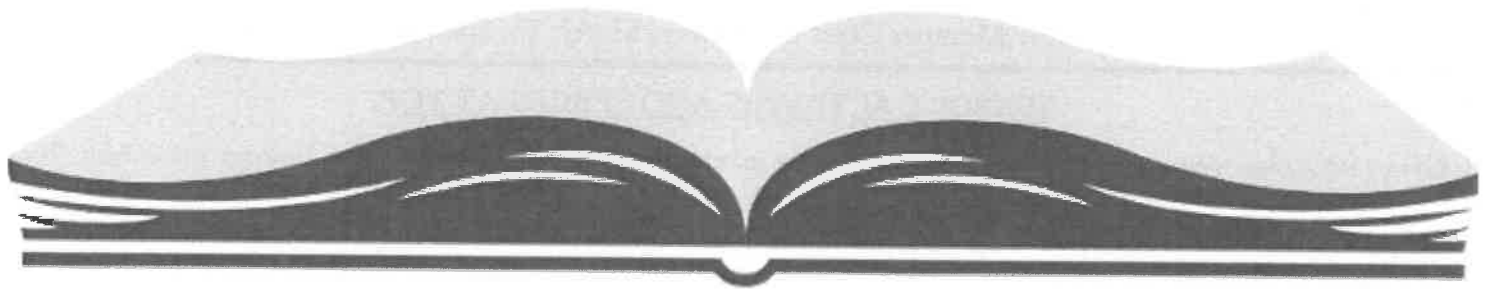


# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

November 17, 2024



*“To find real-world solutions, we need to be wise interpreters of our past. Like Elijah’s apprentice, Elisha, we must stay focused on the substance at the center, undistracted by all the surrounding fireworks. Because the meaning we shape from the stories we interpret will, in turn, shape us.”*

Brian McLaren

*We Make the Road by Walking, p. 54*



**WELCOME** to Valley of Peace.  
We are glad you are here.

We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would be meaningful for you in this space.

All ages are welcome to worship at Valley of Peace and we give thanks for the voices of our littlest ones. If you feel that your little one is wiggly, you are welcome to go with them to stretch their legs in the narthex where there is a small area with books and toys and you can hear the worship service. There are also bags available for you to put toys and books in and bring them into the sanctuary space.

And again, welcome to worship this day. This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Interested in becoming a Member? Let Pastor Ashley know by March 10, 2025.

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, March 16, 2025 after worship.

### SENSORY ACTIVITIES AND SPACES AT VOP

Sensory integration is the process by which individuals receive information through our senses, (Vision, Hearing, Smell, Taste, Touch, Vestibular/Movement, and Proprioception/Body Position), organize this information, and use it to participate in activities.

Each person reacts to sensory information differently. People of all ages can have sensory issues that make it more difficult to participate depending on the environment. Sensory issues are very complex because a person's sensory system could be a mixture of over reactive, under reactive, or actively engaged.

After assessing need, Emilie Moravec has been working with a few community members to make our space more welcoming for those with sensory needs. The following items are now available at the Welcome Center for individuals with sensory needs:

- Ear defender headphones
- Earplugs
- Sunglasses
- Weighted lap pads
- Battery powered fans
- Fidget blanket

Please speak with a usher or volunteer at the Welcome Center to find these items. Additional fidget supplies are available near the "busy bag" tree in the narthex outside of the sanctuary. These sensory tools are intended to promote regulation, improve focus, increase participation, and make our space more accessible and welcoming to children, teens, and adults with sensory processing needs.

If you are in need of change of environment while at Valley of Peace, the following areas are available:

- Narthex- provides space for movement right outside of the sanctuary. The worship service can still be seen and heard.
- Fireside Room - Near the top of the staircase, on the same level as the sanctuary. This space provides comfortable seating where the worship service can still be heard.
- Youth Room - The Youth room is located on the lowest level of the church and will contain a "quiet corner" with soft lighting and no worship sounds.

