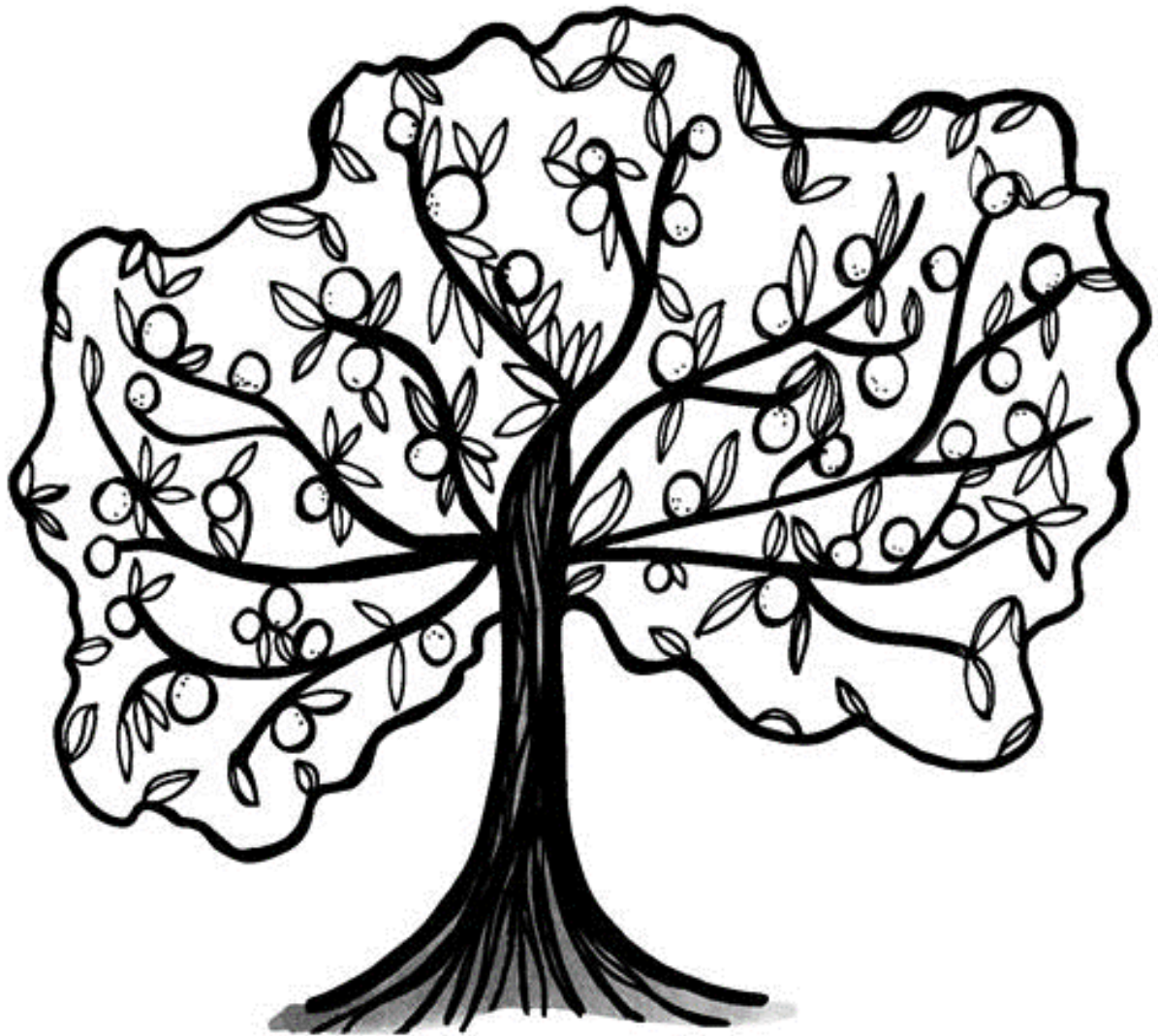




Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We welcome you to Worship this Sunday!

February 16, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

The People of Covenant are called to:

Gather, Grow and Go Serve

...With God's Love!

