

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026



Know that I am
with you and
will keep you
wherever you go.

GENESIS 28:15, 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 **October 5, 2026.**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, October 11, 2026 after worship.

 valley of peace <small>LUTHERAN CHURCH</small>		
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Valley of Peace Land Acknowledgement

We acknowledge that we live and worship near waters and on land taken from the Wahpekute band of the Santee Dakota Nation, who were the original inhabitants of this area. We honor their wise stewardship of this place and the recognition that we are all part of the same creation.

The injustice and trauma experienced by Native civilizations, with the arrival of the Europeans in America, have had a lasting impact on these nations. We are responsible to recognize and counter the historical and contemporary injustices that continue in our time.

We honor with gratitude the spirit of the peoples from long ago, the spirit of the Native people who live among us today, and the spirit filled people of Valley of Peace, united in this place.

A Prayer for Father's Day
To Light Their Way by Kayla Craig

Lord, bless the fathers who swaddle babies,
who make room in the bed after a bad dream,
who cut crusts off sandwiches;
who shout loud in the stands,
who give advice about a job interview,
may they know the hidden moments are holy.

Lord, bless the fathers who never saw what it was
to be a nurturing dad,
who are trying to forge a new path with their children,
who keep investing with humility and grace.
May they know their efforts are not in vain.

Lord, bless the fathers who raised us,
bless the daughters and sons who ache today.

May their hearts be comforted and healed.
And bless those who grieve the loss of their fathers.
May their memories provide comfort.

Lord, bless the fathers in their many forms,
who love with open arms,
who walk in patience and peace,
and who bring passion and playfulness
to their families, young and old.
May they feel the fullness of Your great love,
today and in all days to come.

We thank you, Lord, for fathers.

“Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn.” Romans 12:15



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9:30 am

*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

The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want

arr. Phillip Keveren

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

+GATHERING WORDS & LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Blessed be the holy Trinity, Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit,
**who calls us into community, walks beside us in our neighborhoods,
and teaches us to recognize the sacred in daily life. Amen.**

We gather today on the ancestral and current homelands of the Dakota people, especially the Wahpekute band of the Dakota Nation, who have cared for this land through generations. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to truth-telling, healing, hospitality, and right relationship with our neighbors and with creation.

Jesus said, "Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them."

So we gather: **with our stories and questions, with our joys and burdens, with our hopes for our neighborhoods and communities.**

We come to worship the God who is already at work among us. **Amen.**

+OPENING HYMN

RED ELW #824 *This is My Father's World*

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God’s grace, let us confess our sin.

Silence for reflection.

God of neighbors and strangers, **you call us into community, yet we often choose distance over love. We confess that we do not always listen well, welcome freely, or care for our neighbors as you call us to do. Forgive us when fear, busyness, or judgement keep us from recognizing Christ in one another. Renew us in your mercy, and teach us to walk in the way of Jesus.**

Hear the good news: Jesus comes among us not with condemnation, but with mercy. In Christ, God draws near to us, forgives us, and restores us to community. In the name of Jesus Christ +, your sins are forgiven. You are beloved children of God, called, forgiven, and sent to share Christ’s peace in the world. **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

God of heaven and earth,

Like Jacob, we often move through our days unaware that you are nearer than we imagine. Open our eyes to recognize your presence in ordinary places, among familiar faces, and along unexpected paths. Awaken our hearts to wonder, that we may see signs of your grace already at work in our lives and neighborhoods. Guide us by your promises, sustain us with your love, and remind us that wherever we go, you are with us. In the name of Christ, who reveals your presence among us. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 28:10-22

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

He's got the whole world in His hands, He's got the whole wide world in His Hands,
He's got the whole world in His Hands, He's got the whole world in His Hands.

He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the wind and the rain in His hands,
He's got the wind and the rain in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the sun and the moon in His hands,
He's got the sun and the moon in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got the little bitty baby in His hands, He's got the little bitty baby in His hands,
He's got the little bitty baby in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

He's got you and me in His hands, He's got you and me in His hands,
He's got everybody in His hands, He's got the whole world in His hands.