Sources: Mailloux Z & Smith Roley S. Sensory Integration Development and Early Signs of Difficulties. July 2013

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church  
November 17, 2024  
10:15 am

GATHERING MUSIC

*Nobody Knows the Trouble I've Seen*

arr. Victor Labenske

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

In the beginning, God created all things,  
**and God saw that they were good.**

At our beginning, God created us  
**unique and irreplaceable, loved and wanted by God,  
known and treasured by God.**

In all our new beginnings, God creates something new  
**so we will seek God in the freshness of this morning,  
in the laughter of friends,  
in the colors of creation,  
and in this beautiful place.**

Lord God of all Creation,  
**open our eyes to see your presence,  
our souls to sense your presence,  
and our hearts to love your presence,  
here in worship and in every part of our life.  
Amen.**

+ Please  
stand in  
body or  
spirit.

We invite you  
to  
participate in  
worship by  
reading the  
**BOLD** print

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

All: vs. 1 & 4; Piano Side: vs. 2; Pulpit Side: vs. 3

Refrain

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com-ing for to car-ry me home. *Fine*

1 I looked o-ver Jor-dan, and what did I see com-ing for to car-ry me home?  
 2 If you get there be - fore I do, com-ing for to car-ry me home,  
 3 The bright - est day that ev - er I saw, com-ing for to car-ry me home,  
 4 I'm some-times up and some-times down, com-ing for to car-ry me home.

*to Refrain*  
 A band of an-gels com-ing af-ter me, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 tell all my friends I'm com - ing too, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 when Je - sus washed my sins a - way, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O,  
 but still my soul feels heaven-ly bound, com-ing for to car-ry me home. O.

**+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
who forgives all our sin,  
whose mercy endures forever.

**Amen.**

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,  
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith. **Amen.**

**+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.**



FAITH MOMENT

ANTHEM

*Look at the World*

John Rutter

FIRST READING.....2 Kings 2:1-15  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING.....Acts 1:1-11  
Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

#579 *Lord You Give the Great Commission*

All: vs. 1, 3 & 5; High Voices: vs. 2; Low Voices: vs. 4

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Response*— Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**



**Electronic Giving**

OFFERTORY

*Song Without Words*

Sheldon N. Heaps

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. **Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love, through the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

