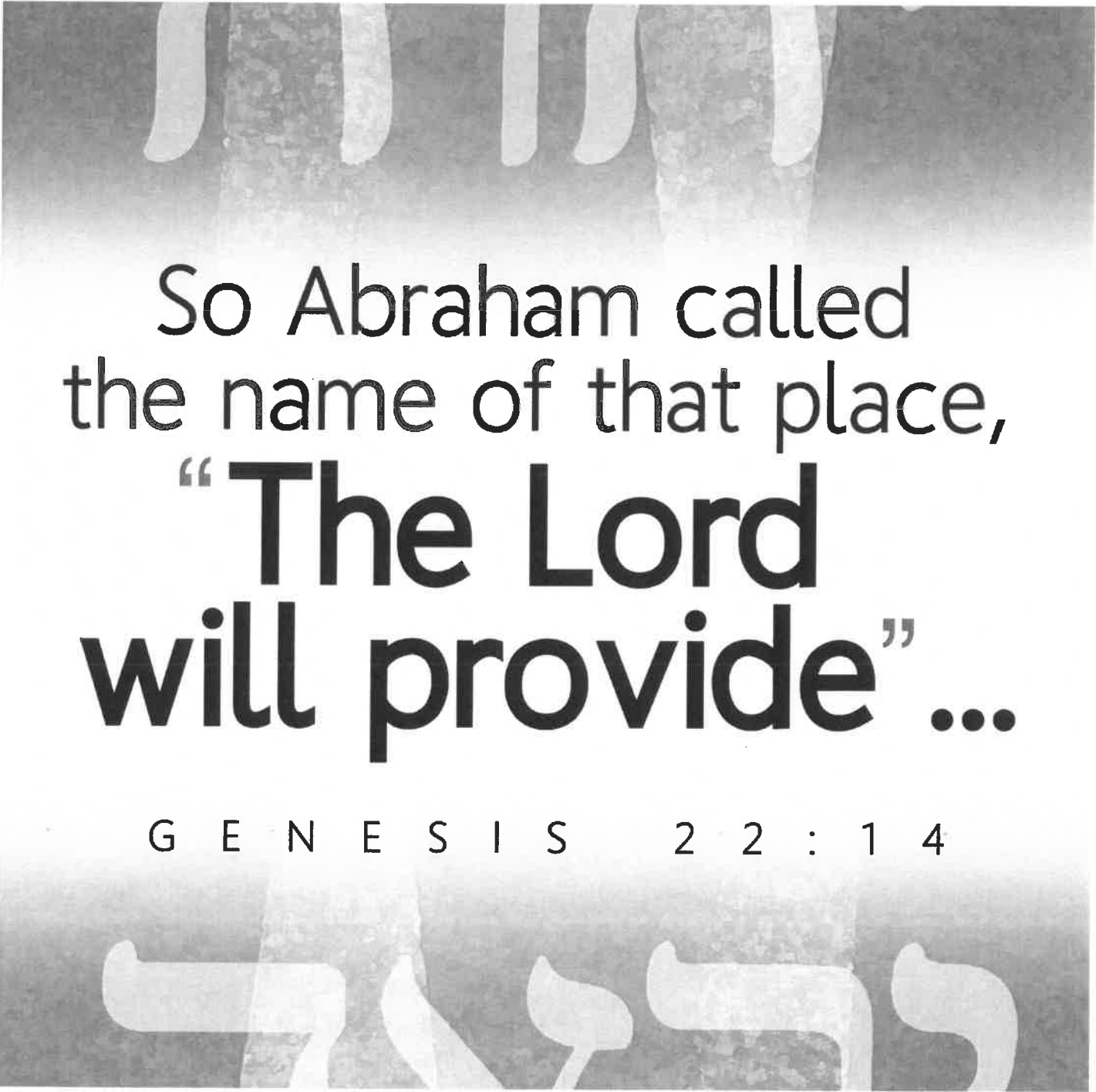


Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 14, 2025



So Abraham called
the name of that place,
“**The Lord
will provide**” ...

G E N E S I S 2 2 : 1 4



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
September 14, 2025
10:15 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

Dialogue sur les grands jeux

by Francois Couperin

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Andante in D Major

by Ch. H. Rinck

+CALL TO WORSHIP

All that we have belongs to God.

Let us return our gifts to God with thanksgiving.

All that we are belongs to God.

We give ourselves to God with joy.

