

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Advent

December 7, 2025

Peace





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

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
December 7, 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
Martin

For Children at Christmas

by Gilbert M.

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Allegretto in F Major

by J. Blied

+LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

Peace does not arrive with a crash of cymbals
but on the quiet breath between verses,
in the pauses where God whispers, "Be still."
We listen for that stillness.
We make room for peace to settle in,
to find its rhythm in our hearts.

We light the first candle of Hope. (The first Advent candle is lit)
And we light the second candle, the candle of Peace.
May its light steady our voices and our living. (The second Advent candle is lit)
Come, light of Peace..
Let your melody calm the noise around us and tune our hearts to your grace.

RED ELW #257 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
O come, O come, Emmanuel, suspicion and hatred expel.
Come as a babe, with nothing in hand;
come as a King, with pow'er to command!
Rejoice, rejoice Emmanuel, shall come in peace with us to dwell.

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,
the Maker of every melody,
the Giver of peace that passes understanding. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

God of peace, we confess that we live amid noise and worry. We hurry and forget to listen for your still, small voice. We cling to conflict when you call us to compassion. Forgive us. Quiet our hearts. Teach us to live at peace, with you, with one another, and within ourselves.

The peace of Christ is stronger than fear, deeper than division, and wider than you can imagine. In Jesus Christ +, your sins are forgiven, your hearts are stilled, and you are held in the gentle rhythm of God's peace. **Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN Red ELW #242 *Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn*

+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. God of Peace, on this second Sunday of Advent, as our children lift their voices in song, open our hearts to the harmony you are weaving among us. Let their music remind us that your peace often arrives gently, through hope, through wonder, through the courage of small voices. Tune us to your compassion, steady our steps in your justice, and make us bearers of the peace we long to see. **Amen.**

SPECIAL MUSIC

Prince of Peace

M. Scott

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

"The Origins of Silent Night"

SPECIAL MUSIC

In a Manger

M. Scott

Awake! Awake, and Greet the New Morn 242



1 A - wake! A - wake, and greet the new morn, for
 2 To us, to all in sor - row and fear, Em -
 3 In dark - est night his com - ing shall be, when
 4 Re - joice, re - joice, take heart in the night, though



an - gels her - ald its dawn - ing. Sing out your joy, for
 man - u - el comes a - sing - ing, his hum - ble song is
 all the world is de - spair - ing, as morn - ing light so
 dark the win - ter and cheer - less, the ris - ing sun shall



soon he is born, be - hold! the Child of our long - ing.
 qui - et and near, yet fills the earth with its ring - ing;
 qui - et and free, so warm and gen - tle and car - ing.
 crown you with light, be strong and lov - ing and fear - less.



Come as a ba - by weak and poor, to bring all hearts to -
 mu - sic to heal the bro - ken soul and hymns of lov - ing -
 Then shall the mute break forth in song, the lame shall leap in
 Love be our song and love our prayer and love our end - less



geth - er, he o - pens wide the heav'n - ly door and
 kind - ness, the thun - der of his an - thems roll to
 won - der, the weak be raised a - bove the strong, and
 sto - ry; may God fill ev - 'ry day we share and



lives now in - side us for - ev - er.
 shat - ter all ha - tred and blind - ness.
 weap - ons be bro - ken a - sun - der.
 bring us at last in - to glo - ry.

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



+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

RED ELW #251 *My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness, verse 1*

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. **God of promise and possibility, you are the giver of every good gift and the source of all hope. Receive these offerings, our gifts, our time, our hearts, as signs of trust in your unfolding future. Bless them and use them to shine your light and to carry your peace in the world. Through Jesus Christ, our dawning light and joy. Amen.**

