



Valley Community

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, July 5, 2026

GATHERING US IN

PRELUDE

Three Preludes on Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Robert Hobby, Kevin Sadoswki, Albert Travis

Jane Nienaber,
organ

LIFE OF THE COMMUNITY

GATHERING MUSIC

Morning Has Broken
Paul Manz

† CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Our God's steadfast love is always for us.

People: Under the shadow of God's wings, we find our refuge.

Leader: Come, let us find the rest and redemption offered by our God.

People: With hopeful hearts and trusting spirits, we come to worship.

Leader: Let us worship God together!

† Hymn #475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving and faithful God, we confess that we do not always trust your provision. We seek our own security instead of finding our rest in you. We fail to show the courageous loyalty to our neighbors that you show to us. Forgive our lack of faith. Redeem our broken relationships and restore our hope. Cover us with your grace, and guide our steps in the way of faithfulness. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENT REFLECTION**ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Pastor: Friends believe the Good News of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.

SUNG RESPONSE #59***The Steadfast Love of the Lord***

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
 God's mercies never come to an end.
 They are new every morning, new every morning;
 great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
 great is your faithfulness.

HEARING THE WORD**TIME WITH YOUNG WORSHIPPERS****Congregational Blessing:**

You are God's beloved child.
 With you God is well pleased.

SPECIAL MUSIC

Songs Without Words, Number 32
 Felix Mendelssohn

SCRIPTURE READING

Ruth 3 (CEB)

SERMON

A Daring Love

Rev. Kyle Sandison

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

† Hymn #366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

vss. 1, 2, & 4

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit; let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Communion Table

Pat Daily

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD & CUP

MUSICAL REFLECTION *Two Preludes on Let Us Break Bread Together*

Richard Billingham, Richard Proulx

*From May through August, loose offering collected during worship is designated for **Clare Terrace**.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life and the cup of salvation. May this meal strengthen us in love and help us to serve you and each other. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SENDING US OUT

† Hymn #755

Alleluia! Laud and Blessing

Alleluia! Laud and blessing to our God, whose Word is sure;
by whose grace we find redemption, in whose love we live secure.
Righteousness and rich compassion shall attend us all our days;
may God's promise to be faithful echo through our songs of praise!

Alleluia! God sustains us; matchless are the gifts we share:
light in darkness, hope in conflict, answers to our deepest prayer.

Ours to give as we are given: arms to lift when others fall;
images of God's great goodness, faithful servants to God's call.

Alleluia! Holy Parent, all your children now reclaim;
may our lives reflect your justice, heirs to your most sacred name.
Fill our hearts with understanding, brace our weakness by your might;
awesome honor, born in wisdom; your great glory, our delight!

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Toccata on Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
Page C. Long

The Worship Has Ended. The Service Begins.

Chancel Flowers

Sunday, July 5

Sponsored by *Pastor Sheila Sheldon, CRE*

In honor of all VBC and Youth volunteers.

Thank you for caring for our Valley kids and youth!

Sign up for Chancel flowers in Fellowship Hall!

*In honor of the July 4th holiday,
all the organ compositions are by American composers.

Joys and Concerns

Carole Martens shared that **Rick's** second surgery last week was a success! He's doing very well and slowly, but surely walking down long hallways. They're so thankful for texts, phone calls, cards, and letters - your encouragement means the world to them!

Continued prayers for **Valley Members** in their ongoing health journeys. Updates can be found here as they are made. For those who have them, stay up-to-date by following their **CaringBridge** profiles here:

Carole Martens will have a follow up on her CLL in 6 months.

Taichi Chen: Taichi's scan showed mixed results, with some new spots in his lungs and abdomen. He'll continue with 6 more weeks of treatment, with a scan to follow. Meanwhile, the Chens will enjoy a trip to Japan, planting their garden, and enjoying their beautiful life together. They continue to be so very grateful.

<https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/taichichen>

Janet (& Rick) Carlson: Janet has the go ahead to start chemo again. Early indications from an MRI show that the cancer is "stable." More to come, but the plan is once chemo is done, she will start stem cell treatment.

To support the Carlsons, Valley staff set up a Meal Train. Please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/ne11n6>. For updates on Janet, please follow Rick's CaringBridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/rickcarlson101>

Susie Potter: Susie will have tests again mid-August and then follow up with her oncologist. <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/susiepotter>

EASY WAYS TO GIVE TO VALLEY AND/OR COMMUNITY PARTNERS GIVE ONE TIME OR RECURRING

1. MAIL YOUR CHECK TO VALLEY

- In the memo of the check, indicate what your donation is for (i.e. Pledge, PRISM, etc.)

2. ONLINE GIVING

- Visit Valley's secured online giving by visiting: <https://valleycommunitypresbyterianchurch.breezechms.com/give/online> to make a one-time or recurring gift to Valley or our community partners.

3. AUTOMATIC WITHDRAWALS FROM YOUR BANK ACCOUNT

- Contact Chelsie Larsen: 507-272-1914 | chelsie.larsen@valleychurch.net to set up withdrawals directly from your account. You can always adjust the amount.

