

# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

August 10, 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  
August 10, 2025  
9:30 a.m.

*Welcome to Worship.*

*Just a few things to note as you prepare to worship.*

*You are invited to participate in worship by reading the **BOLD** print.*

*When you see +, please stand in body or in spirit.*

*ELW is the red hymnal and ACS is the purple hymnal,  
both located in the bottom of the pew in front of you.*

*If you need any assistance please ask an Usher. They are happy to help.*

GATHERING MUSIC

*Awesome God*

Arr. by Carol Tornquist

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+OPENING HYMN

*Lord, Prepare Me, Sanctuary*

## Lord, Prepare Me

# 701

Sanctuary

Lord, pre - pare me to be a sanc - tu - ar - y, pure and  
ho - ly, tried and true. With thanks - giv - ing,  
I'll be a liv - ing sanc - tu - ar - y for you.

## +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*



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. O Living God, we praise you for this present moment. Fill us with your joy and empower us with your Holy Spirit, that our strength may be renewed to sing a new song of your glory in a world which longs for your justice and peace. All this we ask in the name of Jesus, in whom we become your new creation. **Amen.**

## FAITH MOMENT

### *Earth and All Stars*

Earth and all stars, loud rushing planets, sing to the Lord a new song!  
O victory, loud shouting army, sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!  
Trumpet and pipes, loud clashing cymbals, sing to the Lord a new song!  
Harp, lute, and lyre, loud humming cellos, sing to the Lord a new song!  
He has done marvelous things. I, too, will praise him with a new song!

## SONG

### Spirit of the Living God

101

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems of staves. The lyrics are: 'Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me, Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The lyrics are placed below the corresponding vocal staves.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me,

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spir - it of the liv - ing God, fall fresh on me.

Sing a new song to the Lord, who has done marvelous things,  
whose right hand and holy arm have won the victory.

**O Lord, you have made known your victory,  
you have revealed your righteousness in the sight of the nations.**

You remember your steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel;  
all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

**Shout with joy to the Lord, all you lands;  
lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.**

Sing to the Lord with the harp,  
with the harp and the voice of song.

**With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the Lord.**

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it,  
the world and those who dwell therein .

**Let the rivers clap their hands,  
and let the hills ring out with joy before the Lord, who comes to judge the earth.**

The Lord will judge the world with righteousness and the peoples with equity.

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

# SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY ELW 857 *Lord I Lift Your Name on High*

## Lord, I Lift Your Name on High

857



Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.



I'm so glad you're in my life, I'm so glad you came to save us.



You came from heaven to earth to show the way, from the earth



to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave,



from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

OFFERTORY & MUSIC

*I Give All My Life to You*

by Larnelle Harris

+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....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.

**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.

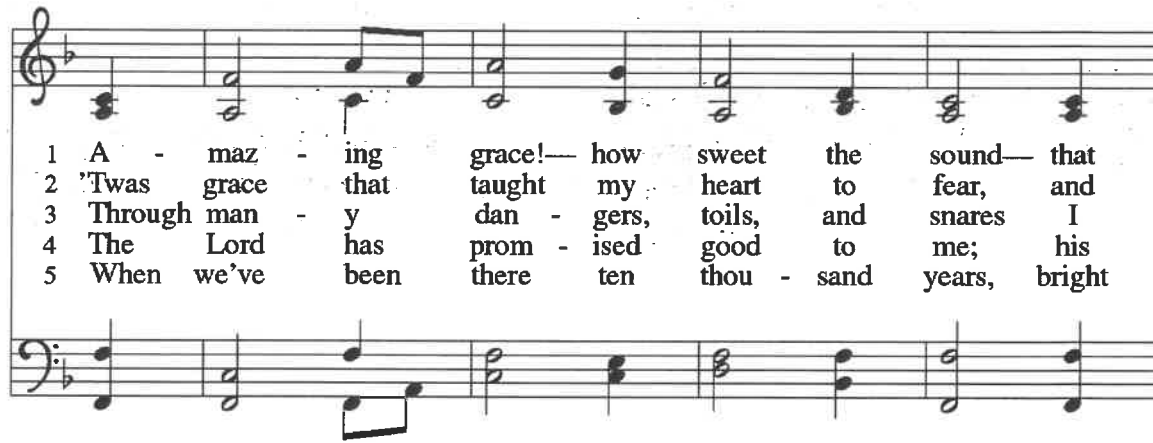
## COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

## Give Thanks

Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
Give thanks with a grate - ful heart, give thanks to the Ho - ly One,  
give thanks be - cause he's giv - en Je - sus Christ, his Son.  
And now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. And  
now let the weak say, "I am strong," let the poor say, "I am  
rich," be - cause of what the Lord has done for us. Give thanks!