+OPENING HYMN

Purple ACS 1004 *Faith Begins By Letting Go*

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Holy God, you have created us in your image, protected and nourished us, and called us into your work of justice. Yet while we profess these truths, we forget who we are and whose we are. We put our trust in ourselves, in material goods, and in worldly powers instead of trusting you. We prioritize our comfort over our neighbor's needs. Call us back to you, God. Forgive us our failings, and direct us back onto the path you would have us tread.

Hear the good news, siblings in Christ! You have been created in wholeness, claimed in love, and forgiven according to God's boundless grace. Nothing—even the worst we do or fail to do—can separate us from the love of our God. Receive this forgiveness with joy, in the name of Jesus+, our savior and friend. Amen.

Faith Begins by Letting Go

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Capo 2: C D F G C D G Am G F G C
D G D A Bm A G A D

- 1 Faith be - gins by let - ting go, giv - ing up what had seemed sure,
2 Faith en-dures by hold - ing on, keep - ing mem - 'ry's roots a - live
3 Faith ma-tures by reach - ing out, stretch - ing minds, en - larg - ing hearts,

G C F C Am E F E Am
A D G D Bm F# G F# Bm

tak - ing risks and press - ing on, though the way feels less se - cure:
so that hope may bear its fruit; prom - ise - fed, our souls will thrive,
shar - ing strug - gles, liv - ing prayer, bind - ing up the bro - ken parts;

F G G Dm E Am C G7 C
G A Em F# Bm D A7 D

pil - grim - age both right and odd, trust - ing all our life to God.
not through mer - it we pos - sess but by God's great faith - ful - ness.
till we find the com - mon - place ripe with wit - ness to God's grace.

+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, you did not withhold even your own Son, who willingly gave his life for the redemption of the world. Loosen our grasp on wordly things, that we might be freed from our fears of loss and inspired to risk for the good work of justice for all that you have made. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW 635 *We Walk by Faith*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response— God, of promise, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

Do Justice

by G. Walth

Do justice, love mercy, show kindness,
Walk humbly with your God.

Here this, all you nations.
Listen, all you who live on the earth.
Follow the Word of our God.
Praise His name and trust in Him.

Listen, the Lord is calling to you,
Listen and hear His word.
His words echo from the mountain top.
Heed his command, rejoice.

Do justice, love mercy, show kindness,
Walk humbly with your God.

How shall I come before the Lord,
And bow before the exalted God?
Shall I approach him with sacrifices,
Incense and oil, silver and gold?
What shall I offer for my transgressions?
How shall I praise his name?

Do justice, love mercy, show kindness,
Walk humbly with your God.

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

RED ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, you do not ask of us more than we can give you, but instead give us more than we can possibly need. We return now these gifts, a sacrifice for the well-being of the world, out of gratitude for all that has been sacrificed on our behalf. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION



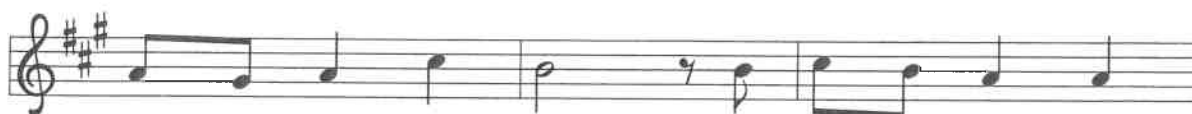
Electronic Giving

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We Walk by Faith



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
 5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found:
 and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music © 1984 GIA Publications, Inc.

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How Small Our Span of Life



1 How small our span of life, O God, our years from birth till death:
 2 And yet our speck of life is spanned by your in - fin - i - ty;
 3 O Christ, you left e - ter - ni - ty to plunge in time's swift stream,
 4 We thank you, God, for kind-ling faith that lights our tran - sient years,



a sin - gle beat with - in the heart, the catch-ing of a breath,
 our tick of time on earth is caught in your e - ter - ni - ty.
 to share the short-ness of our span, our mor - tal lives re - deem.
 il - lu - min - ing our pil-grim-age through mists of doubt and fears;

Text: Herman G. Stuempfle Jr., b. 1923

Music: English traditional

Text © 1993 GIA Publications, Inc.

KINGSFOLD

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As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



Refrain


may we share the pres-ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950
Music: Marty Haugen
Text and music © 1990 GIA Publications, Inc.


