

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

February 1, 2026



John 4:42, NRSV



**WELCOME to Valley of Peace.
We are glad you are here.**

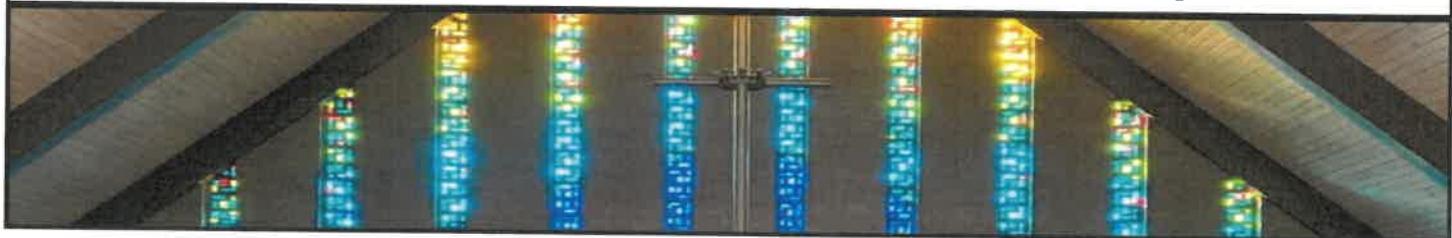
We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would 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.



**Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
February 1, 2026
10:15 a.m.**

*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.*

GATHERING MUSIC

Pastorale

Flor Peeters

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Mixolydian Choral

Flor Peeters

+CALL TO WORSHIP

Our God welcomes us unconditionally. **Teach us your truth, God.**
Let us set aside all that separates us, **And worship God as one beloved family.**

+OPENING HYMN

ELW #658 O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

+CONFSSION AND FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

God of grace and mercy, we who have seen the signs of Jesus' presence in the world still fall into doubt and despair. We put our trust in ourselves and in the powers of the world, in material goods and in finite and fallible people. In our fear we act out against our neighbors, and hurt those most in need of our help. Restore our faith, O God. Forgive us for our failing and make us one with our beloved siblings throughout creation.

Your God hears and answers, beloved children, and with love and tenderness washes away all your sins. Know that you are always whole, always loved, and always held, even in your doubts and failing. Go forth with joy in this knowledge. **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. Holy God, your son, Jesus Christ, carried your love to all people,
often crossing boundaries in a powerful example of radical welcome.

Inspire us to follow in his way, and act in love for all our neighbors, without exception.
In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

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

SCRIPTURE READING.....John 4:1-29, 39-42

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

ELW #666 *What Wonderous Love Is This*

+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.**

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

You Are Mine
Chrys Johnson & Dan Miller

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE

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 y u - na mi - sión.
wait - ing; come, ev - 'ry - one, with your gifts to share.



+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, 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

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 ELW #647 *Glorious Things Of You Are Spoken*

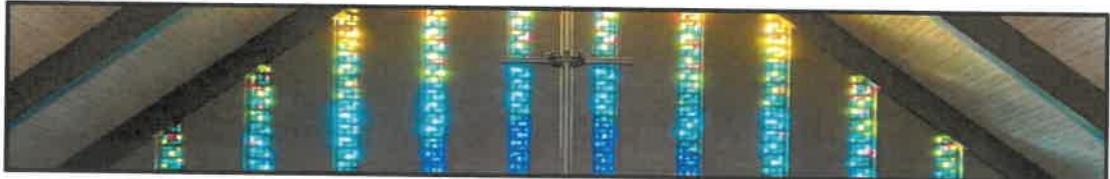
+DISMISSAL

Go in Peace. Do Justice. Love Mercy. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

POSTLUDE

Postlude

Flor Peters



In Worship Today

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Special Music.....	Chrys Johnson & Dan Miller
Opener/Closer.....	Ruth Larson & Jon Larson
Greeter.....	Linda Franz
CYF Host.....	Becca Anderson
Welcome Center.....	Abby Stetler, Matthew Stetler & Audrey Stetler
Ushers.....	Craig Franz, Wes Syverson, Sten Pearson & OPEN
Faith Moment.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Reader.....	Dan Miller
Worship Assistant.....	Becca Anderson
Communion Servers.....	Mary Hovden & Darcie Rodman
Coffee Cart.....	Diane Hinderlie
Tech.....	Pam Syverson
Altar Care.....	Pat Hepner

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In Worship on Sunday, February 8, at 10:15 a.m.

