

# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Pentecost Sunday

June 8, 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 September 29, 2025

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 5, 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

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church  
June 8, 2025  
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

*A New Song of Joy*

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Spirit of Freedom*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

As we gather together in this place,  
let us strain our ears to hear the rush of wind, the crackle pop of fire.

**We listen for your call, God of spirit and flame.**

**We take our place in your unfolding creation.**

Rejoice, for God's spirit flows among us!

Rejoice, for today the church embraces transformation.

**In the midst of rebirth, we join our voices in praise!**

**Let us worship God.**

+ Please  
stand in  
body or  
spirit.

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

ELW is the red  
hymnal  
ACS is the  
purple hymnal

+OPENING HYMN

Red ELW 401 *Gracious Spirit, Hear our Pleading*

+REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM

We join Jesus in the waters of baptism, and we are raised to life anew.  
Together let us give thanks for this gracious gift.

Mother God, our hearts are full of gratitude for you formed us in your divine image.  
Your living water joins our very beings together. You meet us in our despair and  
embrace us with grace and love.

When Hagar felt abandoned you gave her strength to live for generations to come.  
When the Samaritan woman went to the well alone you gave her good news to share.

We have joy in our hearts for your liberating waters. You free us to see one another  
in this isolating world and nourish our spirits when we feel unseen.

Fill us, renew us, and call us by our name. We honor you, and we give you our  
praise, through Jesus your anointed one with the unifying breath of the Holy Spirit.  
**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.**

# Gracious Spirit, Heed Our Pleading

PENTECOST, HOLY SPIRIT

Njoo kwetu, Roho mwema

401

Njo - o kwe - tu, Ro - ho mwe - ma, M - fa - ri - ji we - tu.  
 1 Gra - cious Spir - it, heed our plead - ing, fash - ion us all a - new.  
 2 Come to teach us, come to nour - ish those who be - lieve in Christ.  
 3 Guide our think - ing and our speak - ing done in your ho - ly name.

Tu - fu - ndi - she ya mbi - ngu - ni, tu - we wa - tu wa - pya.  
 It's your lead - ing that we're need - ing, help us to fol - low you.  
 Bless the faith - ful, may they flour - ish, strength - ened by grace un - priced.  
 Mo - ti - vate all in their seek - ing, free - ing from guilt and shame.

*Refrain*  
 Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

Njo - o, njo - o, njo - o, Ro - ho mwe - ma.  
 Come, come, come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come.

4 Not mere knowledge, but discernment,  
 nor rootless liberty;  
 turn disquiet to contentment,  
 doubt into certainty. *Refrain*

5 Keep us fervent in our witness,  
 unswayed by earth's allure.  
 Ever grant us zealous fitness,  
 which you alone assure. *Refrain*

Text: Wilson Niwagila; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922

Music: Wilson Niwagila; arr. Egil Hovland, b. 1924

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 Arr. © Egil Hovland

NJOO KWETU, ROHO MWEMA  
 CM and refrain

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Friends, please join me in a meditative prayer for illumination.

I invite you to bow your head and open your non-dominant hand, palm side up. With your finger, trace the shape of wind on your palm as you honor the way the Spirit can move with us.

Now trace a flame on your palm, remembering how God can show up in mysterious ways, remembering how the presence of God warms and purifies us.

Now, clasp your hands, lacing your fingers together, remembering the way in which scripture calls us into unity with one another.

With clear mind and focused hearts, may we hear the words of scripture today and be receptive to the way in which God speaks to us through this good word.

In God's holy name we pray. **Amen.**

## FAITH MOMENT: HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION RECOGNITION

Ethan Ahlbrecht

Claire Brummel

Dawson Franke

Karl Schiebe

**Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Come, Come!*

by Michael Bedord

Come, O God, now come!

Come, O Jesus, come!

Send your love, from above.

Come, O Spirit, come!

Come, O Three in One!

Come, O Three in One!

Send your love, from above.

Come, O Three in One!