+HOLY COMMUNION

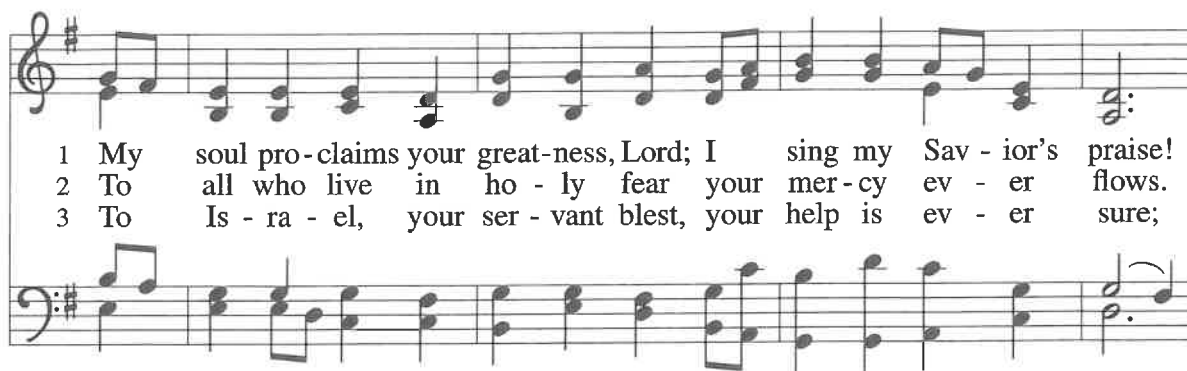
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

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

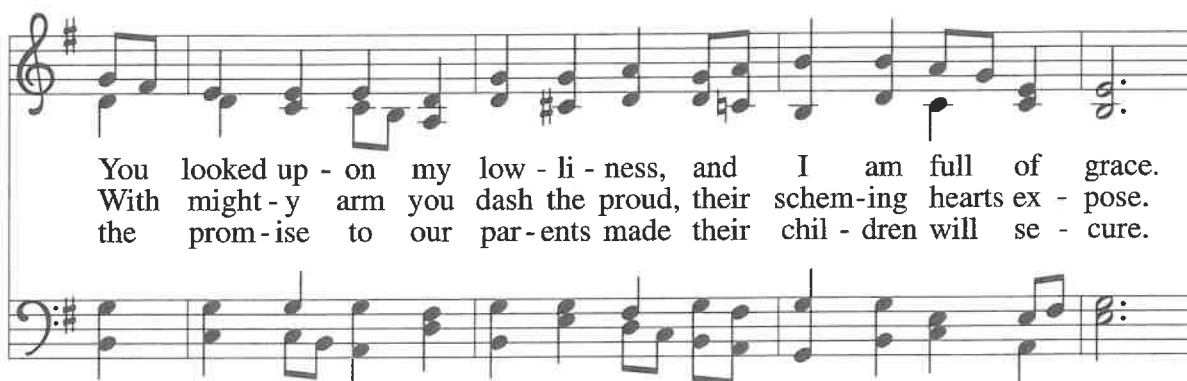
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

