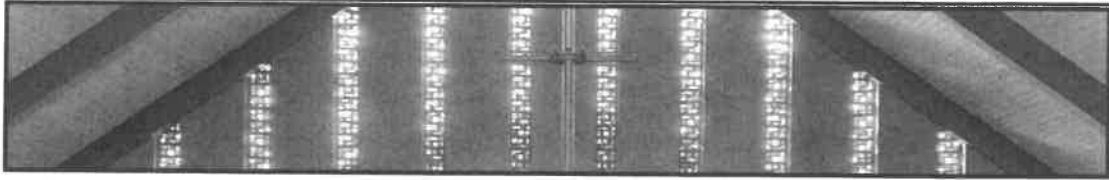


Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Maundy Thursday

April 17, 2025





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 October 5, 2025.

In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....Beth Brandt
Director of Music.....Christine Weatherman
Opener/Closer.....Jim Jasper
Greeter.....Dee Kendall
Ushers.....Ken and Lynn Schneider and Jon and Ruth Larson
Reader.....Pat Hoyt
Worship Assistant.....Tara Kuckkan
Communion Servers.....Sara Blood and Andrew Brandt
Music Provided By.....Chancel Choir and
Quartet: Melissa Dellwo, Christine Weatherman, Dan Miller, Paul Mikelson
Tech.....Matt Dellwo
Altar Care.....Linda Franz

Words for worship used by permission under Augsburg Fortress Liturgies Annual License #SAS103663.
Bible readings from New Revised Standard Version Bible, Copyright 1989.

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.



Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
April 17, 2025
6:45 p.m.

GATHERING MUSIC *Gethsemane* by David Paxton

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE *A Lamb Alone Bears Willingly* by Friedrich Zipp

+ Please
stand in
body or
spirit.

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

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Friends in Christ, in this Lenten season we have heard our Lord's call to struggle against sin, death, and the devil—all that keeps us from loving God and loving each other. This is the struggle to which we were called at baptism.

Within the community of the church, God never wearies of forgiving sin and giving the peace of reconciliation. On this night let us confess our sin against God and our neighbor, and enter the celebration of the great Three Days reconciled with God and with one another.

Time of silence for reflection and self-examination.

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.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the \dagger Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL ABSOLUTION AND SPECIAL MUSIC

The Prayer

Chinn

You may come forward and kneel for the laying on of hands.

In obedience to the command of our Lord Jesus Christ, I forgive you all your sins. **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.**

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+ANTHEM

In Remembrance

words by Ragan Courtney
music by Buryl Red
choral setting by Lloyd Larson

In remembrance of me, eat this bread.
In remembrance of me, drink this wine.
In remembrance of me, pray for the time
when God's own will is done.

Take, eat, and be comforted;
drink, and remember too,
that this is my body and precious blood
shed for you, shed for you.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick.
In remembrance of me, feed the poor.
In remembrance of me, open the door
and let your brother in, let him in.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.
In remembrance of me, always love.
In remembrance of me, don't look above,
but in your heart, look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me.

SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Corinthians 11:23-26

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

+GOSPEL READING.....Luke 22:14-27

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY ACS 930 *Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now (page 5)*



Three Holy Days Enfold Us Now

1 Three ho - ly days en - fold us now in wash - ing
 2 The mys - t'ry hid from a - ges past is here re -
 3 Christ, lift - ed high up - on the tree, be - fore you

feet and break - ing bread, in cross and font and
 vealed in word and sign, for Je - sus' sto - ry
 ev - 'ry knee shall bend and ev - 'ry tongue in

life re - newed: in Christ, God's first - born from the dead.
 is our own: new life through death is God's de - sign.
 praise pro - claim: "You are the Lord of all. A - men."

+PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition of Lord in your mercy, please respond, **Hear our prayer**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

Commune with Me with We Remember You

by Kirk Dearman

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

God our provider, you have not fed us with bread alone, but with words of grace and life. Bless us and these your gifts, which we receive from your bounty, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+Holy Communion

The Lord be with you.

And also 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.

It is indeed right our duty and our joy to give
God thanks and praise because all of this begins
with grace.

It begins with grace.

It begins with grace and ends with grace

and it is so deeply important

to know that

we are carried through

by grace

because this road gets hard

the road to redemption

the road to resurrection

is the road of uneven ground

of roots that trip us

and rocks that make us slip

and fall

and it is hard to get back up again

to keep going.

It is a road that seems to have no end

that turns back in on itself,

disorienting, discouraging, destroying.

It is everything we fear about the wilderness.

But here at the beginning

we are met with grace.

Right when it is about to come crashing down.

Here is bread for the journey

and a cup for the way.

Here on this night of betrayal

our Savior Jesus Christ took bread

and blessed it

and broke it

and gave it to the disciples

saying, "this is my body

broken for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

And here on the night where there is no turning
back

our Savior Jesus Christ took the cup

and blessed it

and gave it to the disciples

saying, "this is my blood shed for you.

Do this in remembrance of me."

And so we gather

and so we remember

and so we tell the story of a road

we do not have to walk

ourselves.

This is grace.

The table that is spread for us

in the middle of the wilderness

the reminder that our job is not to suffer

but to love one another

Our call is not to loneliness

but connection

our fate is not death

but life.

So come to this table

Let this reminder

sink into your body:

there is nothing

no betrayal

no denial

no sin

that grace cannot cover

+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 INVITATION

Taste and see that the Lord is good.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND SPECIAL MUSIC

First Communion for Andrew Brandt

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 red wine and the second chalice will contain white 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

+POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Lord Jesus, in a wonderful sacrament you strengthen us with the saving power of your suffering, death, and resurrection. May this sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the fruits of your redemption will show forth in the way we live, for you live and reign with the father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+STRIPPING OF THE ALTAR

Congregation members are invited to come forward to participate in the stripping of the altar.

Stay with Me

Musical score for the hymn "Stay with Me". The score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and". The second system also has a vocal line and a piano accompaniment line. The lyrics are: "pray. Watch and pray." The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a clear melody and accompaniment.

+SENDING

May Jesus Christ, who for our sake became obedient unto death, even death on a cross, keep you and strengthen you this night and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation departs in silence.

**Our Holy Week journey continues with
Good Friday Worship
Friday, April 18 at 6:45 pm.**