

# Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Second Sunday of Christmas

January 11, 2026





**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  
January 11, 2026  
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 *Little Rondo* by Richard Blake  
WORDS OF WELCOME  
PRELUDE *Andante Mosso* by W. Volckmar

+CALL TO WORSHIP

A voice cries out:

**“Prepare for God’s arrival!”**

Make the roads straight and smooth, a highway fit for our God.

**Fill in the valleys, level off the hills.**

Smooth out the ruts, and clear out the rocks.

**For our God is coming! Let us worship together. Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN Red ELW #304 *Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized*

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God, the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God’s mercy and forgiveness.  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters  
and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led  
your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and  
anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as children,  
making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.

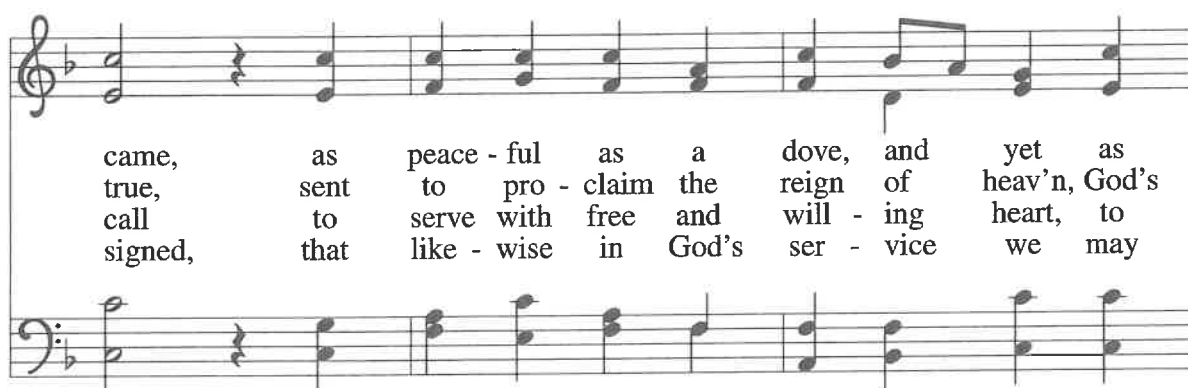
We praise you for the gift of water that sustain life, and above all, we praise you for the gift of  
new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your  
forgiveness, grace, and love.

To you be given honor and praise, through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

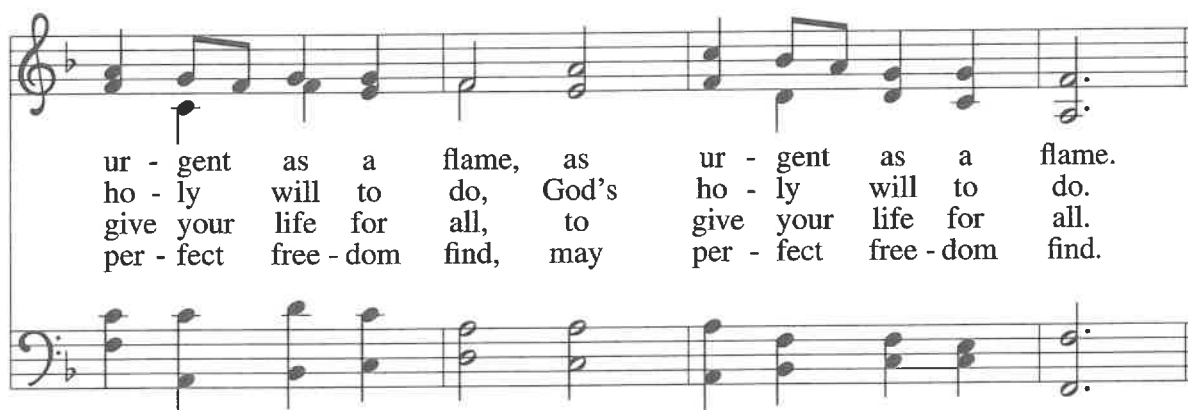
# Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized 304



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
 2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
 3 Straight - way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
 4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
 true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
 call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
 signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
 ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
 give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
 per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

+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. O God our Father, at the baptism of Jesus you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful to their calling to be your children, and empower us all with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who live and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 1:19-34

*Before the reading:* The holy gospel according to John. **Glory to you, O Lord**

