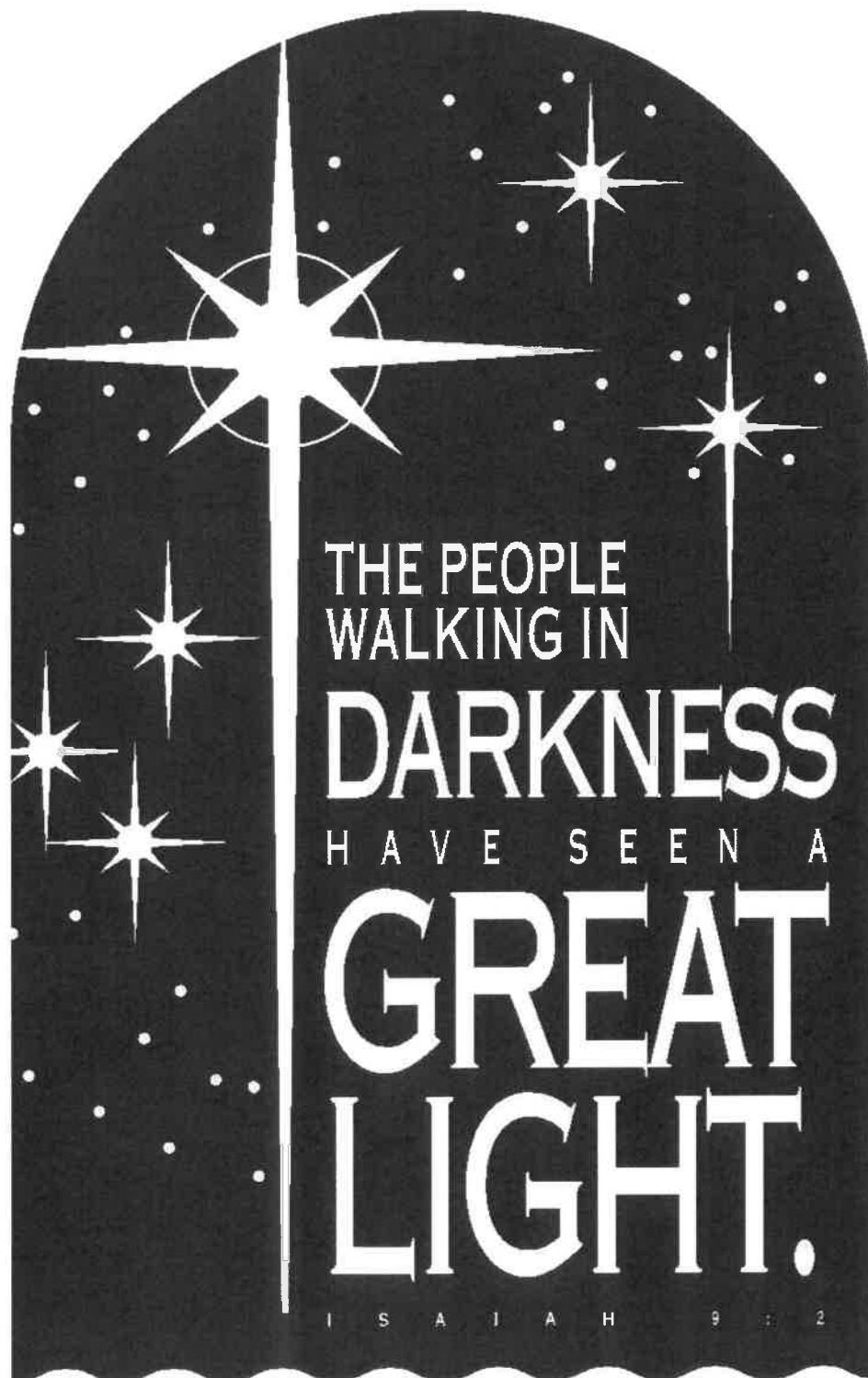


Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

November 16, 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 **March 9, 2026**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, March 15, 2026 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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Arise, Your Light Has Come!

