

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 29, 2025



*“More than ever before
in our history,
we need a new kind of
personal and social fuel.
Not fear, but love.
Not prejudice, but openness.
Not supremacy, but service.
Not inferiority, but equality.
Not resentment,
but reconciliation.
Not isolation,
but connection.
Not the spirit of hostility,
but the
Holy spirit of hospitality.”*

Brian McLaren
We Make the Road
by Walking,
p. 217



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

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June 29, 2025
9:30 a.m.

GATHERING MUSIC

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens
by Dale Wood

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Adante in G Major by J. Blied

+ Please
stand in
body or
spirit.

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

+OPENING HYMN

Red ELW 358 *Great God, Your Love Has Called Us*
verses 1, 2, 3, 5

ELW is the red
hymnal
ACS is the
purple hymnal

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

When we don't know how or what to pray, the Spirit knows.
When all we can muster are sighs and groans, the Spirit knows those also.
When we feel that we aren't even worthy to approach God,
the Spirit goes before us and with us and God welcomes us with arms open.
Let us confess our sins. *Observe a time of silence for reflection.*

Merciful God, you free us to love others, but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way. You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace, but we turn away from the abundant life you offer. You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity, but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us and show us the path of life.

You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of + Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven and you are made new. **Amen.**

+SUNG RESPONSE

Purple ACS 1015 *As a Mother Comforts Her Child*
music on page 4.

Great God, Your Love Has Called Us

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1 Great God, your love has called us here, as we, by love, for
 2 We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of bro - ken trust and
 3 Great God, in Christ you call our name and then re - ceive us
 4 Then take the towel, and break the bread, and hum - ble us, and
 5 Great God, in Christ you set us free your life to live, your

love were made. Your liv - ing like - ness still we bear,
 cho - sen wrong, half - free, half - bound by in - ner chains,
 as your own, not through some mer - it, right, or claim,
 call us friends. Suf - fer and serve till all are fed,
 joy to share. Give us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty

though marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed. We come, with all our
 by so - cial forc - es swept a - long, by pow'rs and sys - tems
 but by your gra - cious love a - lone. We strain to glimpse your
 and show how grand - ly love in - tends to work till all cre -
 to turn from guilt and dull de - spair, and of - fer all that

heart and mind your call to hear, your love to find.
 close con - fined, yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.
 mer - cy seat and find you kneel - ing at our feet.
 a - tion sings, to fill all worlds, to crown all things.
 faith can do while love is mak - ing all things new.

Text: Brian A. Wren, b. 1936
 Music: Norman Cocker, 1889-1953
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 Music © Oxford University Press

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As a moth-er com-forts her child, so God will com - fort you.



As a hen gath-ers her brood, so Christ will gath - er you.



As a wise one coun-sels her friend, so the Spir-it will coun-sel you.



The Trin - i - ty of love will be with you.

+PASSING THE PEACE

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

Share the Spirit of Peace with one another.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Loving God, we come to worship today to hear your Good News; to hear of faith, hope, and love ringing out from your kingdom. We know that doubt, fear, and hatred can shake even the strongest. Shape us into faithful hopeful people, fill us with your love that passes all understanding. Equip us to live our lives grounded in your love and sharing that love with all people. We pray this in the name of Jesus Christ, who revealed your love among us. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SPECIAL MUSIC *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* by F.C. Atkinson

SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Corinthians 13:1-13
Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW 631 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response– Spirit, intercede for us, **hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY & SPECIAL MUSIC

All the Way My Saviour Leads Me
by Robert Lowry



+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

God be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to God.

Let us give thanks to God. It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus 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.

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
 2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less

earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

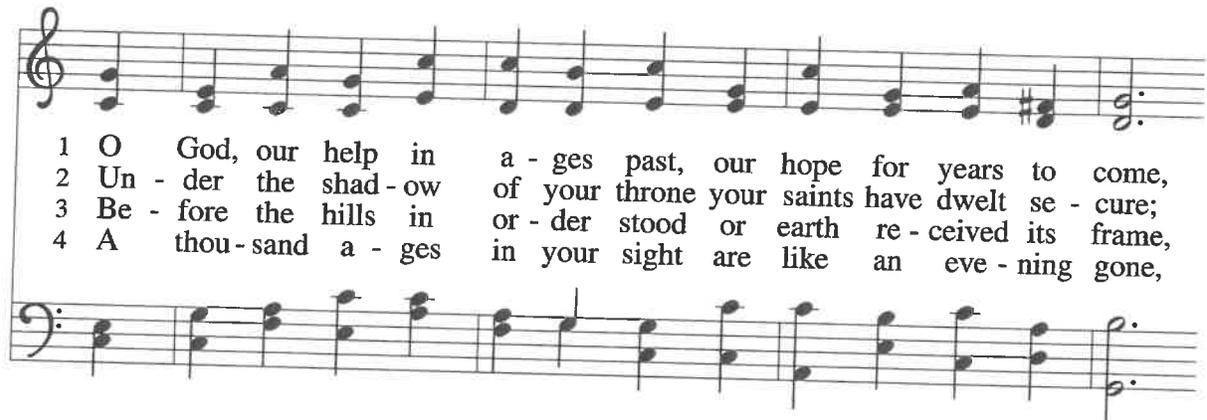
pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