My Soul Proclaims Your Greatness

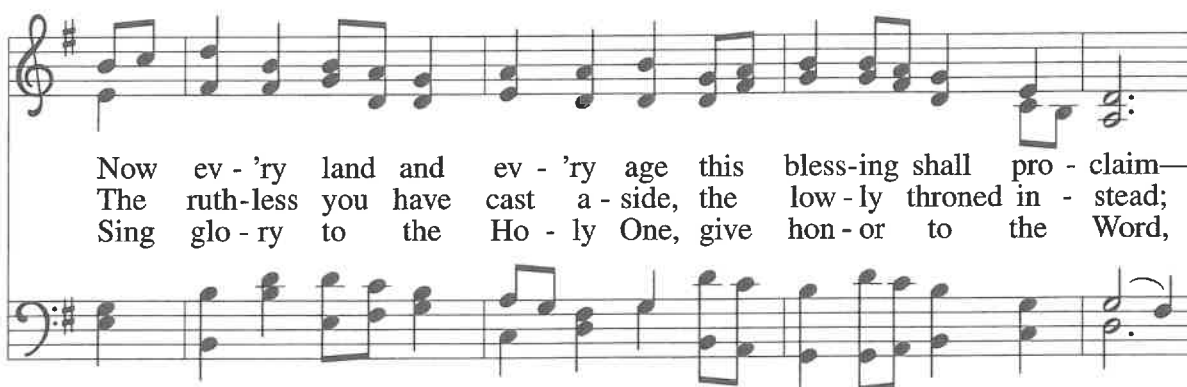
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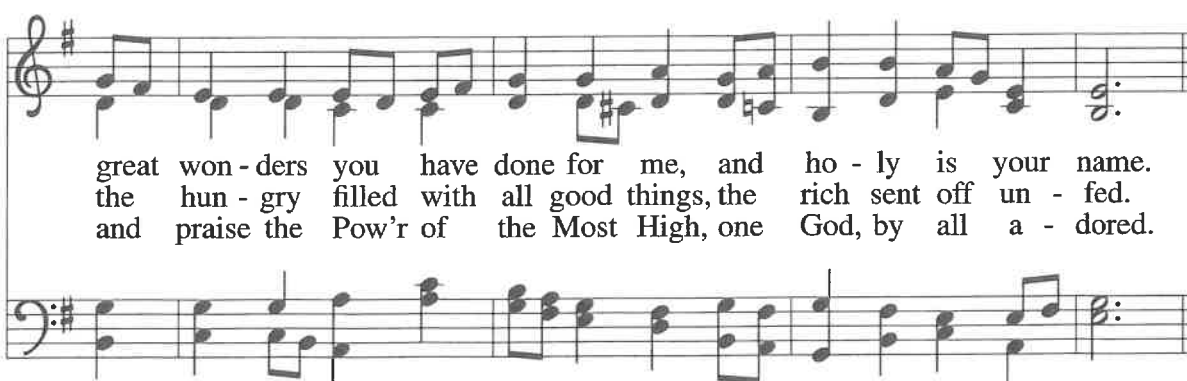
1 My soul pro-claims your great-ness, Lord; I sing my Sav - ior's praise!
 2 To all who live in ho - ly fear your mer - cy ev - er flows.
 3 To Is - ra - el, your ser - vant blest, your help is ev - er sure;



You looked up - on my low - li - ness, and I am full of grace.
 With might - y arm you dash the proud, their schem - ing hearts ex - pose.
 the prom - ise to our par - ents made their chil - dren will se - cure.



Now ev - 'ry land and ev - 'ry age this bless - ing shall pro - claim—
 The ruth - less you have cast a - side, the low - ly throned in - stead;
 Sing glo - ry to the Ho - ly One, give hon - or to the Word,



great won - ders you have done for me, and ho - ly is your name.
 the hun - gry filled with all good things, the rich sent off un - fed.
 and praise the Pow'r of the Most High, one God, by all a - dored.

Holy God, mighty Lord, gracious Father:

We give you thanks, O God, for your steadfast love and your mercy that endures forever.

You gather us together, feed us with your word, and sustain us with this meal.

Through Christ, you reconcile us to yourself and to one another and call us to live in hope, peace, joy and love.

In the night in which he was betrayed, Jesus took bread, 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."

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth.

We look with hope for his coming.

Come, Lord Jesus.

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal. May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Bring the gift of peace on earth.

Come, Holy Spirit.

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of god incarnate,

Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

+LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as 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

Come, for all is ready. Here we receive a meal that nourishes, sustains,
and binds us together. Come, and be fed.

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.*

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God for whom we wait, in this meal you give us a foretaste of that day
when the hungry will be fed with good things. send us forth to make known your
deeds and proclaim your hope, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN Red ELW #244 *Rejoice, Rejoice Believers*

+DISMISSAL

Go in peace, waiting and watching for God's promise.
We go in peace, trusting that Christ comes among us.