*After the reading:* The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY Red ELW #453 *Baptized and Set Free*

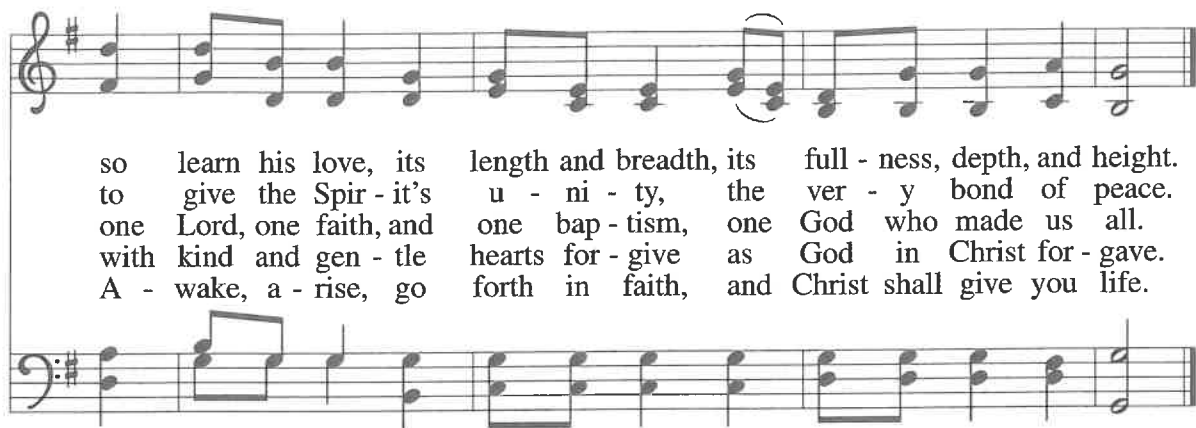
+APOSTLES' CREED

We confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.\*  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**



so learn his love, its length and breadth, its full - ness, depth, and height.  
 to give the Spir - it's u - ni - ty, the ver - y bond of peace.  
 one Lord, one faith, and one bap - tism, one God who made us all.  
 with kind and gen - tle hearts for - give as God in Christ for - gave.  
 A - wake, a - rise, go forth in faith, and Christ shall give you life.

## Baptized and Set Free

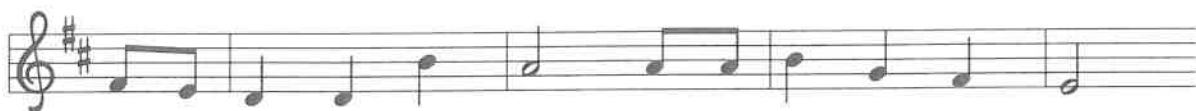
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1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.  
 2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.  
 3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,  
 4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.  
 Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.  
 and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.  
 All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door  
 For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:  
 As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:  
 Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.  
 end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.  
 pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.  
 one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Response*— Lord in your mercy, **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 #523 *Let us Go Now to the Banquet* refrain

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Va - mos to - dos al ban - que - te, a la  
Let us go now to the ban - quet, to the

me - sa de la crea - ción; ca - da cual con su ta - bu -  
feast of the u - ni - verse. The ta - ble's set and a place is

re - te tie - ne un pues - to yu - na mi - sión.  
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



**Electronic Giving**

## +OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. God of majesty, **no eye has seen, no ear has heard what you have prepared for those who love you, yet in this meal you reveal the wideness of your mercy. Use what we have gathered to feed us with the reign of God come near, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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.**

+PREFACE

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

+HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,  
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -  
est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -  
san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

+EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Holy are you, o God, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh, your light revealed to the world. You made yourself known not in power, but in a child born in a stable. You drew wise ones from distant lands, guided by a star, revealing a Savior for all.

At the waters of the Jordan, the heavens opened, the Spirit descended, and your voice name Jesus as Beloved. Through those same waters, you claim us and call us into lives shaped by your grace. Jesus revealed your glory in healing and welcome, in truth spoken with love, in light that shines in the shadows.

On the night in which he was betrayed....