Presider/Preacher.....	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Pianist/Organist.....	Beth Brandt
Opener/Closer.....	Craig Franz
Greeter.....	Chrys Johnson
CYF Host.....	Darcie Rodman
Welcome Center.....	Lisa Rothschild
Ushers.....	Kari Roll, Shennon Jay, Lynn Schneider & Ken Schneider
Faith Moment.....	Dan Johnson
Reader.....	Barb Mikelson
Worship Assistant.....	Diane Hinderlie
Communion Servers.....	Gina Privratsky, Laurie Eaton, Dave Gilyard, OPEN
Coffee Cart.....	Sally Daniels Herron
Tech.....	Evelyn Anderson
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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.





show - ing all your gen - tle way. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 prais - es to your ho - ly name. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 in our shep - herd's lov - ing care. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 with your Spir - it's liv - ing breath. Have mer - cy, Lord.
 make us one, as you are one. Have mer - cy, Lord.

O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts

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1 O Je - sus, joy of lov - ing hearts, the fount of
 2 We taste you, ev - er - liv - ing bread, and long to
 3 For you our rest - less spir - its yearn, wher - e'er our
 4 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay! Make all our



life, the light of all: from ev - 'ry bliss that earth im -
 feast up - on you still; we drink of you, the foun - tain -
 chang-ing lot is cast; glad, when your smile on us you
 mo - ments fair and bright! Oh, chase the night of sin a -



parts we turn, un - filled, to hear your call.
 head; our thirst - un - filled, to hear your call.
 turn, blest, when by the souls from you we fill.
 way! Shed o'er the faith world your hold you fast.
 Shed o'er the world your hold you light.



1 What won-drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul! What
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, sink-ing down, when
 3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing; to
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on; and

won - drous love is this, O my soul! What won-drous love is this
 I was sink - ing down, sink-ing down, when I was sink - ing down
 God and to the Lamb I will sing; to God and to the Lamb,
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and when from death I'm free,

that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dread-ful curse for my
 be - neath God's righ-teous frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my
 who is the great I Am, while mil - lions join the theme, I will
 I'll sing God's love for me, and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing

soul, for my soul, to bear the dread-ful curse for my soul?
 soul, for my soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul.
 sing, I will sing, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing.
 on, I'll sing on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

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Glorious Things of You Are Spoken

1 Glo - rious things of you are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y
 2 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e -
 3 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - 'ring, see the cloud and
 4 Sav - ior, since of Zi - on's cit - y I through grace a

 of our God! He whose word can - not be bro - ken
 ter - nal love, well sup - ply your sons and daugh - ters,
 fire ap - pear for a glo - ry and a cov - 'ring,
 mem - ber am, let the world de - ride or pit - y,

 formed you for his own a - bode. On the Rock of A - ges
 and all fear of want re - move. Who can faint, while such a
 show - ing that the Lord is near. Thus de - riv - ing from their
 I will glo - ry in your name. Fad - ing are the world's vain

 found-ed, what can shake your sure re - pose? With sal -
 riv - er ev - er will their thirst as - suage? Grace which,
 ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 plea - sures, all their boast - ed pomp and show; safe they
 sol - id



va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, you may smile at all your foes.
 like the Lord, the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.
 feed up - on the man - na which God gives them on their way.
 joys and last - ing trea - sures none but Zi - on's chil - dren know.



Beloved, God's Chosen

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1 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment
 2 With - in, call forth Wis - dom, to dwell in you rich - ly;
 3 Be - lov - ed, God's cho - sen, put on as a gar - ment



com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.
 let peace rule your hearts and that peace be of Christ.
 com - pas - sion, for - give - ness, and good - ness of heart.



A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment
 And from the heart's cham - ber, be - lov - ed and ho - ly,
 A - bove all, be - fore all, let love be your rai - ment



that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so-nant part.
 let sing - ing thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er rise.
 that binds in - to one ev - 'ry dis - so-nant part.