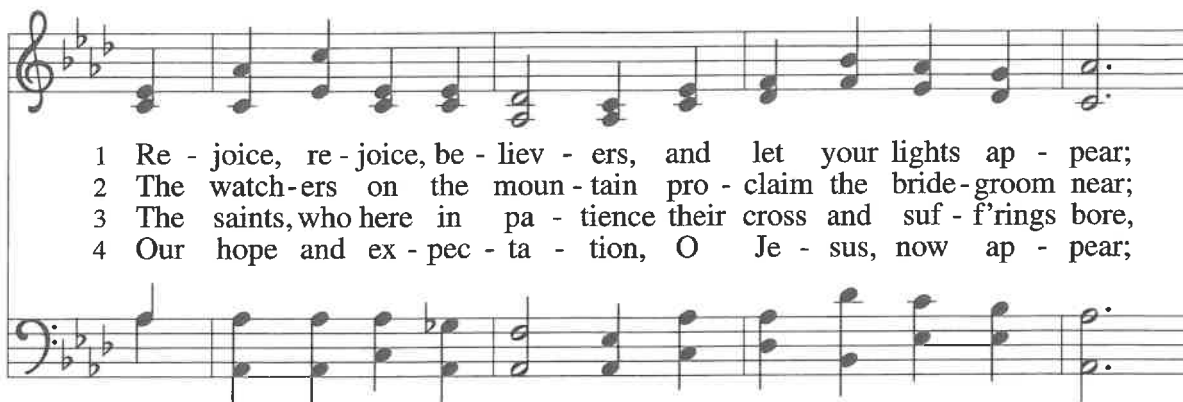
POSTLUDE

Noel

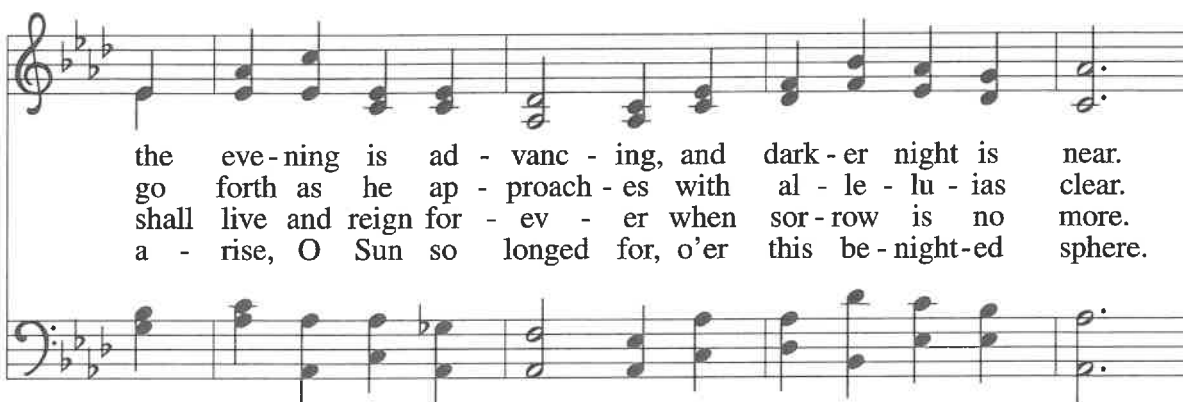
by Cesar Franck

Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

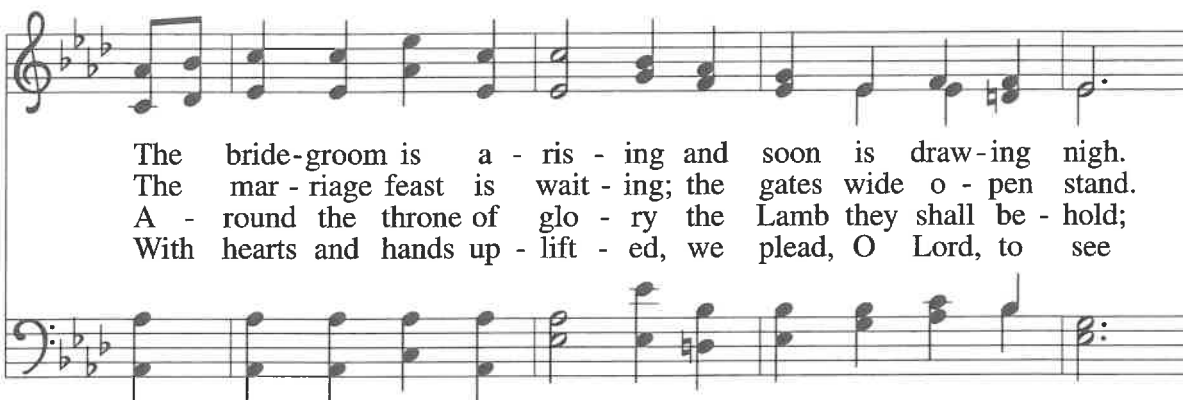
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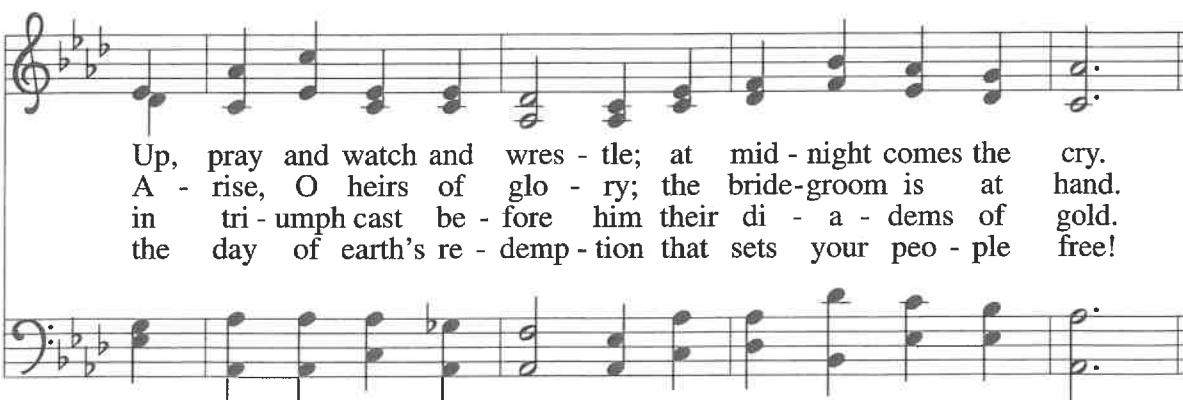
1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
 2 The watch-ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride-groom near;
 3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
 4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



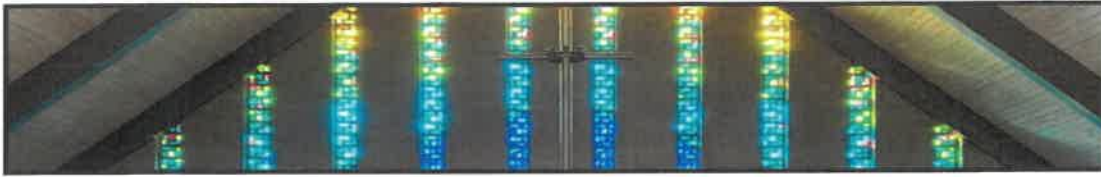
the eve-ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
 go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
 shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
 a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night-ed sphere.



The bride-groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw-ing nigh.
 The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
 A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
 With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
 A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride-groom is at hand.
 in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
 the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!



In Worship Today