1 A - rise, your light has come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
 2 A - rise, your light has come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
 3 A - rise, your light has come! All you in sor - row born,
 4 A - rise, your light has come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God which shines on you to - day.
 pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
 bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
 Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, b. 1947

Music: William H. Walter, 1825–1893

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FESTAL SONG

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How Good, Lord, to Be Here!

1 How good, Lord, to be here! Your glo - ry fills the night;
 2 How good, Lord, to be here, your beau - ty to be - hold
 3 Ful - fill - er of the past and hope of things to be,
 4 Be - fore we taste of death, we see your king - dom come;
 5 How good, Lord, to be here! Yet we may not re - main;

Text: Joseph A. Robinson, 1858–1933, alt.

Music: W. Mercer, *The Church Psalter and Hymn Book*, 1854

POTSDAM

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Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
November 16, 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

Joyous Morning

By Gerald Peterson

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+CALL TO WORSHIP

The people have seen a great light.

Come, O Lord, and send us your light.

Come, and bring the light and love of God.

Come and walk among us.

Be our Savior and our Friend.

Come to bring us your peace.

+OPENING HYMN

Red ELW 314 *Arise, Your Light Has Come*

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

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.

+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. We live in a world plagued by the shadows of injustice and despair. By your holy light, scatter our fears and fill us with the hope of your promised redemption. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Isaiah 9:1-7

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW #715 *Christ, Be Our Light*

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 *How Excellent Is Thy Name*

By E. Butler

*How excellent is Thy name, O mighty Lord!
How excellent in all the earth.
When I consider the heav'ns,
The moon and the stars which Thou ordaineth,
What is man that Thou art mindful of him,
and the son of man that Thou visitest him?
How excellent is Thy name in all the earth!*

*Thou hast made man a little lower than the angels, Alleluia, Alleluia
And hast crowned him with honor and with glory,
Thou hast given him dominion over the work of Thy hands,
Thou has put all things under his feet,
All sheep and oxen and the beasts of the field,
The fowl of the air and the fish of the sea.
O Lord! Our Lord! How excellent is Thy name in all the earth!*

Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen!



Electronic Giving

Christ, Be Our Light

715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

RED ELW 465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Holy God, **we come to you with thankful hearts and set before you our gifts of time, money, and skill in gratitude for all that you have given us. Bless these offerings for the life of the world, that all might experience your hope. 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.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

Endless is your mercy and eternal your reign.

You have filled all creation with light and life;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

We praise you for the grace shown to your people in every age:

the promise to Israel,

the rescue from Egypt,

the gift of the promised land,

the words of the prophets;

and, at this end of all the ages, the gift of your Son,

who proclaimed the good news in word and deed

and was obedient to your will, even to giving his life.

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.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink for this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

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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
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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

Therefore, O God, with this bread and cup we remember the life our Lord offered for us.

And, believing the witness of his resurrection, we await his coming in power to share with us the great and promised feast.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send now, we pray, your Holy Spirit, that we who share in Christ's body and blood may live to the praise of your glory and receive our inheritance with all your saints in light.

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Join our prayers with those of your servants of every time and place, and unite them with the ceaseless petitions of our great high priest until he comes as victorious Lord of all.

Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+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

Jesus, the light of the world, now invites you to the table where his presence shines forth in the bread and the wine. Come, receive nourishment, forgiveness, and new life in his name. All is prepared.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

Red ELW #815 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

Red ELW #726 *Light Dawns on a Weary World*

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 #434 *Jesus Shall Reign*

+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star By Johann Christoph Bach