+GREAT THANKSGIVING



+DIALOGUE

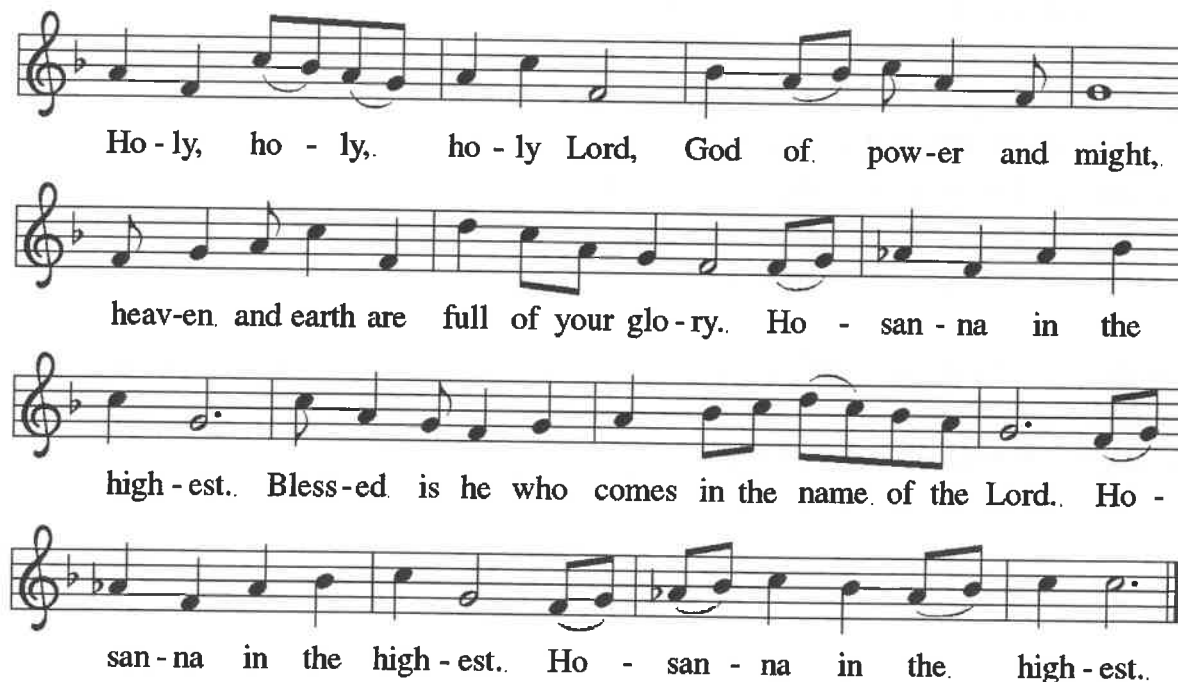


The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

+PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,  
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.  
Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.  
Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,  
the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm.  
Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:  
The earth is full of your glory:  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.  
In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.  
Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.  
Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.  
Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:  
The earth is full of your glory:  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,  
so filled with your love for this earth.

On the night before he died, he took bread, and gave thanks,  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Gathered around this table, we your children in unity sing this song:  
The earth is full of your glory:  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.  
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.  
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.  
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:  
The earth is full of your glory:  
**The earth is full of your glory.**

Amen, and Amen.  
**Amen, and Amen.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those  
who sin against us.**

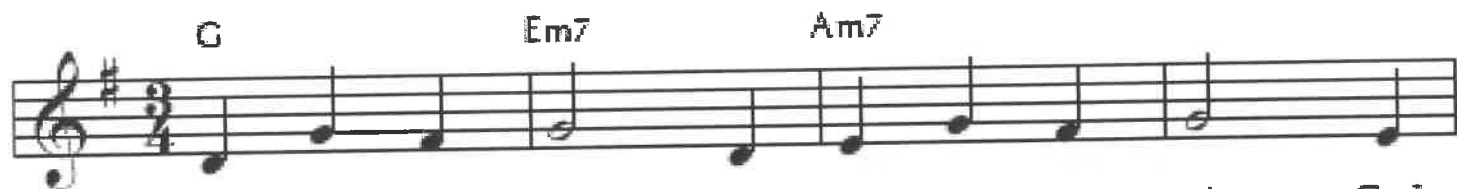
**Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

**Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Come to the banquet, for all is now ready.



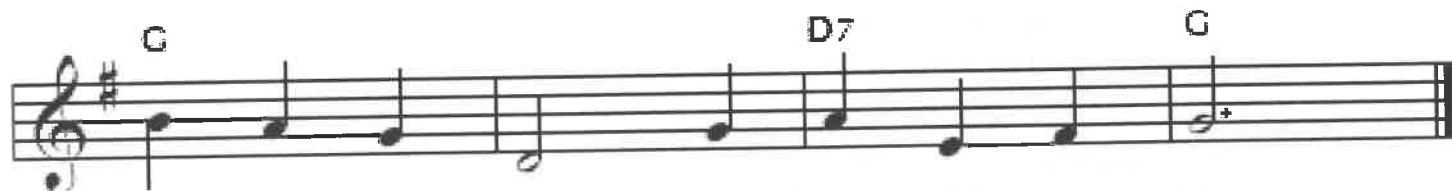
\*1 Come to the ta - ble, all you who praise God.  
 2 Come eat this bread now, my bro - ken bod - y.  
 3 All is now read - y, like the first ta - ble.



Laid in a sta - ble, God's gift of love:  
 My vow re - mem - ber: I am your Lord.  
 Pray for the Spir - it; lift up your hearts.



Je - sus our Sav - ior poured out his life's blood.  
 Drink of this wine, the cup of sal - va - tion,  
 Christ has a - ris - en, our Lord and Sav - ior.



Our sins for - giv - en, God's gift of love.  
 for you are mine, and I am your Lord.  
 With great thanks - giv - ing, lift up your hearts.

*All are welcome to receive communion at Valley of Peace.*

*We serve communion every Sunday by intinction. After the pastor speaks the words of distribution to online worshippers, the ushers will then invite worshippers physically present to receive communion.*

*If you are receiving communion by intinction, there will be bread and gluten-free wafers available. As you come forward to receive communion, a communion server will serve you your preference. Please take the bread or wafer and dip it into our preference of either wine or juice. The first chalice will contain wine and the second chalice will contain grape juice.*

*If you prefer to not receive communion by intinction there are pre-packaged communion kits with a gluten-free wafer and grape juice. You may pick this up on your way to communion.*

*If you prefer not to receive communion at all, please come forward with your hands across your chest and you will receive a blessing. If you are unable to come forward, please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

#### +COMMUNION BLESSING

#### +PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

#### +BENEDICTION & BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

*Go to the World*

1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.  
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - ery place.  
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;  
4 Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,

Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,  
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.  
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.  
for I am with you till the age shall end,

bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.  
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.  
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.  
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry "A - men!"

Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

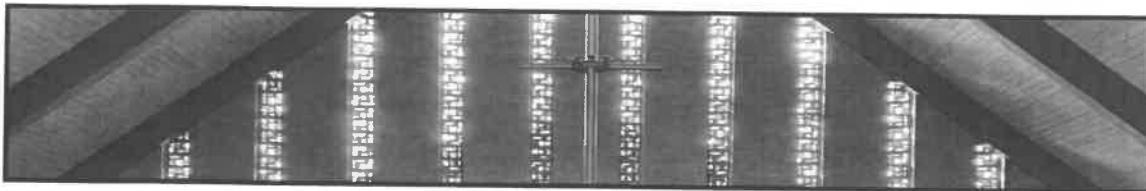
+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.  
**Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Voluntary*

Thomas Sanders Dupuis



## In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Director of Music.....	Hsu-hui Wang
Opener/Closer.....	Joe Cherra
Greeter.....	Shennon Jay
Welcome Center.....	Abby Stetler & Matt Stetler
Ushers.....	Sally Daniels Herron, Lauren Pockl, Heidi Boesen & Dottie Fergus
Worship Assistant.....	Darcie Rodman
Communion Servers.....	Sara Hoge, Steve Hoge, Becca Anderson & Dan Johnson
Reader.....	Leslie Gilyard
Faith Moment.....	Jon Larson
Music Provided By.....	Chancel Choir
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Tech.....	Pam Syverson
Altar Care.....	Steve Collin
Bell Table Set Up.....	Abby Stetler & Matt Stetler

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## In Worship on Sunday, November 24 at 10:15 am

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Director of Music.....	Hsu-hui Wang
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Ann Dybvig
Welcome Center.....	Diane Hinderlie
Ushers.....	<i>assigned at worship</i>
Worship Assistant.....	Diane Hinderlie
Communion Servers.....	Dee Kendall, Sara Blood, Gabe Blood & OPEN
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### Reconciling In Christ Statement

We recognize that each person is a unique creation of God and, by grace, is called a child of God, without exception and regardless of gender, race, national origin, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, age, station in life, or political affiliation.







# 579 Lord, You Give the Great Commission

1 Lord, you give the great com - mis - sion: "Heal the sick and  
 2 Lord, you call us to your ser - vice: "In my name bap -  
 3 Lord, you make the com - mon ho - ly: "This my bod - y,  
 4 Lord, you show us love's true mea - sure: "Fa - ther, what they  
 5 Lord, you bless with words as - sur - ing: "I am with you

preach the word." Lest the church ne - glect its mis - sion,  
 tize and teach." That the world may trust your prom - ise,  
 this my blood." Let us all, for earth's true glo - ry,  
 do, for - give." Yet we hoard as pri - vate trea - sure  
 to the end." Faith and hope and love re - stor - ing,

and the gos - pel go un - heard, help us wit - ness  
 life a - bun - dant meant for each, give us all - ness  
 dai - ly lift life heav - en - ward, ask - ing that new  
 all that you so free - ly give. May your care the  
 may we serve as you in - tend and, a - mid the

to your pur - pose with re - newed in - teg - ri - ty:  
 fer - vor, draw us clos - er in com - mu - ni - ty:  
 world a - round us share your chil - dren's lib - er - ty:  
 mer - cy lead us to a just so - ci - e - ty:  
 cares that claim us, hold in mind e - ter - ni - ty:



*Refrain*

With the Spir-it's gifts em-pow'r us for the work of min - is - try.

## How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

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- 1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call
- 2 But if, for - get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;
- 3 We mar - vel how your saints be - come in hin-dranc-es more sure;
- 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re - stored,  
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un - wind  
 whose joy - ful vir - tues put to shame the ca - sual way we wear your name,  
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to you,

that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 its tan - gled skein of care: our in - ward life re - pair.  
 and by our faults ob - scure your pow'r to cleanse and cure.  
 the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav - ored done.