Presider.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Preacher.....	Valley of Peace Children & Youth
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Ruth & Jon Larson
Greeters.....	Leslie & Dave Gilyard
Welcome Center.....	Abby & Matt Stetler
Ushers.....	Steve Collin, Skip Humphrey, Barry Terrass, Sten Pearson
Faith Moment.....	Darcie Rodman
Worship Assistant.....	Darcie Rodman
Communion Servers.....	Ruth & Jon Larson
Coffee Cart.....	In the Fireside Room
Tech.....	Pam Syverson
Altar Care.....	Linda Franz
Advent Candle Lighters.....	Tyler Martin and Grant Skrove

The Altar Flowers are given by Shennon Jay in honor of her parent's birthdays.

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In Worship on Sunday, December 14, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Preacher.....	Valley of Peace Chancel Choir
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeter.....	Kathy Boesen
Welcome Center.....	Lisa Thanghe & Gina Privratsky
Ushers.....	Kari Roll, Shennon Jay, Erik Daniels, Wes Syverson
Faith Moment.....	Barry Terrass
Worship Assistant.....	Dan Weatherman
Communion Servers.....	Gina Privratsky, Laurie Eaton, Mike Stadie, Wes Syverson
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Evelyn Anderson
Altar Care.....	Linda Franz
Advent Candle Lighter.....	Carolyn Schueller

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.

