof, saturating the ground with an endless deluge as the wide bands of tropical storm Helene⁸ reached our high-elevation town of Black Mountain, NC. The next day, winds roared and threw trees to the ground like dominos. We lost power, then water, then cell service. We didn't know it yet, but every creek and river had swelled with enormous force, sweeping away everything in their path. Landslides, sinkholes, and extreme flooding ravaged the entire region of Western North Carolina, taking homes, towns, and human lives.

We were incredibly and graciously spared, having no flooding in our house or trees on our roof, so as soon as the storm relented, we headed out to find our friends and family by foot. As we walked through our small town, we found ourselves in a maze-like wasteland, changing our route every other turn due to downed trees or power lines, or washed-out roads. Progressively, we found family and friends, greeting them with great relief and urgent questions: "Do you have enough water to drink? Do you have water for flushing? Do you need any food?" It would be nearly 6 days before any emergency relief could arrive with food, water, and supplies. Meanwhile, neighbors survived by the help of their neighbors. Churches opened their doors. Firefighters and first responders persisted, despite perilous rescue missions. Helicopters air-lifted stranded people to safety.

When I began this artwork, I naively hoped to gain insight into Jesus' parable of the lost sheep. In that process, I did not wish to *become* the lost sheep and live through the greatest natural disaster to hit my hometown in over a thousand years. But as I read this parable again, now over 6 weeks after the storm, what strikes me is the pursuit of the shepherd, so singularly focused on the one who is lost, vulnerable, and at-risk. The Good Shepherd steadies the sheep on his shoulders and steps out of the frame toward us. His gaze finds mine, and I almost hear him whisper, "I will never stop searching for the lost. I will never stop rejoicing when one is found." —Rev. Lisle Gwynn Garrity

⁷ Karl Barth, 1886-1968, was a Swiss Reformed theologian. In a 1963 *Time Magazine* article, he urges young theologians to take the Bible and the newspaper and read both.

⁸ At the end of September 2024, Hurricane Helene hit the Southeastern US, devastating many regions, particularly Western North Carolina. Catastrophic flooding caused billions of dollars of damage, took hundreds of lives, and left many lives unaccounted for.