AS THE GRAINS
Irregular

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In the Singing



1 In the sing-ing, in the si-lence, in the hands ex-pec-tant, o - pen,
2 In the ques-tion, in the an-swer, in the mo-ment of ac-cep-tance,



in the bless-ing, in the break-ing, in your pres-ence at this ta-ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal-ing, in the cir-cle of your peo-ple,

Text: Shirley Erena Murray, b. 1931
Music: Carlton R. Young, b. 1926
Text and music © 1996 Hope Publishing Company

BREAD OF PEACE
LM and refrain

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Presider: *Congregation:*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Presider: *Congregation:*

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Presider: *Congregation:*

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

+PREFACE

It is our duty and delight.... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Congregation:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and
might; Heav - en and earth are filled with your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est!
Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est!

+EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

You are indeed holy, gracious and merciful God, creator of heaven and earth; everything, everywhere is filled with your glory. We give you thanks for the promise you gave to our ancestors, Abraham and Sarah, that through their descendants you would bless the whole family on earth.

We give you thanks for the steadfast love you showed to their offspring: You delivered them from Egypt, bound yourself to them in covenant, sent them liberators and prophets, brought them home from exile.

When the time had fully come, you kept your promise by sending Jesus, born of Mary, who in word and deed announced your gentle rule of justice and peace. He was obedient unto death, even death on a cross. We remember how on the night of his betrayal 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. 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.

Remembering his command that we love one another, his life and death, and his glorious resurrection and ascension, we pray for his coming again even as we cry

The musical notation is written on three staves in G major (one sharp). The first staff is for the Presider, with the lyrics "A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A -". The second and third staves are for the Congregation, with the lyrics "men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus. A - men. Come, Lord Je - sus." The music consists of simple, flowing lines with eighth and quarter notes, and rests.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Make us bold, O merciful God, to address you as our Abba as we pray:

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

The Lamb of God who gave himself on behalf of you and all creation now invites you to feast at this table in his honor. Come and receive bread and wine in the holy presence of Jesus Christ, our savior and friend. All is prepared for you!

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

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 worshipers, 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 or do not want to be visible on the live-stream,
please let an usher know and communion will be brought to you.*

+COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for the blessings of this table.
May our lives be made new by these gifts of grace and may your love be made known through us. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN Red ELW 623 *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Do not lose heart. **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

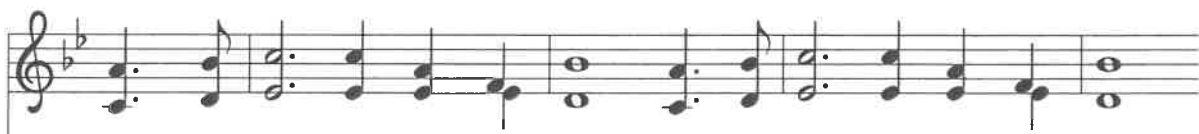
Beneath the Cross of Jesus Arranged by Robert W. Thygerson

623


Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me



1 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee;
 2 Not the la - bors of my hands can ful - fill thy law's de - mands;
 3 Noth - ing in my hand I bring; sim - ply to thy cross I cling.
 4 While I draw this fleet - ing breath, when mine eye - lids close in death,



let the wa - ter and the blood, from thy riv - en side which flowed,
 could my zeal no res - pite know, could my tears for - ev - er flow,
 Na - ked, come to thee for dress; help - less, look to thee for grace;
 when I soar to worlds un - known, see thee on thy judg - ment throne,



be of sin the dou - ble cure; cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.
 all for sin could not a - tone; thou must save, and thou a - lone.
 foul, I to the foun - tain fly; wash me, Sav - ior, or I die.
 Rock of A - ges, cleft for me, let me hide my - self in thee.



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Chancel Choir
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeters.....	Paul & Barb Mikelson
Welcome Center.....	Gina Privratsky & Lisa Thanghe
Ushers.....	Jim Jasper, Laurie Eaton, Gina Privratsky, and Lisa Thanghe
Faith Moment.....	Barry Terrass
Reader.....	Anna Halvorson
Worship Assistant.....	Becca Anderson
Communion Server.....	Kari Roll, Mary Hovden, Carolyn Rask, Diane Hinderlie
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Steve Collin
Altar Care.....	Pat Hepner

**The Altar Flowers are given by Pat Hoyt in loving memory of Bob
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In Worship on Sunday, September 21, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Chancel Choir
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Dee Kendall
Welcome Center.....	Anna Halvorson
Ushers.....	Dottie Fergus, Sally Daniels Herron, Heidi Boesen, Lauren Pockl
Faith Moment.....	Barb Mikelson
Reader.....	Dottie Fergus
Worship Assistant.....	Diane Hinderlie
Communion Server.....	Sara Hoge, Steve Hoge, Becca Anderson, Dan Johnson
Coffee Cart.....	Abby and Matt Stetler
Tech.....	Ben Brandt
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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.

