Valley of Peace Lutheran Church

All Saints Day

November 1, 2026



All Saints Day

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 **April 18, 2027.**
Our next New Member Class is: Sunday, April 25, 2027 after worship.

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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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November 1, 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.

PRELUDE *How Great Thou Art* arr. Chris Rice

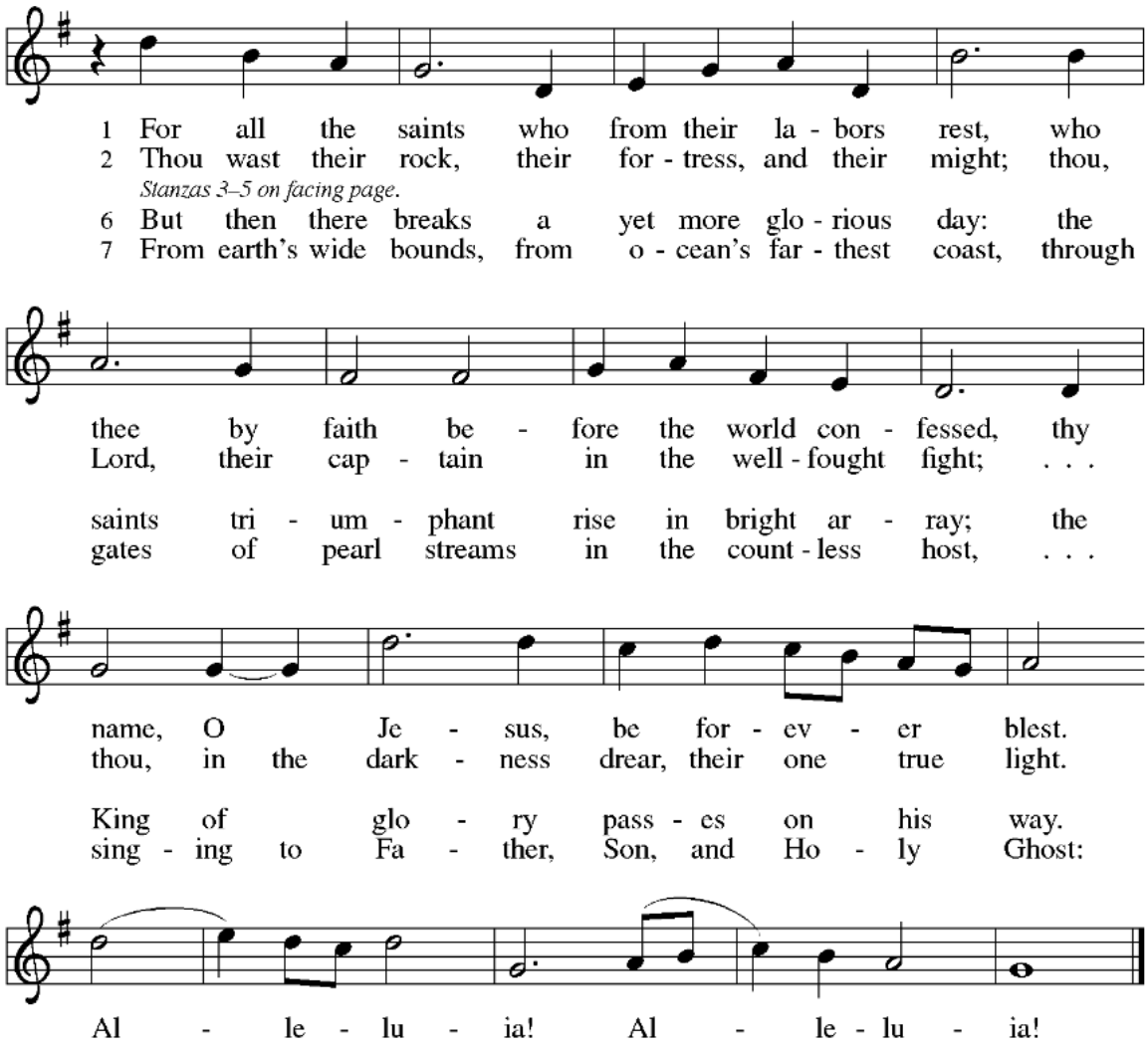
WORDS OF WELCOME

CENTERING MUSIC FOR WORSHIP *English Country Dance* arr. M. Thompson

+CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather today remembering those who have shaped our lives with love, faith, and grace.
We give thanks for the saints who have gone before us and for the love that remains.
In times of joy and sorrow, God walks with us and holds us close.
We trust in God's presence, now and always.
Let us worship the God who gathers us into one beloved community, across every season of life.
Amen.

+OPENING HYMN RED ELW #422 *For All the Saints* vs. 1, 3, 5, 6 & 7




3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

+THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Blessed be the holy Trinity, +one God,
who creates, saves, and sends us
with a love that lives forever. **Amen.**

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we give thanks for the Great Exchange,
the mercy and forgiveness that wrap
our true selves in sacred belonging and purpose.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For a word at the dawn of creation,
which spoke water and life into being.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the great flood that revealed nature's power
and God's commitment to life after death.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the river that carried Moses safely,
building a bridge between mothers and nations.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the rock split open in the desert,
spilling water for those thirsting for freedom.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the One who turned water to wine
and met a woman at the well with living water.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

For the gift of holy baptism,
which declares there are no more godforsaken places,
and nothing can separate us from the love of God in Jesus.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Let us pray. God of life, we rejoice with the waters that cover creation; our songs of praise echo their dancing tides and streams. Pour out your Holy Spirit on this community and all of creation. Cleanse our fears. Drown our divisions. Give us mercy and grace to drink so that our whole lives are signs of death defeated and thirst quenched thanks to the risen Jesus, the Son of God. **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. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

