



Epiphany of Our Lord

January 5, 2025



**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 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. 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.

Participating in Today's Service

Pastor Andrea Roske-Metcalf

Assisting Minister: Olaf Minge

Acolyte: Lyle Dean

Reader: Sue Haffield

Communion Servers: Nick Schmidt, Kirk Gallup

Ushers: Julie Schmidt, Adam Podratz

A/V Tech: Frank Anderson, John Nelson

Pianist/Organist: Dr. Kevin Hobbs

Choir Director: Dr. Bruce Gleason

Nursery: Mary Teurman

Greeter: Kathi Gallup

Coffee Hosts: Dawn Bartl & Gary Milne

Pray-ground Clean Up:

EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

The feast of Epiphany (“manifestation”) concludes the Christmas season with a celebration of God’s glory revealed in the person of Jesus Christ. That glory is proclaimed for all nations and people. Like the light of the star that guided the magi to Jesus, the light of Christ reveals who we are: children of God who are claimed and washed in the waters of baptism. We are sent out to be beacons of the light of Christ, sharing the good news of God’s love to all people.

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

PRELUDE

Moments Musicaux No. 1

Schubert

WORDS OF WELCOME

TRINITY CHIMES

CALL TO WORSHIP

Matthew 25:34

Aaron David Miller

‡ CONFESSON & FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,
whose steadfast love is everlasting.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God-with-us,

C: **we confess that we have turned away
those seeking shelter,
claiming there is no room when we have plenty.
We have made power and wealth our idols,
while you show us true glory: a baby in a manger.
We have overlooked the shepherds,
expecting good news in prettier packaging.
Too often, we have valued violence
instead of your peace.
Turn us from our ways to your ways.
Grant us the grace to begin again.
Free us from all that keeps us bound,
and forgive our sin,
through Jesus Christ, who gives himself for us.
Amen.**

P: Hear the good news and rejoice!
You are God's chosen ones,
holy and beloved,
forgiven in Christ,
and freed to respond in joy.

C: **Amen.**

‡ **GATHERING HYMN** *Bright and Glorious Is the Sky* #301, vs. 1,3,4

‡ **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: **O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

SERMON ON THE STEPS

‡ **GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**



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

‡ **GOSPEL**

R: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 2nd chapter.

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

¹ In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, magi from the east came to Jerusalem, ² asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star in the east and have come to pay him homage." ³ When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him, ⁴ and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. ⁵ They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea, for so it has been written by the prophet:

⁶ ‘And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah,
are by no means least among the rulers of Judah,
for from you shall come a ruler
who is to shepherd my people Israel.’ ”

⁷ Then Herod secretly called for the magi and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. ⁸ Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, “Go and search diligently for the child, and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.” ⁹ When they had heard the king, they set out, and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen in the east,^[f] until it stopped over the place where the child was. ¹⁰ When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. ¹¹ On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother, and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. ¹² And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

R: The Gospel of the Lord.
C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Roske-Metcalf

HYMN OF THE DAY

As with Gladness Men of Old

#302, vs. 1,2,5

‡ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: Filled with good news of great joy, let us offer our prayers for the church, the earth, and all people.

A brief silence.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: God of grace,

C: **receive our prayer.**

P: We commend these prayers to you, O God, trusting your grace made known to all, through the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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

Barb & Chuck Swanson

OFFERING

Grant Us Thy Peace

Mendelssohn
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>

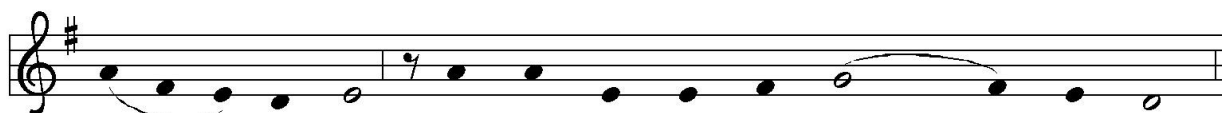


‡ OFFERTORY

O Come, O Come Emmanuel, vs. 1 & 2



- 1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
- 2 O come, O Wis - dom from on high, em - brac - ing all things
- 3 O come, O come, O Lord of might, as to your tribes on
- 4 O come, O Branch of Jes - se, free your own from Sa - tan's



Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here
far and nigh: in strength and beau - ty come and stay;
Si - nai's height in an - cient times you gave the law
tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell your peo - ple save,



un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
teach us your will and guide our way. Re-joice! Re-joice!
in cloud, and maj - es - ty, and awe.
and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to you, O Is - ra - el.