Welcome

Thank you for joining us for Worship today!

WORSHIP ORDER – Sunday, February 16, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

*Congregation participation in **bold** in bulletin.*

ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn Book,

ACS= All Creation Sings Hymnal, Setting 11

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Land Acknowledgment

Covenant Lutheran Church acknowledges and honors the Indigenous Peoples and their ancestral homelands on which we gather. We stand on stolen ancestral homelands of the Ho-Chunk and the many other Indigenous Nations that have been historical occupants here. We respect Native Americans as caretakers of this land and Mother Earth. We strive to emulate the stewardship they first demonstrated. We embrace Indigenous People in love and gratitude. May we always seek a greater understanding of the Native community and their history as a whole as we aspire to work in meaningful partnership.

Welcome

Call to Worship

From the comfort of our Western homes and prosperous lives,

We come hungry for a better world for all.

In our society divided by power struggles and prejudice,

We affirm the power of Your healing love.

With the honesty of our doubts and insecurities,

**We rejoice in Your love for each one of us;
seeking Your blessing to make us whole.**

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn

Let Justice Flow Like Streams

ELW 717

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

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Prayer of the Day

Living God, in Christ you make all things new. Transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

First Reading

Jeremiah 17:5-10

A reading from Jeremiah, the seventeenth chapter.

⁵ Thus says the Lord: Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals and make mere flesh their strength, whose hearts turn away from the Lord. ⁶ They shall be like a shrub in the desert and shall not see when relief comes. They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. ⁷ Blessed are those who trust in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. ⁸ They shall be like a tree planted by water, sending out its roots by the stream. It shall not fear when heat comes, and its leaves shall stay green; in the year of drought it is not anxious, and it does not cease to bear fruit. ⁹ The heart is devious above all else; it is perverse— who can understand it? ¹⁰ I the Lord test the mind and search the heart, to give to all according to their ways, according to the fruit of their doings. The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm Reading

Psalm 1

A responsive reading from Psalm one.

¹Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers;

**²but their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and on his law they meditate day and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither.
In all that they do, they prosper.

**⁴The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

**⁶for the LORD watches over the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 15:12-20

A reading from first Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.

¹² Now if Christ is proclaimed as raised from the dead, how can some of you say there is no resurrection of the dead? ¹³ If there is no resurrection of the dead, then Christ has not been raised, ¹⁴ and if Christ has not been raised, then our proclamation is in vain and your faith is in vain. ¹⁵ We are even found to be misrepresenting God, because we testified of God that he raised Christ—whom he did not raise if it is true that the dead are not raised. ¹⁶ For if the dead are not raised, then Christ has not been raised. ¹⁷ If Christ has not been raised, your faith is futile, and you are still in your sins. ¹⁸ Then those also who have died in Christ have perished. ¹⁹ If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. ²⁰ But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. The word of the Lord, **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 6:17-26

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁷ Jesus came down with the twelve and stood on a level place with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. ¹⁸ They had come to

hear him and to be healed of their diseases, and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. ¹⁹ And everyone in the crowd was trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them. ²⁰ Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets. ²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

When the Poor Ones

ELW 725

Prayers of Intercession

With the Spirit of Christ shining upon us, let us boldly pray for the church, the world, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

Blessed is your church transformed by your Spirit. Give us courage to proclaim to all people the promises made true in the death and resurrection of Christ. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is creation. As earth experiences destruction from harmful practices and climate change, give us courage to help bring about its restoration. Encourage those who work in forestry to be a voice for the hidden places of creation and provide skills for its conservation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are the nations. We pray for presidents, prime ministers, and leaders of nations. Grant that their courage will not run dry in the face

of challenge, but that they will delight in the fountain of your righteousness. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those in need. Give to all facing illness wise and caring doctors, nurses, and therapists. Draw close to those who feel far from you or who are suffering in any way especially (See Prayer Insert). < full 5 second pause>. Provide an extra measure of your grace and love. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed is this congregation. Like a tree planted by streams of water, we are nourished by faith in you. Provide courage in times that feel dry, trusting that you sustain us in many ways. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Blessed are those saints who now rest in your peace. Through lives of both sorrow and joy, challenge and triumph, they provide witness of faith in all times. May their lives be a witness to the living. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We entrust our prayers to you, O God, in the sure and certain hope that your promise is revealed among the people. **Amen.**

Exchange of Peace

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**

Let us share a sign of peace safely with one another.