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH FROM THE IONA COMMUNITY

**We believe in God above us,
Maker and Sustainer of all life,
of sun and moon,
of water and earth,
of all people and animals.**

**We believe in God beside us,
Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh
born of a woman, servant of the poor,
tortured and nailed to a tree.
A man of compassion, he died forsaken;
he descended into the earth
to the place of death.
On the third day he rose from the tomb;
he ascended into heaven
to be everywhere present;
and his kingdom will come on earth.**

**We believe in God within us,
the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire,
life-giving breath of the church,
spirit of healing and forgiveness,
source of resurrection and eternal life. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response- God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

+SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

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

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray. Generous God, **everything we have is a gift from you. Receive these offerings and our very lives for the sake of your world. Use our gifts to nourish neighbors, strengthen community, welcome the stranger, and proclaim your love in word and action. In Jesus' name we pray, 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, holy and gracious God.

You created us for relationship with you, with one another, and with creation.

When fear and division drew us apart, you came near to us in Jesus Christ. He walked among ordinary people, shared meals with friends and strangers, noticed those others overlooked, and revealed your kingdom in everyday life.

Through his life, death, and resurrection, you gather us into one body, feeding us with mercy, hope, and belonging.

And so we remember your love as we gather at this table today and remember in the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord 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.

God of abundance, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine. In this meal, make us one. Nourish us with your grace, strengthen us in love, and send us into the world to practice compassion, justice, hospitality, and peace.

Through Christ, with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, now and forever. **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.

+INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Jesus welcomed friends and strangers alike to the table.

Here there is enough grace, enough mercy, and enough love for all.

Come, for Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread for you.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION & HYMNS

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 worshipers 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 or 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.

ELW RED #462 *Now We Join in Celebration*

ELW RED #465 *As the Grains of Wheat*

POST COMMUNION BLESSING

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. God of grace, in this meal you have met us again in bread, wine, and community. Send us now into our neighborhoods and daily lives to listen with compassion, serve with joy, walk with humility, and recognize Christ in our neighborhoods. In Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SABBATICAL COMMISSIONING FOR BETH BRANDT

People of God, by virtue of our baptism God calls us to mission and ministry, and to holy labor in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. At certain times, God also calls us to occasions of sabbath rest and reflection so that we might be renewed for Christian service.

As we prepare to send Beth Brandt forth on her sabbatical, we gather to ask God's blessing upon her, and upon us as we ready ourselves for the weeks ahead.

God traces our journey and resting places,

And is acquainted with all our ways.

God will preserve our going out and our coming in,

From this time forth and forevermore.

Beth, are you ready to step away from the duties of daily ministry and to engage in this period of sabbatical? Will you take time for reflection and renewal and rest in the life-giving experiences that await you?

Beth: I will, and I ask God to help me.

Members and friends of Valley of Peace, as Beth begins this time of sabbatical, will you pray for her journey of rest, renewal, and growth? Will you also support the staff, volunteers, council members, and ministry leaders who will share in the work of ministry during her absence? Will you continue to live out the calling we share through baptism, caring for one another and participating in the life and mission of this congregation?

We will, and we ask God to help us.

Let us pray. God of all blessing, be with your servant Beth as she undertakes her sabbatical journey. Grant her a holy departure from this community, rest and renewal for her spirit and body, and the joy of a grace-filled return. We ask these things in the name of the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