FAITH MOMENT

SCRIPTURE READING……..……..…...……Psalm 23

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

SPECIAL MUSIC *Now Thank We All God* arr. L. Page

SERMON

The Lord is my shepherd; - that's relationship
I shall not want. - that's supply
He makes me lie down in green pastures, - that's rest
He leads me beside still waters. – that's refreshment
He restores my soul - that's healing
He leads me in right pathways – that's guidance
for his name's sake. – that's purpose
Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, - that's testing
I will fear no evil; - that's protection
for you are with me. – that's faithfulness
Your rod and your staff, they comfort me. - that's discipline
You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; - that's hope
You anoint my head with oil, - that's consecration
My cup overflows – that's abundance
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, - that's blessings
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord – that's security
Forever and ever. – that's eternity!
(Psalm 23)

+HYMN OF THE DAY RED ELW #423 *Shall We Gather at the River*



LIGHTING OF CANDLES IN REMEMBRANCE

We remember the great ancestors of our faith,
from Abraham and Sarah, to Peter and Mary Magdalene:
For their witness, we give you thanks, O God.

We remember the prophets and pastors,
servants and teachers who have taught us the way of God:
For their example, we give you thanks, O God.

We remember all our loved ones who rest now in you;
those who have gone before us, those who died too soon:
For their love, we give you thanks, O God.

CHOIR *"We Will Remember"* B. Hesla

We will remember. We will remember. Your story is in our hearts. We will remember.
We will remember. We will remember. Child of God we will remember you.

We'll call your name out. We'll call your name out. We'll call your name out.
Child of God we will remember you.

We lift to you the names of those who have been baptized into Jesus Christ, knowing that they belong to you as children of the kingdom, and trusting that when you call us children of God, that is what we are.

Brookes Delavane Rohrer
Baptized on March 1, 2026

Erika "Kiki" DiPietro
Baptized on August 16, 2026

Lucas Scott Koop
Baptized on August 21, 2026

Thomas Joshua "TJ" Koop
Baptized on August 21, 2026

For these baptized into Christ's life, **uphold them in faith, and nurture your whole church by the power of your Holy Spirit.**

CHOIR *"We Will Remember"* B. Hesla

We remember before you the names of the saints of our congregation who have died this year knowing that they are in our hearts forever.