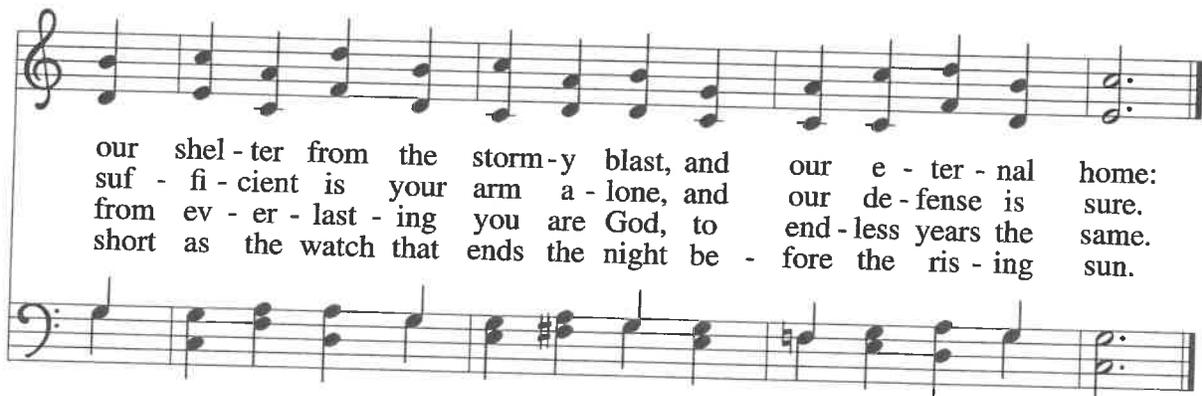
thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

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1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.
 short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the op'ning day.

6 O God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 still be our guard while troubles last
 and our eternal home.

+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.

**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

Purple ACS 1040 *Love Has Brought Us Here Together*

Red ELW 502 *The King of Love My Shepherd Is*

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.*

Love Has Brought Us Here Together

COMMUNITY IN CHRIST

1040

Capo 3: D
F

A C D
C F

G/D B \flat /F D A
B \flat /F F C

D/F# F/A

D F



1 Love has brought us here to - geth - er; love of fam - 'ly,
2 Love is gen - tle, love is pa - tient, soft in words and
3 Love does not re - joice at e - vil; love re - joic - es

Em/G A7 D
Gm/B \flat C7 F

A D
C F

G/D B \flat /F D A
B \flat /F F C

D/F# F/A



love of friends; love, our vow till death should part us; love, God's
kind in deeds. Love is strong and nev - er pom-pous; love puts
in the right. Keen in giv - ing and for - giv - ing, spread - ing

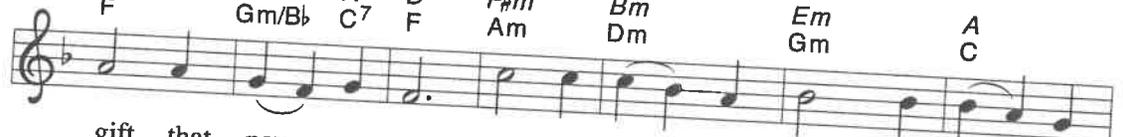
D F

Em/G A7 D
Gm/B \flat C7 F

F#m Bm
Am Dm

Em Gm

A C



gift, that nev - er ends. From our birth, through-out our life - time,
first the oth - er's needs. Not quick-tem - pered or re - sent - ful,
love is love's de - light. When two peo - ple pledge their u - nion,

D F

Bm Dm

Em Gm

A C

D F

G/D B \flat /F A7/C# C7/E



love's in - sis - tence calls our name. Floods of wa - ters
prone to take of - fense or brood, love ex - cels in
all who wit - ness are re - newed, feast - ing at love's

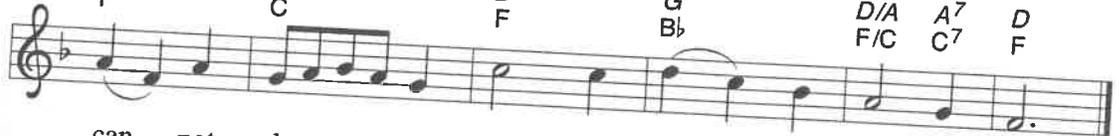
D F

A C

D F

G B \flat

D/A A7 D
F/C C7 F



can - not drown it or put out its danc - ing flame.
grace and mer - cy, nev - er jeal - ous, nev - er rude.
earth - ly ban - quet, tast - ing heav'n's be - at - i - tude.



