



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



***We welcome you to Worship this Sunday!***

**March 2, 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, March 2, 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**

Lord, you have called us to the mountaintop.

**Help us to look forward to where you would have us go.**

Help us to listen carefully to the words of your healing love.

**Open our hearts and spirits to receive your glorious directions.**

Place your trust in the Lord in all your ways.

**Lord, we have come here to give our lives to you. AMEN.**

#### **Children's Time** *Hiding the Alleluias*

#### **Gathering Hymn**

*Beautiful Savior*

ELW 838

## 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

Holy God, mighty and immortal, you are beyond our knowing, yet we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ. Transform us into the likeness of your Son, who renewed our humanity so that we may share in his divinity, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## WORD

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

## First Reading

**Exodus 34:29-35**

*A reading from Exodus, the thirty fourth chapter.*

<sup>29</sup> Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup> When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup> But Moses called to them, and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup> Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the Lord had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup> When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face, <sup>34</sup> but whenever Moses went in before the Lord to speak with him, he would take the veil off until he came out, and when he came out and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup> the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining, and Moses would put the veil on his face again until he went in to speak with him.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Reading****Psalm 99**

*A responsive reading from Psalm ninety-nine.*

<sup>1</sup>The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble!

He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**<sup>2</sup>The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.**

<sup>3</sup>Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

**<sup>4</sup>Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity;  
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

<sup>5</sup>Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

**<sup>6</sup>Moses and Aaron were among his priests,  
Samuel also was among those who called on his name.  
They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.**

<sup>7</sup>He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees,  
and the statutes that he gave them.

**<sup>8</sup>O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to  
them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.**

<sup>9</sup>Extol the LORD our God, and worship at his holy mountain;  
for the LORD our God is holy.

**Second Reading****2 Corinthians 3:12—4:2**

*A reading from second Corinthians, the third and fourth chapters.*

<sup>12</sup> Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with complete frankness,

<sup>13</sup> not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside.

<sup>14</sup> But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, the same veil is still there; it is not unveiled since in Christ it is set aside. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds, <sup>16</sup> but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. <sup>17</sup> Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a

mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another, for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit. <sup>4:1</sup> Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. <sup>2</sup> We have renounced the shameful, underhanded ways; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God's word, but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

The word of the Lord,

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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## **Gospel**

**Luke 9:28-36**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>28</sup> Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup> And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became as bright as a flash of lightning. <sup>30</sup> Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup> They appeared in glory and were speaking about his exodus, which he was about to fulfill in Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup> Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep, but as they awoke they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup> Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us set up three tents: one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah," not realizing what he was saying. <sup>34</sup> While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them, and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup> Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup> When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Pastor Wendy Moen

## 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.*

Transfiguring God, through the glory of your presence, you transform us. Move the church from complacency to boldness in sharing the good news with others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for your creation. As seasons change, give patience and skill to all who tend to animals giving birth. Grant nourishing weather for the growing of crops. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for all in leadership, especially for those who lead states, counties, and town councils. Give them wisdom to protect local resources so that all will flourish both now and in the years to come. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring your healing grace to those who feel distant from you. Speak comfort to those who need your words of mercy. We pray for those close to our communities and in our hearts especially (See Prayer Insert). < full 5 second pause >. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

God of our past, present, and future, lead us into new beginnings, trusting in the promise of new life in Christ. Accompany congregations needing to close, and give courage to congregations starting new ministries. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Renewing God, the saints who have gone before us witnessed to the ways you transform your church and people. We give thanks for their example and pray we carry it forward. 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; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. 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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*Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal*

ELW 464

*One Bread, One Body*

ELW 496

## 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 Holy Communion to Home/Hospital/Care Facility

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **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.**

## Sending Hymn

*We Are Marching In the Light of God*

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Live in hope.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## Announcements:

- ✝ **Easter Flower Orders due Tomorrow!** Please return completed form to 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
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesdays-** at 11:30 Join at *The Night Owl* in Evansville **on March 5**
- ✝ **Movie Night in the Cinema March 7** Offering popcorn, lemonade and the Movie 'If!' Join
- ✝ **Book Group 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays at 1pm -March 13** discussing 'Settlin' by Muriel Simms- Join
- ✝ **Feeding the Hungry** 2nd Fri of the month- **March 14** 10:30a-1:30p at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Covenant Women's Breakfast March 15 8:45-12pm** *Join for a heart full of love & laughter*
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets each 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday, **Join March 17** at 630pm in the Gateway Room
- ✝ **'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!
- ✝ **Thank you to our Bell Choir:** Susan Diebold, Lars Forde, Dianne Johnson, Doug Johnson, Angie Kettner, Jacob Kettner, Judy Luschen, Marcie Mahuta (bell tree solo), Margaret Raisbeck, Sue Richards, Lisa Stout, Donna Tarpinian, Kelsey Tarpinian, Alex Thiessen, Robin Wendt, Scott Wendt and director Meghan Proper for offering their gifts and sharing their lovely talents with us today and throughout the year!

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Pastor Wendy Moen; Acolyte: Sam Pietruszynski;*  
**Greeters:** *Karen Hanson-Cook, Bill Cook; Assistant Minister: Philayne Chose;*  
**Lector:** *Ingrid Thompson; Communion Assistants: Jamie Anderson, Philayne Chose, Donna Tarpinian; Organist/Pianist: Meghann Proper; Ushers: Judy and Matthew Heil, Gary Tarpinian; Sound/projection: Lars Forde;*  
**Altar Guild:** *Cynthia Liddle; Communion Prep: Philayne and Tom Chose;*  
**Altar Flowers:** *by Tamarine Westrand commemorating Pat Johnson's birthday!*

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