Robert "Bob" Gordon Gerber
November 7, 1936 - March 10, 2026

Martin "Marty" Carl Fergus
January 8, 1943 - April 20, 2026

Neil Winston Peterson
May 11, 1942 - May 9, 2026

Jerilyn "Jeri" Lee Munsterman
October 6, 1960 - June 7, 2026

Marvin "Marv" John Lofquist
October 19, 1943 - June 16, 2026

Donovan Eugene Juliar
July 28, 1926 - July 25, 2026

Dusty "Rusty" Greenlund
September 5, 1926 - August 19, 2026

Thomas Joshua "TJ" Koop
August 15, 2026 - August 21, 2026

Betty Eileen Hill
April 12, 1941 - September 17, 2026

Rose Elsie Hildebrandt
August 31, 1931 - October 9, 2026

We give you thanks for their lives.
Comfort us in our grief and strengthen our faith.
Hold us in your promise that we will be reunited at the feast that never ends.

We each remember before you, in our hearts, all of the saints most dear to us.

All are invited to come forward and light a candle in remembrance of a saint in your life.

CHOIR *"We Will Remember"* B. Hesla

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life and for all who walk as yet by faith and not by sight. We cling to the hope of the resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. We thank you that in our grief and celebration, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. We anticipate the day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes, and we shall gather around the throne of God with all the saints. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Response- God, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

OFFERING & SPECIAL MUSIC *O Christ, Surround Me* arr. D. Sims

God be the love to search and keep me; God be the prayer to move my voice;
God be the strength to now uphold me.
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, Surround me.

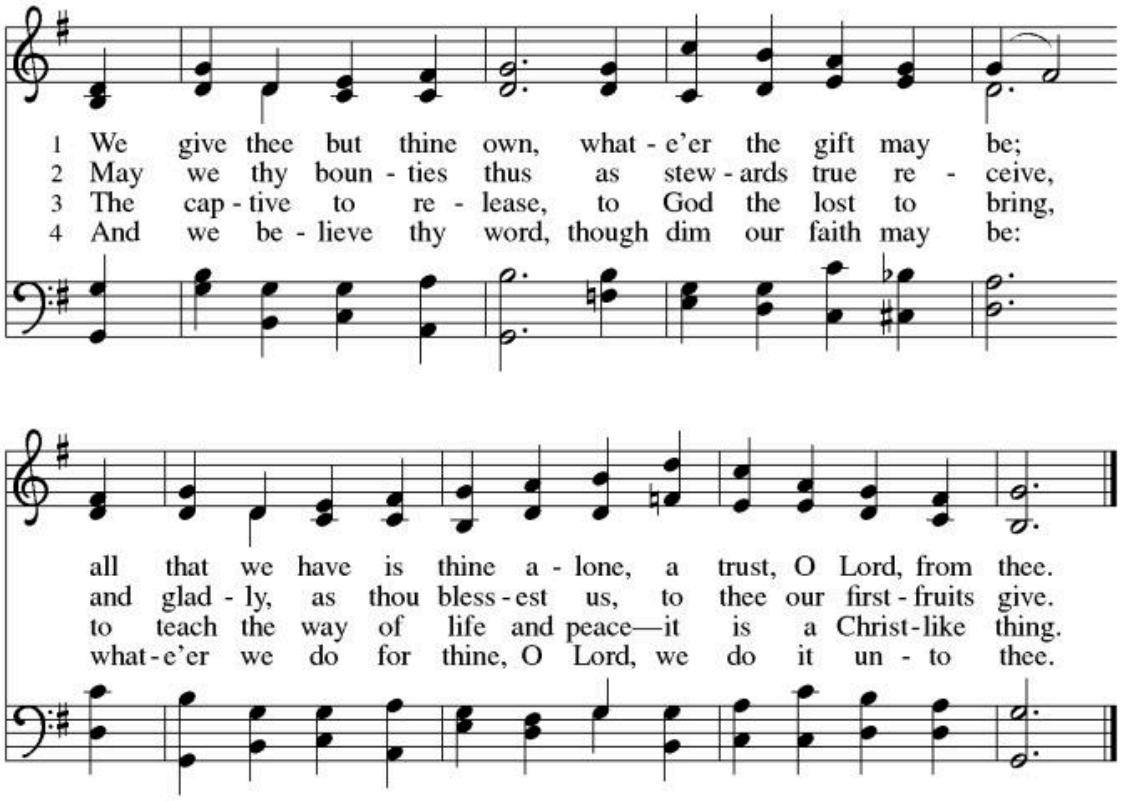
Bind to myself the name of Holy, great cloud of witnesses enfold;
Prophets, apostles, angels witness. O Christ, surround me, O, Christ surround me.