This Week at Valley

Sunday, July 5

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Monday, July 6

11:30 am Lunch Bunch

7:00 pm 12-Step Meeting

Tuesday, July 7

Wednesday, July 8

6:00 pm Joy of Recovery OA Group

6:00 pm Craft & Connect

Thursday, July 9

5:30 pm 12-Step Unity

Friday, July 10

Saturday, July 11

Sunday, July 12

9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Fellowship Hour

Notice of Recording: Please note that services are broadcasted via live stream and digitally recorded on our YouTube Channel.

Special thanks to our Stream Team: Katie Decker, Roger Graphenteen, Myron Jones, Larry Johnson, Joel Larsen, Brandon Novy, Janet Triplett, and Kurt Wheeler for broadcasting the services!

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The entire Valley Community!

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SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

June 21: 231 (133 in-person)

June 28: 288 (155 in-person)

Valley Lunch Bunch

MONDAY, JULY 6
11:30 AM

50^s
GRILL



First Monday of every month!

Valley Craft & Connect: Summer Edition

Craft & Connect summer edition will be hosted by **Cynthia Malinowski** on the 1st Wednesday of each month!

Craft & Connect is for anyone who enjoys a day crafting, working on a puzzle, chatting with friends or even just reading a book.

Catch up on a project, start something new or come see what others are working on for inspiration! Craft supplies, puzzles & cribbage boards will be available. Come for the fellowship and stay for the fun!

***Optional:** Bring a snack to share. If you're unable to bring anything, please don't let it keep you away!



WEDNESDAY, JULY 8, 2026

6:00 - 8:00 PM

UPCOMING DATES:

Wednesday, August 5





Clare Housing Supper Club

New Opportunity! Join a 4 x 4 Dinner Group with Clare Housing. Prepare, serve, share and cleanup up after the evening meal for 4 neighbors living in one of Clare Housing's Community Care Homes.

CONTACT:



SARAH FADELL
TO LEARN MORE



July 18, 2026

CLEARWATER FOREST FEST

Free Event Open to the Public

Live Music, Free Dinner & Magic Show

For more info visit: <https://clearwaterforest.org/events/>



- **7:00 am - Registration opens for Bike Ride**
- **8:30 am - Bike Ride begins (8, 30, 50 mile options)**
- **9:30 - 11:30 am - Camper's Choice Activities**
- **Noon - Lunch available for purchase**
- **2 pm - the Adventure-a-Thon begins!**
- **3:30 pm - Awards**
- **4:00 - 5:45 pm - Live Music from Emily Youel**
- **5 pm - Dinner!**
- **5:45 pm - Magic Show**

16595 Crooked Lake Road
Deerwood, MN 56444



Join us for Open Eye Theatre's Driveway Tour puppet show!

We're hosting a performance of
Jeremy & the Giant King

After spending the morning terrorizing the neighborhood, Jeremy and his little brother embark on a romp through the forest where they stumble across a mysterious woodland witch. Jeremy is transported into a fantastical storybook realm, whose inhabitants are at their wits' end dealing with the problem of a Giant King on the rampage! Can Jeremy help bring order to the realm?

Date & Time:
Sunday, August 2, 2026
Picnic Dinner at 6:00 PM
Show starts at 7:00 PM

Location: Valley Community
Presbyterian Church
Parking Lot
3100 Lilac Dr. N
**indoors if rain*

Instructions: Grab you friends! Come for a picnic and stay for the show. We'll provide hotdogs, lemonade, ice cream and you bring a side to share. All are welcome!



CLEARWATER CHRYSALIS WOMEN'S RETREAT

AUGUST 13-16, 2026
OPTIONAL VOLUNTEER DAY - AUGUST 12

KEYNOTE: REV. ANNA KENDIG FLORES
THEME: SPIRITUAL WARRIORS FOR LOVE
HEALING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM THE INSIDE OUT

Visit <https://clearwaterforest.org/>
for more information and to register

CLEARWATER FOREST
CONTACT CLEARWATER WITH QUESTIONS
218-678-2325
REGISTER IS NOW OPEN!





Happy Birthday Valley Family!

Jeanne Ewald

Darrell Rathje

Rachel Tarbell

Denise Kara

Marcia Lubin

Roger Michael

Neal Gusek

Erin Kopischke

Stephanie Lake

Scott Robinson

John Toering

Justin Toering

Bonnie Ulmer

Lisa Tarbell

Pete Zywicki

Jillene Hayes

Benjamin Marshall

Irene Williams

Henry Grosshuesch

Nathanial Slack

Robin Chen

Cole Priem

Bill Keen

Jessica Musta

Adrian Musta

Kathie Holman

Ty Miller

Peggy Oberfeld

Joel Freeberg

Richard Martens

Charlotte Davnie

Jill Toering

Kaylee Deef

Mersiha (Dada) LaBelle

Mary Pukite Morrow

Sue Payne





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Open Hearts • Open Minds • Opening Lives to God

—Established May 20, 1951—

Land Acknowledgement Statement

Valley Community Presbyterian Church sits on the ancestral and contemporary land of the Dakota people, for whom the land holds historical, spiritual, political, and cultural significance.

We acknowledge the ongoing injustices that we have committed against the Dakota people and pledge to interrupt this legacy. We will educate ourselves about Indigenous history and recognize, support, and advocate for our Native neighbors.



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