Remembering his life, death, and resurrection, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

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



Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. Open our eyes to see Christ among us, and send us out, like the wise ones, to follow your light and reflect your love in the world, through Jesus Christ and by the power of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**+LORD'S PRAYER**

Let us pray as Jesus first 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**

**COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION** Red ELW #458 *Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God*

Red ELW #461 *All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly*

*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. Incarnate God, you are among us at this table. May we treasure this gift and ponder in our hearts the mystery of your presence. Move us to discover the wonders of your love in everyday moments of our lives, through Christ born in us. **Amen.**

**+BLESSING**

**+SENDING HYMN** Red ELW #881 *Let All Things Now Living*

**+DISMISSAL**

**Glory to God in the highest! And peace to God's people on earth.**

**Go in joy. Embody God's redeeming grace. Thanks be to God! Amen!**

**POSTLUDE**

*The Ash Grove*

*Traditional Welsh*

## Praise and Thanksgiving Be to God

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1 Praise and thanks - giv - ing be to God our  
 2 Not our own ho - li - ness, nor that we have  
 3 Come, Ho - ly Spir - it, come in vis - i -  
 4 Praise to the Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly

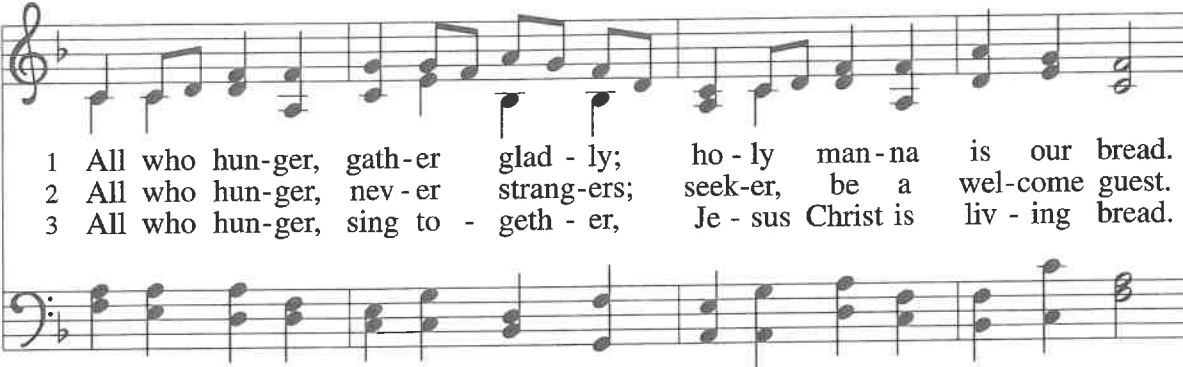
mak - er, source of all bless - ing, prod - i - gal cre -  
 striv - en brings us the peace which you, O Christ, have  
 ta - tion; you are the truth, our hope, and our sal -  
 Spir - it: one Lord, one faith, one source of ev - 'ry

a - tor. Bap - tized and made your own, now we come be -  
 giv - en. Bap - tized and set a - part, strength - en us, O  
 va - tion. Bap - tize with joy and pow'r, give, O Dove de -  
 mer - it. Here now re - new your church through this sym - bol

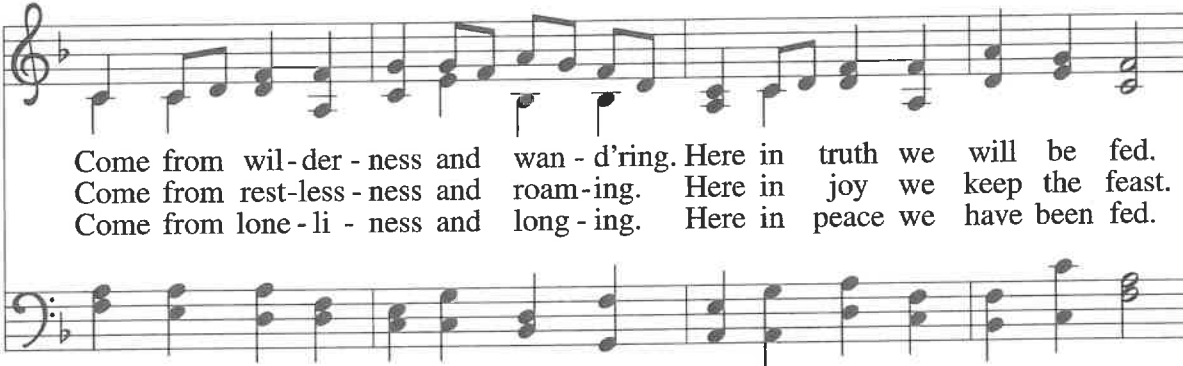
fore you, and we a - dore you.  
 Sav - ior, with grace and fa - vor.  
 scend - ing, life nev - er end - ing.  
 giv - en; grant peace from heav - en.