‡ OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray.
God of heaven and earth,
from the beginning, you have called forth life,
in which you take delight.
The trees, the fields, and the seas sing for joy.
Bless now these gifts, received from your bounty,
that we may join the chorus of creation
to tell of your salvation from day to day.

C: Amen.

‡ WORDS OF INSTITUTION

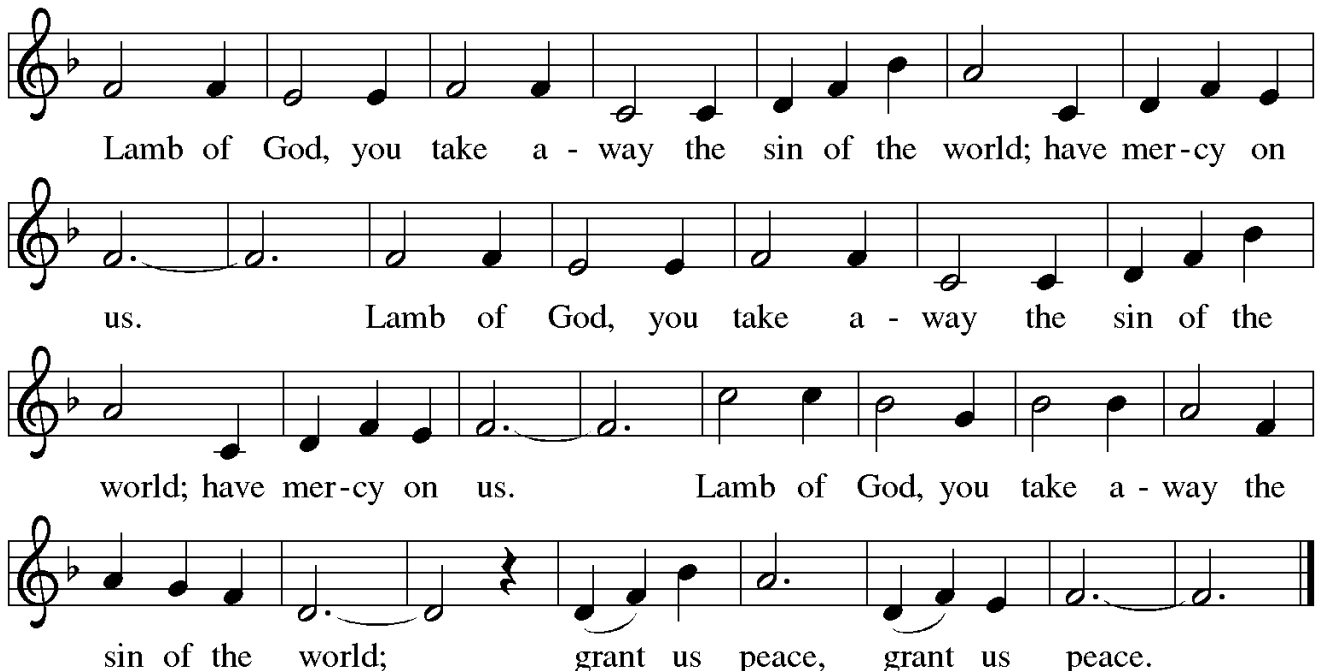
‡ LORD'S PRAYER

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: A child has been born for us, a Son given to us.
Come, receive the gift of Jesus.

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

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

#288

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Merciful God,
we thank you for Jesus, who is our heavenly food.
Strengthened by this goodness,
send us forth to announce your peace,
comfort the afflicted,
and share the good news of great joy.

C: **Amen.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

‡ BLESSING

P: May the Word that Mary brought to birth
carry you into new and abundant life.
May the Word that Joseph cradled in his arms
enfold you with love and strength.
May the Word that angels proclaimed in song
bring harmony to our world.
And may the blessing of almighty God,
Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

C: **Amen.**

‡ SENDING HYMN

O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright!

#308, vs. 1,2

‡ DISMISSAL

L: Glory to God in the highest!

C: And peace to God's people on earth!

L: Go in peace. Share the gift of Jesus.

C: Thanks be to God.

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

POSTLUDE

Moments Musicaux No. 3

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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