

Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 20, 2026



Blessed
to be a
Blessing



**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 **September 21, 2026.**

Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, September 27, 2026 after worship.



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LUTHERAN CHURCH

STAFF

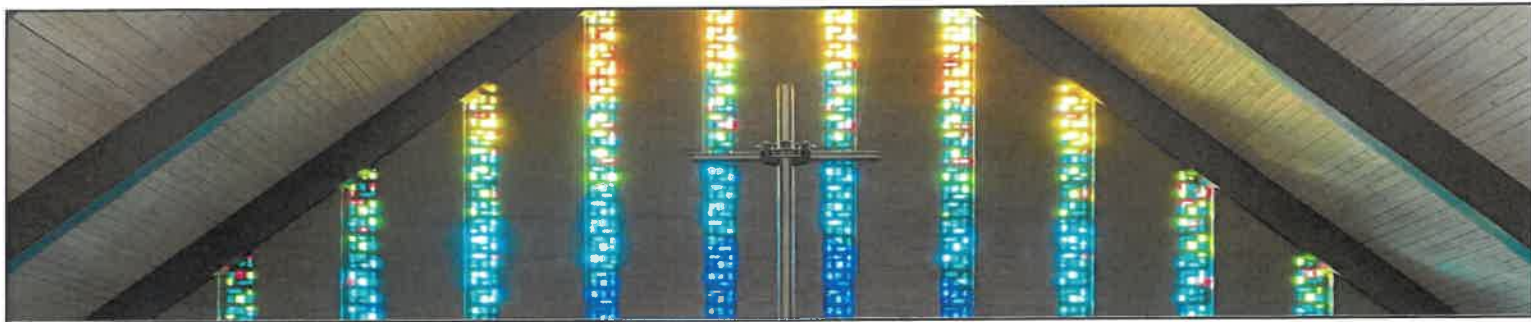
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Valley of Peace Land Acknowledgement

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.



Valley of Peace Lutheran Church
September 20, 2026
10:15 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

My Lord, What A Morning!

arr. Cindy Berry

WORDS OF WELCOME

PRELUDE

Liturgical Peal #2

C. Weatherman

+CALL TO WORSHIP

God has called us.

We are called to love and serve and do justice.

God has blessed us.

We are blessed to be a blessing to the world.

God has liberated us.

We are free to be who God created us to be.

+OPENING HYMN

PURPLE ACS #942 *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

+CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Creating and renewing God,

You have made us in your image to carry your life-giving love as a blessing to all the world.

Yet we fail again and again to live out your call. We place our trust in money and possessions, in flawed people and broken relationships, in the things that cannot sustain us. We do the things we do not want to do, and we fail to do the things we know you would have us do.

Forgive us for all the ways we fall short. Open our eyes, hearts, and minds to your presence, and re-create us in your image each day, for the good of all that you have made.

The God whose love outpoured caused the world to be, continues to pour this creative love on us. The God whose love outpoured in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ continues to pour this redeeming love upon us. Children of God, know that you are forgiven[†], and go forth refreshed and ready to answer God's call to love and serve the whole of creation. In Jesus' holy name. **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.**

+KYRIE

All Creation Sings- Setting 12

pg. 31

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
 3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;

yours is the prom - ise, the bless - ing, the birth.
 yours the ho - san - nas, the dy - ing, re - birth.
 yours the a - noint - ing, the ra - di - ant worth.

Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
 Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;

ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.

Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;

yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

+PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. God of blessing, As you called Abram and Sarai into relationship with you, and charged them with being a blessing to all of creation, remind us today and every day of all the ways in which your blessings upon us make it possible for us to bless others. May we shine as beacons of your loving grace in all we do and say. In Jesus' name we pray. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 12:1-9

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

SERMON

+HYMN OF THE DAY

RED ELW #513 *Listen, God is Calling (with Leader)*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Response- God of mercy and grace, **we lift our prayers to you.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC

We Will Be the Change

Victor C. Johnson

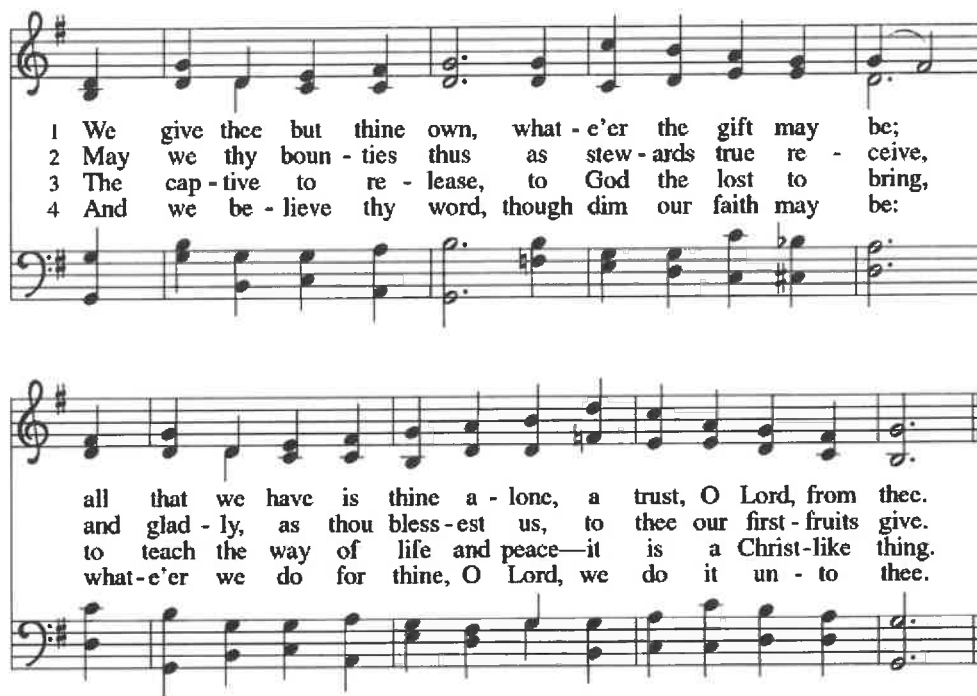
In a world that's torn and troubled with shadows all around,
We hear the cries of the broken, the lost that can't be found.

But in the heart of darkness, a spark begins to glow,
A light of hope is rising, a love we long to show.
We won't stand in silence; we will take a stand,
We'll hold the hurting with a gentle hand.

We will be the change, a beacon in the night,
A flame of love, a ray of guiding light.
For the weary, for the broken, we'll offer a hand,
Together we will build a better land: We will be the change.

We'll uplift those who've been silenced,
Lend strength to those who've lost,
We'll affirm the lives of others, no matter what the cost.
Through kindness and compassion a new day will begin,
A world of understanding, where love can truly win.

Let's lift the fallen, let's mend every heart,
With every act of love we'll do our part.
The world will see through our caring deeds,
That kindness and hope are all we need,
Hope is what we need!



1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
 2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
 3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
 4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:

all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
 and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
 to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ-like thing.
 what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

+OFFERTORY PRAYER

Holy God, you call us to trust you with our lives and our futures. In gratitude for all that you have given us, we return to you these gifts as a sign of our faith in your promises. Use them for the sake of your beloved creation, in Jesus' name. Amen.

+GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
 that we should at all times and in all places
 give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
 through our Savior Jesus Christ;
 who on this day overcame death and the grave,
 and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.
 And so, with all the choirs of angels,
 with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven,
 we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

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

+THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

O God triune, how majestic is your name in all the earth.
 Over the eons your merciful might evolved our home, a fragile tree of life.
 Here by your wisdom are both life and death, growth and decay,
 the nest and the hunt, sunshine and storm, darkness and light.
 Sustained by these wonders, we creatures of dust join in the ancient song:
 The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you took on our flesh in Jesus our healer.
 In Christ you bring life from death; we remember his cross, we laud his resurrection.
 Broken like bread, he enlivens our body.
 Outpoured like wine, he fills the earth with goodness.
 Receiving this mystery, we mortals sing our song:
 The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

We praise you for the heart of Jesus,
so filled with your love for this earth.

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and 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.

Gathered around this table, we your children unite in this song:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

O God triune, you create the worlds, you uphold the living, you embrace the dead.
Send forth your Spirit and renew the face of the earth.
Strengthen us for our journey with this meal, the body and blood of Christ.
Give us a future that trusts in you and cares for your earth.
Empowered by your promises, we rise from our deaths to praise you again:
The earth is full of your glory.
The earth is full of your glory.

Amen, and Amen.
Amen, and Amen.

+LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray as Jesus first taught us:

**Our Creator, Our Mother,
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

The one who called Abram and Sarai to follow into the unknown also calls you to this table where
Christ is made known in the breaking of the bread. Come. Join your siblings at the feast of life.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION AND 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.

PURPLE ACS #1062 *Build a Longer Table*

PURPLE ACS #1027 *Don't Be Afraid* (3x)

+COMMUNION BLESSING

+PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. Living God, as the disciples ate and drank with their risen Lord, we have been nourished with the very presence of Christ. Through this meal may we be strengthened to keep your word and to proclaim the power of your love in Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN

PURPLE ACS #991 *Go to the World* vs. 1, 2 & 4

+DISMISSAL

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Postludium

Flor Peeters

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Worship Volunteers

	<u>Sun. September 20, 2026 at 10:15 am</u>	<u>Sun. September 27, 2026 at 10:15 am</u>
Presider	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Rev. Demetrius A. Chester
Opener/Closer	Craig Franz	Ruth Larson & Jon Larson
Greeter	Dottie Fergus	OPEN
Welcome Center	Chrys Johnson	Sally Daniels Herron
Ushers	Heidi Boesen, Pam Syverson, Steve Collin & Jon Larson	Erik Daniels, OPEN, OPEN & OPEN
Worship Assistant	Becca Anderson	Becca Anderson
Reader	Becca Anderson	OPEN
Communion Servers	Anna Campbell, Sue Trosvig, Dee Kendall & Dan Johnson	Heidi Boesen, Mary Hovden, Darcie Rodman & Dave Gilyard
Faith Moment	Barb Mikelson	Dan Miller
Musicians	Beth Brandt, pianist Kirsten Kessel, soloist Dan Miller, soloist	Beth Brandt, pianist
Technology	Evelyn Anderson	Naomi Dybvig
Coffee Cart	Sally Daniels Herron	Nancy Rogness
Altar Care	Linda Franz	Linda Franz
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Nancy Rogness	Nancy Rogness



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

Every Time I Feel the Spirit

Refrain

Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing

in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the

spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.