# 461

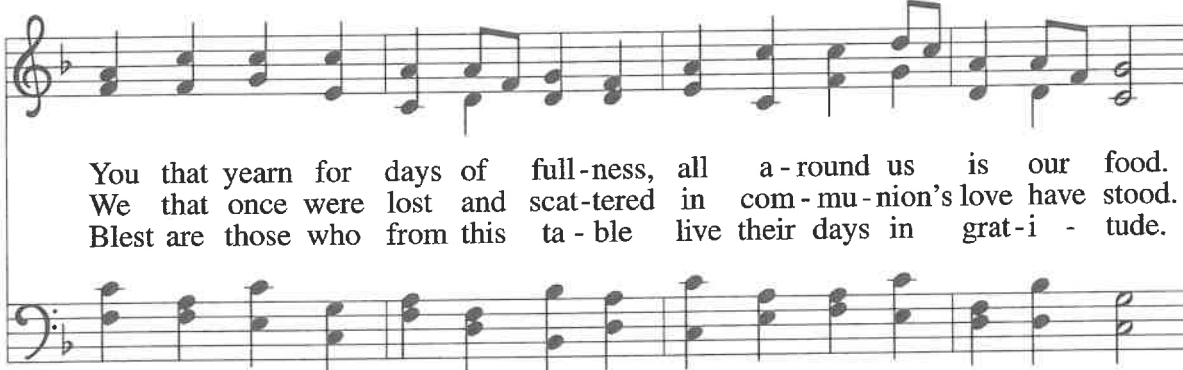
## All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man - na is our bread.  
 2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.  
 3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.  
 Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.  
 Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.  
 We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.  
 Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.  
 Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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## Let All Things Now Living

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to  
 2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours-es and

God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,  
 sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who  
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the

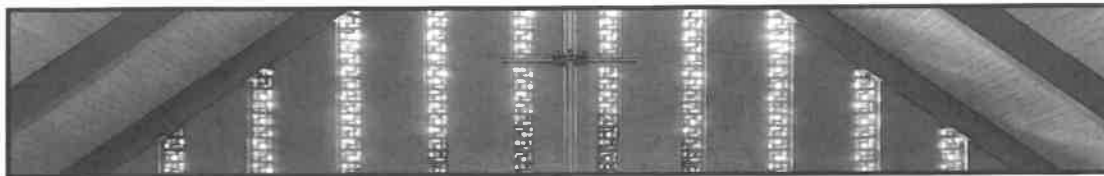
still guides us on to the end of our days.  
 deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -  
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re -

fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,  
 joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise

till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as  
 till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: "To

for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.  
 God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!"



### **In Worship Today**

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Elizabeth Hermeier
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Jim Jasper
Greeters.....	Barb & Paul Mikelson
CYF Host.....	Becca Anderson
Welcome Center.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Ushers.....	Jim Jasper, Laurie Eaton, Gina Privratsky, Lisa Thanghe
Faith Moment.....	Barry Terrass
Reader.....	Barb Mikelson
Worship Assistant.....	Sara Blood
Communion Servers.....	Kari Roll, Mary Hovden, Diane Hinderlie, Carolyn Rask
Coffee Cart.....	Jim Jasper
Tech.....	Steve Collin
Altar Care.....	Steve Collin

**The Altar Flowers are given by Carolyn Rask in loving memory of Douglas Rask and Kathi Rask Redding.**

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### **In Worship on Sunday, January 18, 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
CYF Host.....	Emilie Moravec
Welcome Center.....	Chrys Johnson
Ushers.....	Dottie Fergus, Sally Daniels Herron, Lauren Pockl, Heidi Boesen
Faith Moment.....	Jon Larson
Reader.....	Barb Mikelson
Worship Assistant.....	Dan Miller
Communion Servers.....	Sara Hoge, Steve Hoge, Tyler Martin, Grant Skrove
Coffee Cart.....	Margaret Wallace
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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.

