

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

4-the-Kids Worship Service

February 23, 2025

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!'

Luke 17:5



What is one of the nicest compliments you have ever received? Why did that mean a lot to you?



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 Gathering 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 an 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

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February 23, 2025
10:15 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

Fascination
Fermo Dante Marchetti

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

What a Wonderful World
Bob Theile and George David Weiss

+ Please
stand in
body or
spirit.

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

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God, join us for fun!
God, join us for fun!
God, join us when we're sad.
God, join us when we're sad.
God, join us for working!
God, join us for working!
God, join us for playing!
God, join us for playing!
God, join us for resting.
God, join us for resting.
God, join us for worship.
God, join us for worship.
God, join us this morning.
God, join us this morning. Amen.

+OPENING HYMN

#314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come!*

+GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you. **And also with you.**

314

Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947
 Music: William H. Walter, 1825-1893
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FESTAL SONG
 SM

315

How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858-1933, alt.
 Music: W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

POTSDAM
 SM

+PRAYER OF THE DAY *This Is the Day that the Lord has Made (sung)*

This is the day, this is the day
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made.
Let us rejoice, let us rejoice,
and be glad in it, and be glad in it.

This is the day that the Lord has made,
let us rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, this is the day that the Lord has made.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Smile

Charlie Chaplin

SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 16:13-17:9

FAITH MOMENT & MINI SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY *#595 Jesus Loves Me*

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.

OFFERTORY

Corcovado
Antonio Carlos Jobim



+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Generous God, we give you praise! You liberate us from sin and death by the abundance at this table. Multiply these gifts and fill us with your spirit, so that we may embody Christ and en flesh your radical freedom. Amen.

Jesus Loves Me!

595

1 Je - sus loves me! this I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so;
 2 Je - sus loves me! he who died heav - en's gates to o - pen wide;
 3 Je - sus loves me! he will stay close be - side me all the way;

lit - tle ones to him be - long, they are weak, but he is strong.
 he will wash a - way my sin, let his lit - tle child come in.
 when at last I come to die, he will take me home on high.

Refrain

Yes, Je - sus loves me, yes, Je - sus loves me,

yes, Je - sus loves me, the Bi - ble tells me so.

+LITURGY FOR THE TABLE

God is here!

The Spirit is with us!

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them to our God!

Let us give thanks to the Holy One and Holy Three!

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed our duty and our joy, that at all times and in all places we give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful Creator, for you sent your child to be the light and life for the world. Through that child you showed us how to love and be loved, how to enact justice, and how to work for peace.

On the night Jesus was sharing one final meal with his followers before being betrayed and arrested, he picked up some bread from the table, gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to all those at the table with him, telling them: Take and eat this bread. It is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.

Then, after they had finished eating supper together, he picked up a cup of wine, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, telling them: This cup of wine is the sign of a new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this to remember me.

Groaning in expectation with all of creation, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Breath of God, in this bread and cup you bring new life to this resilient community.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

May your Spirit intercede for us with sighs too deep for words, so that we might be made one body in Christ. **Breathe on us, that we may live!**

Revive our faith, infuse us with your peace, and reveal to us your justice, so that we might witness to the resurrection in all that we say and in all that we do.

Breathe on us, that we may live!

All thanks and praise to you, O God, Holy One and Holy Three. **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.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

O God Beyond All Praising

G. Holt

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 your 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.

+POST COMMUNION BLESSING AND PRAYER

God of grace and mercy, in this holy meal you have fed us with wisdom, forgiveness, and grace, and we are full. By your Spirit send us out to become what we have received—new life in Christ for the world. **Amen.**

+FAREWELL AND BLESSING FOR HSU-HUI WANG

+BENEDICTION

God be with us
God be with us
As we leave this place
As we leave this place
And journey in the world
And journey in the world
God the Father,
God the Father,
God the Son,
God the Son,
And God the Holy Spirit
And God the Holy Spirit
One God, Mother of us all,
One God, Mother of us all,
Be with us.
Be with us.

+SENDING HYMN

#535 Halleluiah! We Sing Your Praises

+DISMISSAL

Life is short and we do not have much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us so be swift to love, make haste to be kind, and go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Garota de Ipanema

Antonio Carlos Jobim

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises

Halehuya! Pelo tsa rona

Refrain— sung twice each time

Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa ro - na, di tha -
Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your prais - es, all our

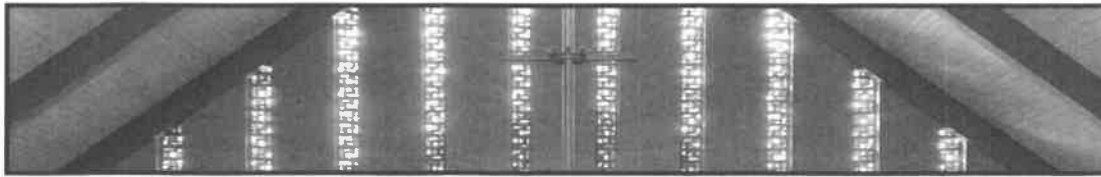
bi - le ka - o - fe - la. Ha - le - lu - ya! Pe - lo tsa
hearts are filled with glad - ness. Hal - le - lu - jah! We sing your

ro - na, di tha - bi - le ka - o - fe - la. *End*
prais - es, all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

1 Christ the Lord to us said: I am wine, I am bread,
2 Now he sends us all out, strong in faith, free of doubt,

Repeat stanza, then sing refrain

I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hun - ger.
strong in faith, free of doubt. Tell to all the joy - ful gos - pel.



In Worship Today

Preacher.....	Pace Warfield
Presider.....	Pastor Wes Syverson
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Director of Music.....	Hsu-hui Wang
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Elaine Lofquist
Welcome Center.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Faith Moment.....	Pace Warfield
Ushers.....	<i>assign at worship</i>
Worship Assistant.....	Darice Rodman
Communion Servers.....	Anna Campbell, OPEN, OPEN, OPEN
Reader.....	<i>assign at worship</i>
Music Provided By.....	Eric Moen & Jeff Mittelmark, Dan Miller
Coffee Cart.....	Chrys Johnson
Tech.....	Naomi Dybvig
Altar Care.....	Pat Hepner
Bell Table Set Up.....	Darcie Rodman & Chuck Rudolph

The Altar Flowers are given by Steve Collin and Kristi Collin in celebration of their niece Sarah's birthday!

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In Worship on Sunday, March 2 at 10:15 am

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Interim Director of Music.....	Christine Weatherman
Opener/Closer.....	Jon & Ruth Larson
Greeter.....	Pat Hoyt
Welcome Center.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Faith Moment.....	Barb Mikelson
Ushers.....	Pam and Wes Syverson, OPEN, OPEN
Worship Assistant.....	Becca Anderson
Communion Servers.....	Jon & Ruth Larson
Reader.....	Steve Hoge
Music Provided By.....	Chancel Choir
Coffee Cart.....	Nancy Rogness
Tech.....	Melissa Dellwo
Altar Care.....	Claudia Aronsohn
Bell Table Set Up.....	Ruth & Jon Larson

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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.