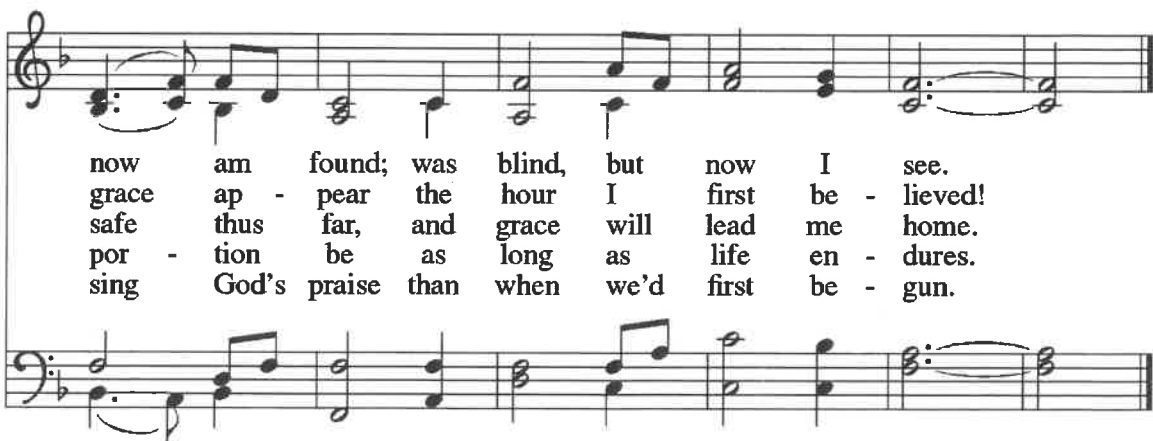
## Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound



1 A - maz - ing grace!— how sweet the sound— that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures; he will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

+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 ELW 677 *This Little Light of Mine*

### This Little Light of Mine

The musical score for 'This Little Light of Mine' is presented in two systems. Each system consists of a treble and bass staff joined by a brace. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is in the treble staff, and the bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment. The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system includes three numbered vocal parts (1, 2, 3) and a 'oh,' at the end of the line. The second system repeats the lyrics and includes a 'oh,' at the end of the line.

1 This lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
2 Ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
3 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh, oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine;  
Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine;

oh,

oh,

this lit - tle light of mine, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 ev - 'ry - where I go, I'm goin' - a let it shine,  
 Je - sus gave it to me, I'm goin' - a let it shine,

oh,

let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.  
 let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

oh,

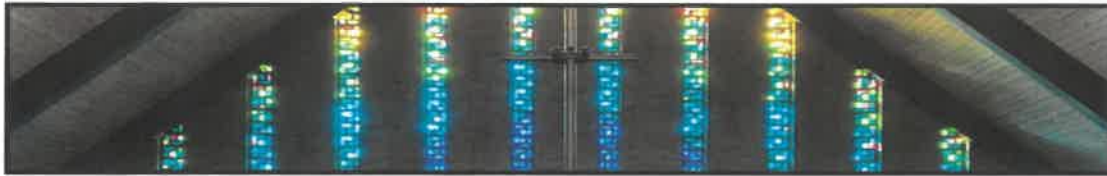
+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

*I Will Rejoice in Him*

Arr. by Carol McMillen



## **In Worship Today**

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeter.....	Kathy Boesen
Welcome Center.....	Chrys Johnson
Ushers.....	Kari Roll, Shennon Jay, Casey Balint, Lauren Pockl
Faith Moment.....	Jon Larson
Reader.....	Ben Brandt
Worship Assistant.....	Sara Hoge
Communion Servers.....	Anna Halvorson, Laurie Eaton, Gina Privratsky, Judy Greeninger
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Evelyn Anderson
Altar Care.....	Linda Franz

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## **In Worship on Sunday, August 17 at 9:30 a.m.**

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Dan Johnson
Welcome Center.....	Anna Halvorson
Ushers.....	Lynn Schneider, Ken Schneider, Darlene Lamker, Dean Lamker
Faith Moment.....	Barb Mikelson
Reader.....	Chrys Johnson
Worship Assistant.....	Becca Anderson
Communion Servers.....	Anna Campbell, Sara Blood, Darcie Rodman, Barb Mikelson
Coffee Cart.....	Gina Privratsky, Lisa Thanghe
Tech.....	Chuck Rudolph
Altar Care.....	Linda Franz

**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.