815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

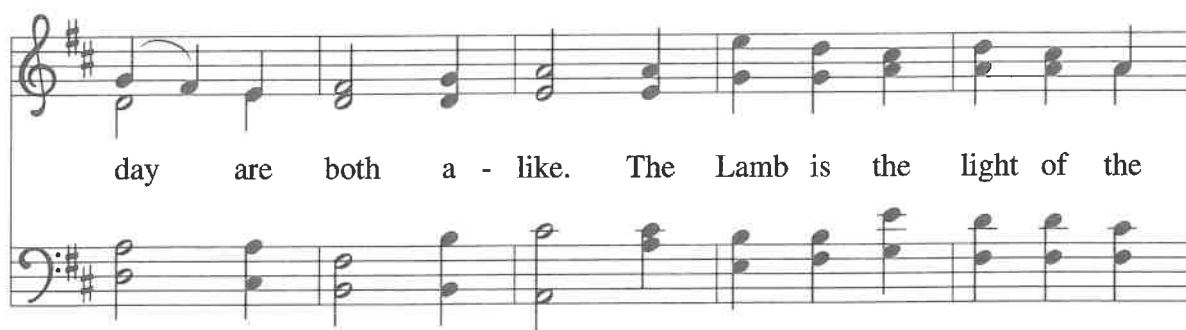
1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
 look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous-ness,
 be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
 shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

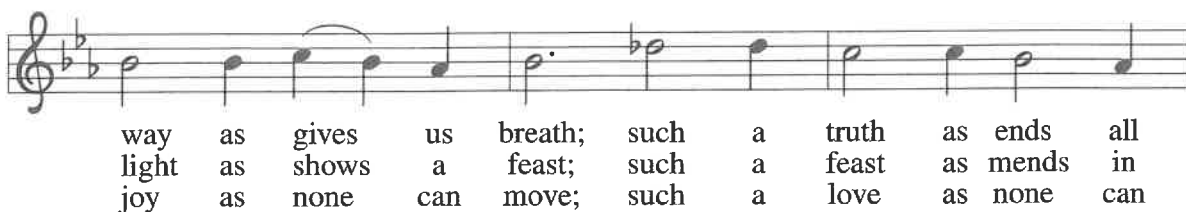
Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the



Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life

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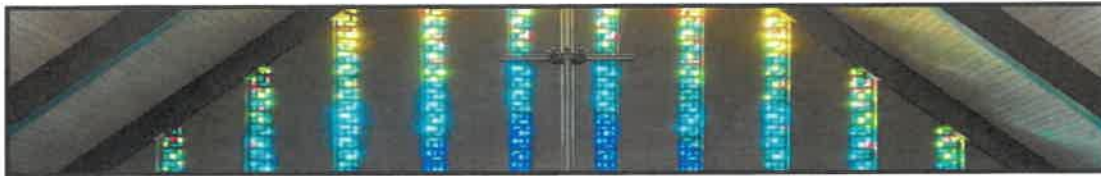
Jesus Shall Reign

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1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - 'ry tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - 'ners
 5 Let ev - 'ry crea - ture rise and bring pe - cu - liar

ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song; and in - fant voic - es
 leap to lose their chains, the wea - ry find e -
 hon - ors to our king; an - gels de - scend with

shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume shall rise with ev - 'ry morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud a - men.



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Laurie Eaton
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Shennon Jay
Welcome Center.....	Julia Madison
Ushers.....	Dottie Fergus, Sally Daniels Herron, Teri Spartz, Heidi Boesen
Faith Moment.....	Darcie Rodman
Reader.....	Leslie Gilyard
Worship Assistant.....	Kari Roll
Communion Servers.....	Diane Hinderlie, Carolyn Rask, Erik Daniels, Dan Johnson
Coffee Cart.....	Nancy Rogness
Tech.....	Ben Brandt
Altar Care.....	Kathy Boesen

The Altar Flowers are given by Barb and Paul Mikelson in gratitude for the evening of Nov. 16, at Augsburg College, when they met!

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In Worship on Sunday, November 23, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Paul Mikelson
Greeter.....	Ann Dybvig
Welcome Center.....	Julia Madison
Ushers.....	<i>assign at worship</i>
Faith Moment.....	Dan Johnson
Reader.....	Kiki DiPietro
Worship Assistant.....	Sara Hoge
Communion Servers.....	Sara Blood, Gabe Blood, Dee Kendall, Marv Spartz
Coffee Cart.....	Gina Privratsky and Lisa Thanghe
Tech.....	Andy Dybvig
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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.