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 2:1-21

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

INTRODUCTION

MUSICAL REFLECTION: Purple ACS 942 *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*  
Refrain

REFLECTION: Andrew Brandt

MUSICAL REFLECTION: Purple ACS 942 *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*  
Refrain

REFLECTION: Pace Warfield

MUSICAL REFLECTION: Purple ACS 942 *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*  
Refrain

REFLECTION: Pat Hoyt

+HYMN OF THE DAY Purple ACS 942 *Everytime I Feel the Spirit*  
Congregation Refrain, Soloist Verses

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

*Jesus' Love Medley*



Electronic Giving

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, we **dedicate our time and treasure to you for the good of your whole creation, which even now you are still enacting. We pray that you will multiply these humble gifts toward a future of greater justice, flourishing, and joy. 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.**

God, who is the maker of all things,  
we give you thanks as we celebrate you this day  
when you brought together the multitudes to worship you  
and to place their hope in Jesus Christ.

# Breathe on Us, Breath of God

941

Capo 5: A D Dm Gm A Dm A D E A D

Breathe on us, Breath of God; Breath of God, breathe on us.

Text: Patrick G. Michaels, b. 1954  
 Music: Patrick G. Michaels  
 Text and music © 2014 Hope Publishing Company

BREATH OF GOD  
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# Every Time I Feel the Spirit

942

Refrain D G D G/D

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

D/A Bm A D D/F# G

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

D G/D D/A Bm A<sup>7</sup> D

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

D G/D D D G/D D

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,  
 2 . . . All a - round me looked so fine,  
 3 . . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

D/F# A<sup>7</sup> D G/D D Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.  
 asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.  
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933  
 Arr. © 1990 Melva W. Costen, admin. Augsburg Fortress

PENTECOST  
 Irregular

We thank you for the countless possibilities of awe, wonder, and amazement that we experience as your people.

We celebrate and remember your still unfolding work to bring together people of all tongues, nations, races, genders, sexualities, abilities, and economic circumstances into the work of re-forming the world for your glory and for the good of all people.

We thank you for the blessing of this holy meal as you impart grace upon us, a grace that we are still learning to understand as we remember the night in which Jesus was betrayed, when 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.

#### +LORD'S PRAYER

With hope, we join our voices with the voices of countless generations, languages, and communities as we pray the words Jesus taught us, saying:

**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

At Pentecost, the Holy Spirit flung the invitation far and wide to participate fully in the body of Christ. Following her example, we set this Table as a place without limits, entrance requirements, or any type of finitude. The invitation already has your name on it. Come, all who wish to take part in the joyful feast.



## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND HYMNS

Red ELW 396 *Spirit of Gentleness*

Red ELW 496 *One Bread, One Body*

*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.*

## +COMMUNION BLESSING

### +PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let this meal set our hearts ablaze, O God. As we experience the real nourishment of these real elements, we long for bread and wine to transform us for the work of your love. Just as you are always creating and re-creating, make us new. And as we become more like the people you call us to be, help us shape your church for the greater work still to come. Restore us with the hope that the Holy Spirit is, even now, igniting new possibilities for our shared life, faith, and thriving. **Amen.**

## +BLESSING

### +SENDING HYMN

RED ELW 551 *The Spirit Sends us Forth to Serve*

### +DISMISSAL

As we leave this place, may we go out into the world ready to be overwhelmed with amazement. May we clear our throats to shout good news. May we not shy away from the fire and wind of the Spirit, but rather let it envelop and hone us for the work of love that God entrusts to us as the body of Christ.