Brightness of sun and glow of moonlight, flashing of lightning, strength of wind,
Depth of the sea to soil of planet. O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

Walking behind to hem my journey, going ahead to light my way, from beneath, above, and all ways,
O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

Christ in the eyes of all who see me, Christ in the ears that hear my voice,
Christ in the hearts of all who know me; O Christ, surround me, O Christ, surround me.

+OFFERTORY RESPONSE RED ELW #686 *We Give Thee but Thine Own* vs. 1 & 2



+OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, **the eyes of all wait upon you, and you open your hand in blessing. Fill us with good things at your table, that we may come to the help of all in need, through Jesus Christ, our redeemer 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.

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.

You are our shepherd, O God. You lead us beside still waters and restore our souls. Through the witness of your saints, you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to walk the paths of love and justice. In every generation, you call us to care for one another, trusting that even through the valley of the shadow of death, you are with us.

And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



God of green pastures and still waters, you have been our shepherd through every generation. When we wander, you seek us; when we grow weary, you restore our souls. You walk with us through the valleys of our lives, and your goodness and mercy follow us all our days.
In the fullness of time, you sent Jesus Christ, our shepherd and our Savior, to gather your scattered flock, welcome the stranger, and prepare a table where all are fed. Through his life, death, and resurrection, you promise that even the valley of death is not the end of our journey, but the way into your eternal care.

In 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 all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

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

Remembering his death and resurrection, we await the day when Jesus shall return, when all your people will dwell in your house forever. Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen. **Amen.**
Send your Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup. Restore our souls, strengthen us for the journey, and give us courage to pursue love and justice in the world.

Join our prayers and praise with all the saints who have gone before us, that we may rejoice together in the hope of the resurrection and dwell in your presence forever.

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

In bread and cup the reign of Christ is breaking in.
Come, receive what Christ has prepared.

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.
Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

+BLESSING

+SENDING HYMN PURPLE ACS #950 *Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In*



+DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Encourage one another.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE *It Is Well With My Soul* arr. Mark Hayes

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Worship Volunteers		
	Sun. November 1, 2026 at 10:15 am	**Sun. November 8, 2026 at 10:15 am**
Presider	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Preacher	Pastor Ashley Osborn	Pastor Ashley Osborn
Opener/Closer	Ruth Larson & Jon Larson	Jim Jasper
Greeter	Erik Daniels	Sara Hoge
Welcome Center	Lisa Thanghe & Gina Privratsky	Diane Hinderlie
Ushers	Pam Syverson, Wes Syverson, Jon Larson & Ruth Larson	Lisa Thanghe, Gina Privratsky, Laurie Eaton & Jim Jasper
Worship Assistant	Sara Blood	Becca Anderson
Reader	Ken Schneider	Paul Mikelson
Communion Servers	Becca Anderson & Heidi Boesen	Barb Mikelson, Melissa Dellwo, Sara Hoge & Dave Gilyard
Faith Moment	Darcie Rodman	Erik Daniels
Musicians	Handbell Choir Beth Brandt, pianist	Dan Miller, soloist Beth Brandt, pianist
Technology	**OPEN**	Evelyn Anderson
Coffee Cart	Chrys Johnson	Jim Jasper
Altar Care	Pat Hepner	Pat Hepner
Altar Flowers Sponsor	Shennon Jay	Joyce Wilson

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