

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 5, 2026





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

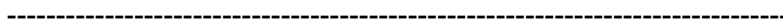
We give thanks to God for all people and want all people to feel comfortable participating in worship. If you need any assistance, please let our Ushers know. We are happy to offer hearing assistance devices, move chairs to make worship feel more accessible for you, and offer any other support that would 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 **October 5, 2026.**

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



 valley of peace <small>LUTHERAN CHURCH</small> <h1 style="text-decoration: underline;">STAFF</h1>		
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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.



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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

America, Our Heritage

Helen Steele

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

God Bless America

Irving Berlin

+GATHERING WORDS & LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

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 #841 *Lift Every Voice and Sing*

+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 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

Let us pray. Listening God, in a world filled with noise, competing voices, and constant distractions, you continue to call your people by name. Open our ears to hear your voice and quiet our hearts so that we may recognize your presence among us. Like Samuel, give us the courage to respond, "Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening." Help us to discern your truth, trust your leading, and faithfully follow where you call us. As we gather around your Word today, shape us into people who not only listen for your voice in Scripture and prayer, but also hear your invitation through our neighbors, our community, and the ordinary moments of life. By your Holy Spirit, teach us to listen with open hearts so that we may live as your faithful people. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Samuel 3:1-21

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

RED ELW #676 *Lord, Speak to Us that we May Speak*

+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 THE PEACE

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

OFFERTORY

Minuet 2

Bach

+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 will 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

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.

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.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

RED ELW #890 *Mine Yes Have Seen the Glory*

*Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord
You are speaking truth to power, you are laying down our swords
Replanting every vineyard 'til a brand new wine is poured
Your peace will make us one*

*Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Your peace will make us one*

*I've seen you in our home fires burning with a quiet light
You are mothering and feeding in the wee hours of the night
Your gentle love is patient; you will never fade or tire
Your peace will make us one*

*Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Your peace will make us one*

*In the beauty of the lilies, you were born across the sea
With a glory in your bosom that is still transfiguring
Dismantling our empires 'til each one of us is free
Your peace will make us one*

*Refrain: Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Glory, glory, hallelujah
Your peace will make us one*

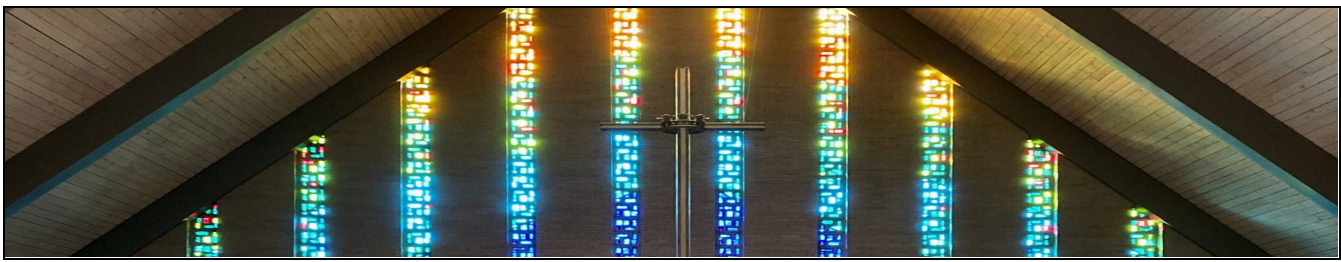
+DISMISSAL

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

POSTLUDE

The Battle Hymn of the Republic

Garrett Parker



Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. July 5, 2026 at 9:30 am</u>	<u>Sun. July 12, 2026 at 9:30 am</u>
Presider/Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Ruth Larson & Jon Larson	Jim Jasper
Greeter	Sally Daniels Herron	Erik Daniels
Welcome Center	Chrys Johnson	Lisa Rothschild
Ushers	Craig Franz, Wes Syverson, Skip Humphrey & Sten Pearson	Gina Privratsky, Lisa Thanghe, Shannon Jay & Jim Jasper
Worship Assistant	Kari Roll	Elizabeth Hermeier
Reader	Shennon Jay	Becca Anderson
Communion Servers	Sara Hoge & Melissa Dellwo	Sue Trosvig, Heidi Boesen, Kari Roll & OPEN
Faith Moment	Jon Larson	Dan Miller
Musicians	Max Froyum & Leslie Gilyard	Emilie Moravec & Adrian Moravec
Technology	Pam Syverson	OPEN
Coffee Cart	Gina Privratsky & Lisa Thanghe	Jim Jasper
Altar Care	Steve Collin	Steve Collin
Altar Flowers Sponsor	The Osborn Family	Mike Haynes



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