Announcements

Offering Prayer

God of grace, your love reaches to the heavens, and your abundance to the depths of the seas. Bless what we offer to your service: our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts. Let us overflow with gratitude and generosity, now and always. **Amen.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Liturgy of Holy Communion and 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.

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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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:

Holy Holy Holy

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Holy One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life: Blessed are you for the birth of creation. Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light. Blessed are you for your promise to your people. Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams. Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will. Blessed are you for your Son Jesus, the Word made flesh.

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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

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

With this bread and cup we remember your Word dwelling among us, full of grace and truth. We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection. We look with hope for his coming. **Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit. Come among us. Bless this meal.

May your Word take flesh in us. Awaken your people. Fill us with your light. Bring the gift of peace on earth. **Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours, Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate, Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

The Lord's Prayer

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 joy of the Lord is our strength.

Come, eat this meal of gladness

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

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Canticle of the Turning

ELW 723

Eat This Bread

ELW 472

Post Communion Blessing

May the body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **Amen.**

Prayer after Communion

Nourishing God, at this table you have refreshed us with holy gifts of food and drink. Strengthen us for service, and send us out to embody your good news of liberation and healing for the sake of the world.

In the name of Christ we pray, **Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Spirit of the triune God ✠ bless you with joy, anoint you with compassion, and send you in love. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

Thanks be to God.



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Announcements:

- ✝ Please note **Office Hours have changed:** Mon and Fri 9am-1pm, Tues-Thurs 9am-2:30pm
- ✝ **Bible Study** gathers weekly on **Wednesdays at 5:30pm** in the Gateway Room or by Zoom
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets each **3rd Monday, Join Feb 17 at 6:30pm in the Gateway Room**
- ✝ **Join a Social Action Movie and Meal Feb 23 10:30am-12:30pm- Kids may watch Cinderella**
- ✝ **Now taking Easter Flower Orders!** Please return completed form to the office by **March 3**
- ✝ **Shrove Tuesday Pancake Feast will be March 4** serving 5:30-6:30pm Care to help- Just Ask!
- ✝ **Ash Wednesday Worship is March 5 at 6:30pm** You are invited for morning **'Ashes to Go'** offered at **Covenant from 7:30-8am** and at **Starbucks in Stoughton from 11-11:30am**
- ✝ **Lenten Wednesday Worship Mar 5,12,19,26 April 2,9 at 6:30pm followed by Lenten Study: *Where is Christ Today?* At 7pm** (Regular weekly Bible Study is not meeting during Lent.)
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch** meets the **1st Wed of each month! March 5 11:30 Location to be announced**
- ✝ **Book Group 2nd Thur at 1pm March 13** book and gathering location information to come
- ✝ **Feed our Souls-** the 2nd Fri of the month- **March 14 10:30a-1:30p** at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **'Hospitality Bags'** and **'Sew at Home Bags'** by main doors- Take what you can help with
- ✝ **Questions? Or looking for other opportunities to serve or gather? Ask the Pastor or office!**

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: *Pastor Wendy Moen; Acolyte:* *Emma Rupp;*
Greeters: *Linda Harrison, Donna Tarpinian, Jean Sime;*
Assistant Minister: *Philayne Chose; Lector:* *Gary Tarpinian;*
Communion Assistants: *Jean and Norm Sime, Donna Tarpinian;*
Organist/Pianist: *Meghann Proper;*
Ushers: *Mark, Evan, Caleb and Garrett Herbst, Rhetta Smith, Bill Cook;*
Sound/projection: *Jude Surrell;*
Altar Guild: *Christy Unzicker;*
Communion Prep: *Deb and Dan Oakland;*
Altar Flowers: *by Tamarine Westrand commemorating Marcia Trentz birthday!*

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