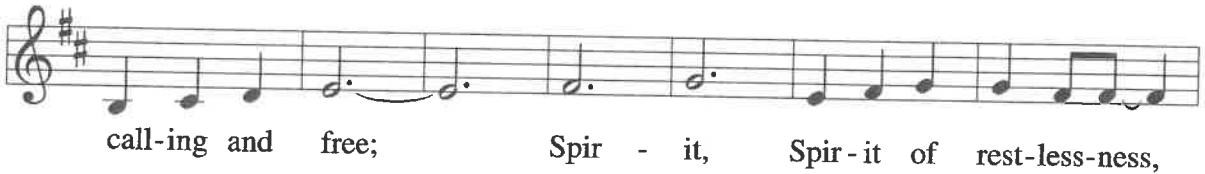
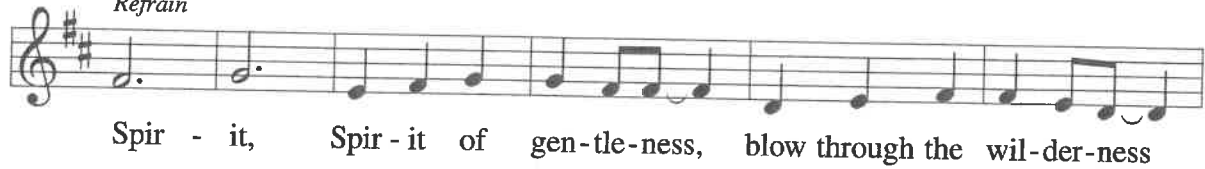
Go in peace. **Thanks be to God!**

## POSTLUDE

*Leaning On the Everlasting Arms*

# Spirit of Gentleness

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*Refrain*

- 1 You moved on the wa - ters, you called to the deep,
- 2 You swept through the des - ert, you stung with the sand,
- 3 You sang in a sta - ble, you cried from a hill,
- 4 You call from to - mor - row, you break an-cient schemes.



then you coaxed up the moun - tains from the val - leys of sleep;  
 and you goad - ed your peo - ple with a law and a land;  
 then you whis-pered in si - lence when the whole world was still;  
 From the bond - age of sor - row all the cap - tives dream dreams;



and o - ver the e - ons you called to each thing:  
 and when they were blind - ed with i - dols and lies,  
 and down in the cit - y you called once a - gain,  
 our wom - en see vi - sions, our men clear their eyes.

*Refrain*

"A - wake from your slum - bers and rise on your wings."  
 then you spoke through your proph - ets to o - pen their eyes.  
 when you blew through your peo - ple on the rush of the wind.  
 With . . . bold new de - ci - sions your peo-ple a - rise.

# 495

## We Who Once Were Dead



1 We who once were dead now live, ful - ly know - ing Je - sus  
 2 We were lost in night, but you sought and found us. Give us  
 3 He be - came our bread; Je - sus died to save us. On him  
 4 Let us share the pain you en - dured in dy - ing; we shall



as our head. Life is o - ver-flow - ing when he breaks the bread.  
 strength to fight; death is all a - round us. Je - sus, be our light.  
 we are fed, eat - ing what he gave us, ris - ing from the dead.  
 then re - main liv - ing; death de - fy - ing, we shall rise a - gain.

5 Jesus, you were dead,  
 but you rose and, living,  
 made yourself our bread,  
 in your goodness giving  
 life though we were dead.

6 This is your design;  
 in this meal we meet you.  
 Be our bread and wine,  
 Jesus, we entreat you.  
 This shall be our sign.

Text: Muus Jacobse, 1909–1972; tr. composite

Music: Rik Veelenturf, b. 1936

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MIDDEN IN DE DOOD

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# 496

## One Bread, One Body



One bread, one bod - y, one Lord of all; one cup of



bless - ing which we bless, and we, though man - y

Text: John Foley, SJ, b. 1939

Music: John Foley, SJ

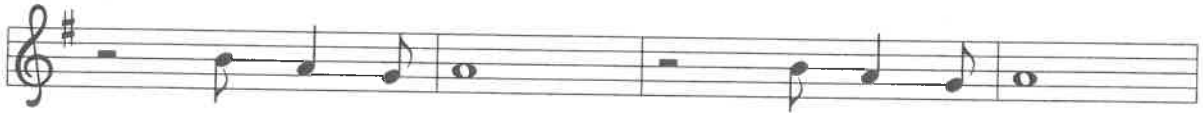
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ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

4 4 6 and refrain



through-out the earth, we are one bod - y in this one Lord.



1 Gen - tile or Jew, ser - vant or free,  
2 Man - y the gifts, man - y the works,  
3 Grain for the fields, scat-tered and grown,



wom - an or man, no more.  
one in the Lord of all.  
gath - ered to one for all.