RED ELW #887 *This is My Song*

+DISMISSAL

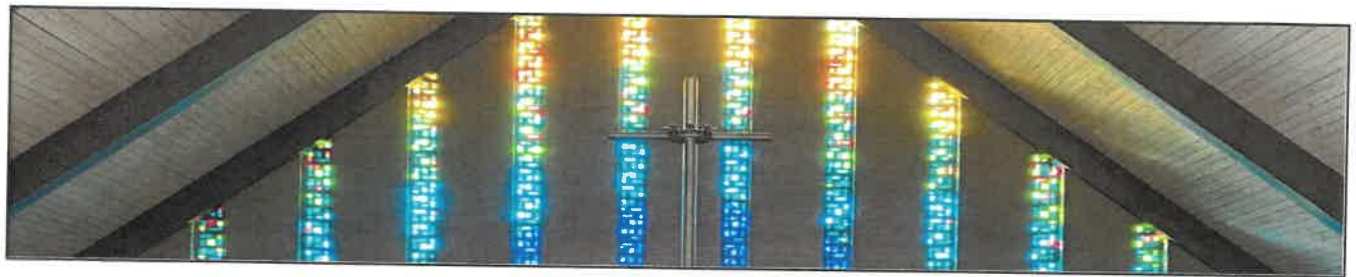
Go in peace. Love your neighbors. Practice Compassion. Walk with Christ.
Thanks be to God! Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postlude Fantasia

Robert W. Thygerson

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Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. June 21, 2026 at 9:30 am</u>	<u>Sun. June 28, 2026 at 9:30 am 4-the-Kids</u>
Presider/Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Jim Jasper	Paul Mikelson
Greeter	Sally Daniels Herron	Shennon Jay
Welcome Center	Julia Madison	Anna Halvorson
Ushers	Lynn Schneider, Ken Schneider, Darlene Lamker & Dean Lamker	<i>Assigned at Worship</i>
Worship Assistant	Darcie Rodman	Dan Miller
Reader	Barb Mikelson	<i>Assigned at Worship</i>
Communion Servers	Kari Roll, Mary Hovden, Melissa Dellwo & Kirsten Kessel	Ruth Larson, Jon Larson, Carolyn Rask & Becca Anderson
Faith Moment	Darcie Rodman	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Technology	Chuck Rudolph	Melissa Dellwo
Coffee Cart	Diane Hinderlie	Nancy Rogness
Altar Care	Pat Hepner	Pat Hepner



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.

 For more information and a calendar of activities visit www.valleyofpeace.org

This Is My Father's World

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1 This is my Fa-ther's world, and to my lis-t'ning ears all
 2 This is my Fa-ther's world; the birds their car-ols raise; the
 3 This is my Fa-ther's world; oh, let me not for-get that,

na-ture sings, and round me rings the mu-sic of the spheres.
 morn-ing light, the lil-y white, de-clare their mak-er's praise.
 though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the rul-er yet.

This is my Fa-ther's world; I rest me in the thought of
 This is my Fa-ther's world; he shines in all that's fair. In the
 This is my Fa-ther's world; why should my heart be sad? The

rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the won-ders wrought.
 rus-ting grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me ev-'ry-where.
 Lord is king, let heav-en ring; God reigns, let earth be glad!

Now We Join in Celebration

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1 Now we join in cel - e - bra - tion at our Sav - ior's in - vi - ta - tion,
 2 Lord, as round this feast we gath - er, fill our hearts with ho - ly rap - ture!
 3 Lord, we share in this com - mu - nion as one fam - 'ly of God's chil - dren,

dressed no more in spir - it som - ber, clothed in - stead in joy and won - der;
 For this bread and cup of bless - ing are for us the sure pos - sess - ing
 rec - on - ciled through you, our broth - er, one in you with God our Fa - ther.

for the Lord of all ex - is - tence, put - ting off di - vine tran - scen - dence,
 of your lov - ing deed on Cal - v'ry, of your liv - ing self, our vic - t'ry,
 Give us grace to live for oth - ers, serv - ing all, both friends and strang - ers,

stoops a - gain in love to meet us, with his ver - y life to feed us.
 pledge of your un - fail - ing pres - ence, fore - taste here of heav'n - ly glad - ness.
 seek - ing jus - tice, love, and mer - cy till you come in fi - nal glo - ry.

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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
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BREAD OF PEACE
 LM and refrain



National Songs

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O God of all earth's king - doms,

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 your king - dom come; on earth your will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 O God, be lift - ed up till all shall serve you,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - 'ry - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
 So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions;

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
 a song of peace for their land and for mine.
 my - self I give you; let your will be done.