Text: Mary Louise Bringle, b. 1953
Music: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887
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The King of Love My Shepherd Is

1 The King of love my shep - herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow, my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill, with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth and, where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me, thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still; thy cross be - fore to guide me.

5 Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
 thine unction grace bestoweth;
 and, oh, what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!

6 And so, through all the length of days,
 thy goodness faileth never.
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

+COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we received your grace.
Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love
in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN RED ELW 537 *On Our Way Rejoicing*

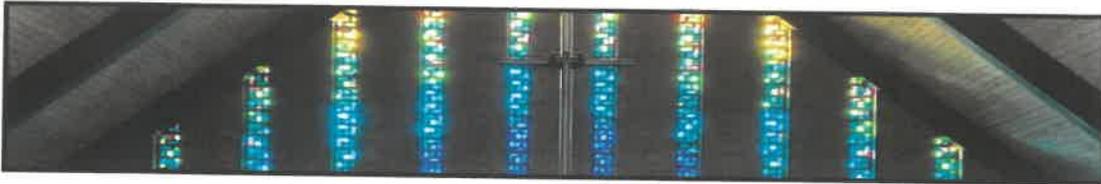
+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Marching to Zion

by Garrett Parker



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....Pastor Ashley Osborn
 Pianist/Organist.....Beth Brandt
 Opener/Closer.....Ruth and Jon Larson
 Greeter.....Sally Daniels Herron
 Welcome Center.....Chrys Johnson
 Ushers.....Judy Greeninger, Casey Balint, Alex Balint, need one more
 Special Music.....Michael Roll
 Faith Moment.....Darcie Rodman
 Reader.....Pat Hoyt
 Worship Assistant.....Tara Kuckkan
 Communion Servers.....Melissa Dellwo, Becca Anderson, Mary Hovden, Kari Roll
 Coffee Cart.....Jim Jasper
 Tech.....Matt Dellwo
 Altar Care.....Claudia Aronsohn

The Altar Flowers are not sponsored today. please check the sign-up sheet.

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In Worship on Sunday, July 6 at 9:30 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....Pastor Ashley Osborn
 Pianist/Organist.....Beth Brandt
 Opener/Closer.....Jim Jasper
 Greeter.....Pat Hoyt
 Welcome Center.....Sally Daniels Herron
 Ushers.....Pam & Wes Syverson, Lynn and Ken Schneider
 Faith Moment.....Pastor Ashley
 Reader.....Lauren Pockl
 Worship Assistant.....Kari Roll
 Communion Servers.....Jon & Ruth Larson
 Coffee Cart.....Abby & Matt Stetler
 Tech.....Melissa Dellwo
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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.



On Our Way Rejoicing

1 On our way re - joic - ing glad - ly let us go.
2 Un - to God the Fa - ther joy - ful songs we sing;

Christ our Lord has con - quered; van - quished is the foe.
un - to God the Sav - ior thank - ful hearts we bring;

Christ with - out, our safe - ty; Christ with - in, our joy;
un - to God the Spir - it bow we and a - dore,

who, if we be faith - ful, can our hope de - stroy?
on our way re - joic - ing now and ev - er - more.

Refrain
On our way re - joic - ing; as we for - ward move,

hear-ken to our prais - es, O blest God of love!

The Lord Now Sends Us Forth

Enviado soy de Dios

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En - via - do soy de Dios, mi ma - no lis - ta es - tá
The Lord now sends us forth with hands to serve and give,
pa - ra cons - truir con él un mun - do fra - ter - nal.
to make of all the earth a bet - ter place to live.
Los án - ge - les no son en - via - dos a cam - biar
The an - gels are not sent in - to our world of pain
un mun - do de do - lor por un mun - do me - jor;
to do what we were meant to do in Je - sus' name;
me ha to - ca - do a mí ha - cer - lo rea - li - dad.
that falls to you and me and all who are made free.
A - yú - da - me, Se - ñor, a ha - cer tu vo - lun - tad.
Help us, O Lord, we pray, to do your will to - day.