## Strengthen for Service, Lord

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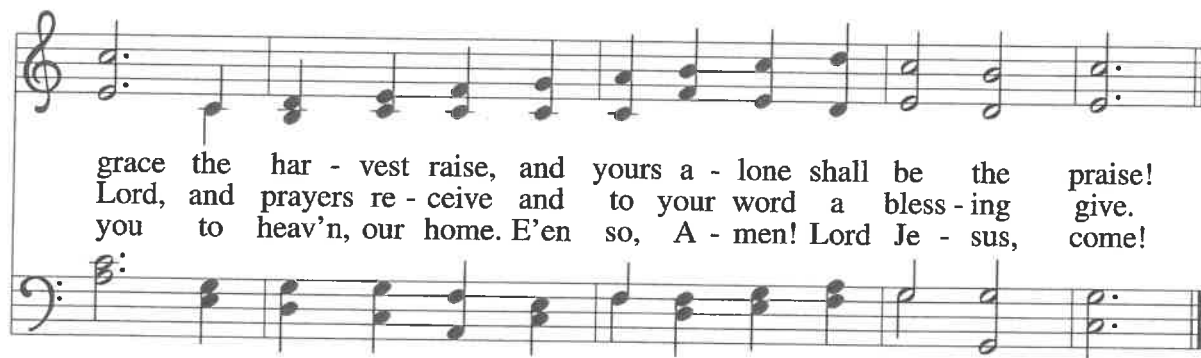
1 Streng-then for ser - vice, Lord, the hands that ho - ly  
2 The tongues that sang your ho - ly name now purge of  
3 And may the feet that walked your courts be nev - er



things have ta - ken; and let the ears that heard your  
all de - cep - tion; keep bright the eyes that saw your  
lured to wan - der; but lead the faith - ful nour - ished



word to false - hood nev - er wak - en.  
love and sharp - en their per - cep - tion.  
here to jour - ney on in splen - dor.



grace the har - vest raise, and yours a - lone shall be the praise!  
 Lord, and prayers re - ceive and to your word a bless - ing give.  
 you to heav'n, our home. E'en so, A - men! Lord Je - sus, come!

## The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

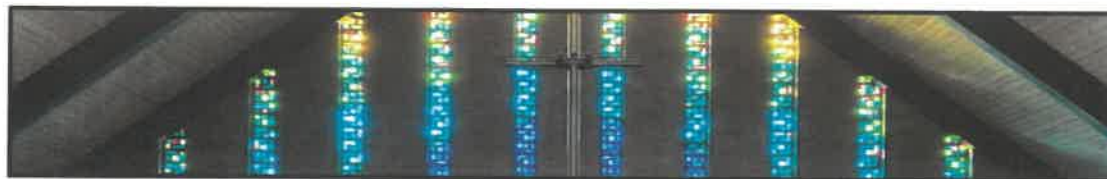
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1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the  
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter  
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel

Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to  
 joy like seed and, all our days, to  
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -

to the poor, God's fa - vor to blind pro - claim.  
 share a dream and help the to see.  
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.  
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.



## In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Leslie Gilyard
Special Music.....	Children and Youth Choir
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeter.....	Chrys Johnson
Welcome Center.....	Diane Hinderlie
Ushers.....	Kari Roll, Shennon Jay, Sten Pearson, Dee Kendall
Faith Moment.....	Pace Warfield
Reader.....	Pat Hoyt
Worship Assistant.....	Becca Anderson
Communion Servers.....	Gina Privratsky, Laurie Eaton, Anna Halvorson, Mary Hovden
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Evelyn Anderson
Altar Care.....	Claudia Aronsohn

**The Altar Flowers are given by Kathy Boesen.**

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## In Worship on Sunday, June 15 at 9:30 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Dottie Fergus
Welcome Center.....	Anna Halvorson
Ushers.....	Lynn and Ken Schneider, Darlene and Dean Lamker
Faith Moment.....	Barry Terrass
Reader.....	Paul Mikelson
Worship Assistant.....	Darcie Rodman
Communion Servers.....	Anna Campbell, need three more
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Tech.....	Chuck Rudolph
Altar Care.....	Claudia Aronsohn

**For more information and a calendar of activities visit  
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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.