1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
 2 . . All a - round me looked so fine,
 3 . . Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,

Refrain

out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
 asked my Lord if all was mine.
 chills the bod - y but not the soul.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual; arr. Melva W. Costen, b. 1933

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Listen, God Is Calling

Neno lake Mungu

Refrain
Leader All

Ne - no, ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la - ku - i - ta we - we,
Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing, through the Word in - vit - ing,

ne - no la wo - ko - vu, te - na je - ma. ma.
of - fer - ing for - give - ness, com - fort, and joy. joy.

Leader All

Ye - su a - li - se - ma, Mka - hu - bi - ri.
1 Je - sus gave his man - date: share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All *Refrain*

Ne - no la - ke Mu - ngu la wo - ko - vu.
that he came to save us and set us free.
In the tri - une name of God go and bap - tize.
walk - ing in your pre - cepts, led by your Word.

Text: Tanzanian traditional; tr. Howard S. Olson, b. 1922
Music: NENO LAKE MUNGU, Tanzanian tune; arr. Austin C. Lovelace, b. 1919
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Build a Longer Table



1 Build a long - er ta - ble, not a high - er wall,
 2 Build a saf - er ref - uge, not a larg - er jail;
 3 Build a broad - er door - way, not a long - er fence.
 4 When we lived as ex - iles, ref - u - gees a - broad,



feed - ing those who hun - ger, mak - ing room for all.
 where the weak find shel - ter, mer - cy will not fail.
 Love pro - tects all peo - ple, spar - ing no ex - pense.
 Christ be - came our door - way to the reign of God.



Feast - ing to - geth - er, strang - er turns to friend,
 For an - y place where jus - tice is de - nied,
 When we em - brace com - pas - sion more than fear,
 So must our ta - bles wel - come those who roam.



Christ breaks walls to piec - es; false di - vi - sions end.
 Christ will breach the jail wall, free - ing all in - side.
 Christ tears down our fenc - es; all are wel - come here.
 None can be ex - clud - ed; all must find a home.

Text: David Bjorlin, b. 1984

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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Don't Be Afraid

Don't be a - fraid. My love is stron-ger, my love is stron-ger than your

The first system of music features a treble and bass staff. The treble staff has a key signature of one flat (Bb) and a 7/4 time signature. It contains three measures of music with lyrics: 'Don't be a - fraid.', 'My love is stron-ger,', and 'my love is stron-ger than your'. The bass staff has a whole rest in the first two measures and a half note in the third measure.

fear. Don't be a-fraid. My love is stron - ger and

The second system of music continues the melody. The treble staff has a whole rest in the first measure, followed by two measures of music with lyrics: 'fear.', 'Don't be a-fraid.', and 'My love is stron - ger and'. The bass staff has a whole rest in the first two measures and a half note in the third measure.

I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.

The third system of music concludes the piece. The treble staff has a whole rest in the first measure, followed by two measures of music with lyrics: 'I have prom - ised, prom-ised to be al - ways near.'. The bass staff has a whole rest in the first two measures and a half note in the third measure.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949, and Graham Maule, 1958–2019

Music: DON'T BE AFRAID, John L. Bell

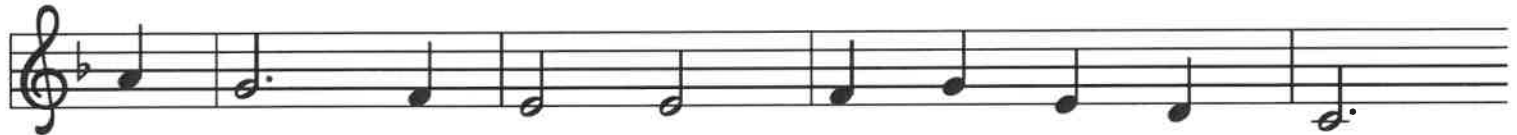
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Go to the World!



1 Go to the world! Go in - to all the earth.
2 Go to the world! Go in - to ev - 'ry place.
3 Go to the world! Go strug - gle, bless, and pray;
4 "Go to the world! Go as the ones I send,



Go preach the cross where Christ re - news life's worth,
Go live the word of God's re - deem - ing grace.
the nights of tears give way to joy - ous day.
for I am with you till the age shall end,



bap - tiz - ing as the sign of our re - birth.
Go seek God's pres - ence in each time and space.
As ser - vant church, you fol - low Christ's own way.
when all the hosts of glo - ry cry, A - men!"



Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Text: Sylvia G. Dunstan, 1955–1993

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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