



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We Welcome you to Worship this Easter Morning*

**April 20, 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, April 20, 2024 – 9:30 a.m.**

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

*ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn Book, Setting 3*

*\*=please stand as you are able.*

## **GATHERING**

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

### **Prelude**

### **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**

How joyful it is, to celebrate the good news of God's love!

**We are called to be Easter people!**

Darkness cannot claim us!

**Fear cannot bind us!**

Christ is risen!

**Christ is risen, indeed! Amen!**

### **Children's Time**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

ELW 365

## 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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## Hymn of Praise

*This is the Feast*

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## Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, 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

**Acts 10: 34-43**

*A reading from Acts, the tenth chapter.*

<sup>34</sup>Peter began to speak to the people: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, <sup>35</sup>but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. <sup>36</sup>You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.

<sup>37</sup>That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: <sup>38</sup>how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. <sup>39</sup>We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; <sup>40</sup>but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, <sup>41</sup>not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. <sup>42</sup>He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by

God as judge of the living and the dead. <sup>43</sup>All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.” The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Vocal Choir** *Easter Carol* arr. Jean Anne Shafferman and Patti Drennan with Denise Pigarelli, flute, and Lars Forde, percussion

**Second Reading** **1 Corinthians 15: 19- 26**

*A reading from first Corinthians, the fifteenth chapter.*

<sup>19</sup>If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied. <sup>20</sup>But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died. <sup>21</sup>For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being; <sup>22</sup>for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ. <sup>23</sup>But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup>Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup>For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup>The last enemy to be destroyed is death. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel**

**Luke 24:1-12**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twenty fourth chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>But on the first day of the week, at early dawn, they came to the tomb, taking the spices that they had prepared. <sup>2</sup>They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, <sup>3</sup>but when they went in, they did not find the body. <sup>4</sup>While they were perplexed about this, suddenly two men in dazzling clothes stood beside them. <sup>5</sup>The women were terrified and bowed their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here, but has risen. <sup>6</sup>Remember how he told you, while he was still in Galilee, <sup>7</sup>that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the

third day rise again." <sup>8</sup>Then they remembered his words, <sup>9</sup>and returning from the tomb, they told all this to the eleven and to all the rest. <sup>10</sup>Now it was Mary Magdalene, Joanna, Mary the mother of James, and the other women with them who told this to the apostles. <sup>11</sup>But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them. <sup>12</sup>But Peter got up and ran to the tomb; stooping and looking in, he saw the linen cloths by themselves; then he went home, amazed at what had happened. The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Wendy Moen

**Hymn of the Day**      *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!* vs 1-4      ELW 373

### **Prayers of Intercession**

God of resurrection and new life, we come before you in prayer for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

Kindle new life in your church. Encourage all who seek creative ways to share the good news of Christ's resurrection. Bless mission developers and new ministries, that their work plant seeds that flourish. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Nourish new life in all of creation. Shower forests and grasslands, deserts, and mountains with life-giving rains. Grant us delight in your glory that shows forth in all that grows this season. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Empower new life among the nations. As you raised Jesus from the dead, bring new hope for peace and reconciliation in places of war and strife. Raise up leaders who are steadfast in their commitment to justice and transformation. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Bring new hope among all who are in need, especially neighbors without homes or food, and those whose housing or food supply is at risk. Bring healing to all who are fearful, ill, or grieving (See Prayer

Insert) and those we name out loud or silently in our hearts. < full 5 second pause>. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Awaken new life in this place. Open our hearts to ways you are calling us to be at work in the world and our community. Give us courage to boldly share your love for all people beyond our walls. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in the promises of the resurrection, we remember with thanksgiving our beloved dead. Sustain us with a living hope until we are reunited with them and all the saints at the heavenly banquet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We commend these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting that you are always with us; in the name of Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **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**

Risen One, you have gathered us around your table of grace along with these gifts we bring. Come among us again, breathe your life into us, and enliven us with this meal, that we may live as your risen body in the world. **Amen.**

## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## **Liturgy of Holy Communion**

## **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, for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ, the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin; who in dying has destroyed death, and in rising has brought us to eternal life. And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

## **Holy Holy Holy**

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O God most mighty, O God most merciful, O God our rock and our salvation, hear us as we praise, call us to your table, grant us your life.

When the earth was a formless void, you formed order and beauty.

When Abraham and Sarah were barren, you sent them a child; When the Israelites were enslaved, you led them to freedom. Ruth faced starvation, David fought Goliath, and the psalmists cried out for healing, and full of compassion, you granted the people your life.

You entered our sorrows in Jesus our brother. He was born among the poor, he lived under oppression, he wept over the city. With infinite love, he granted the people your life.

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.

Remembering his death, we cry out Amen. **Amen.**

Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen. **Amen.**

Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen. **Amen.**

O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal.

O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself.

O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one.

O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope.

O God most majestic, O God most motherly,

O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations.

Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, 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**

Come to the table of grace. Receive the gift of new life.

## **Communion Hymns**

*Lamb of God*

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*Christ the Lord is Risen Today; Alleluia*

ELW 369

*A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing*

ELW 393

*Christ in Risen! Alleluia*

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## **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**

Living One, in this feast you have made yourself known to us. Send us now to tell of your wonders, sing of your glory, and proclaim your risen life to a wounded and weary world. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

### Blessing

The triune God, who was, who is, and who is to come, Sovereign, ✚ Savior, and Spirit, light your way with resurrection dawn, now and always. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*Thine Is the Glory*

ELW 376

### Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

**Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Go in peace. In Christ you are made new. Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!**



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## Announcements:

- ✝ Everyone is invited to Worship and Events at Covenant! Find opportunities at Covluth.org
- ✝ **Thanks for your Easter Flower orders!** Flowers may be taken home after Worship today
- ✝ **New Member reception April 27 in Worship**, please join to welcome our newest members
- ✝ Join to watch a movie about **Bonhoeffer Sunday April 27** in the Cinema, after Worship
- ✝ **Highway Cleanup** April 27 after Worship meet at Starr School and Dunn Townline rd.
- ✝ **American Red Cross Blood Drive April 28 1-6pm** in the Youth Room- If you can please Join!
- ✝ **Affirmation of Baptism May 4** during Worship, **join to celebrate and appreciate our youth**
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch the 1<sup>st</sup> Wed of each month** at 11:30am **May 7** The Green Lantern-McFarland
- ✝ **Covenant Book Group** 2nd Thur at 1pm **May 8** discussing *Frank and Red* by Matt Coyne
- ✝ **Feed our Souls-** the 2nd Fri of the month- **May 9** 10:30a-1:30p at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, Join **May 19** at 630pm in the Gateway Room
- ✝ **Thank you** to our **Vocal Choir**: Larry Beck, Kristin Johnson, Larry Judd, Laurie Judd, Angie Kettner, Jacob Kettner, Clarissa Kim, Eileen Nelson, Jack Nelson, Millie Proper, Jim Seamonson, Gwen Speth, Donna Tarpinian, Glenn Van Rossum, Adam Wagner, Mia Wagner, accompanist Meghann Proper and director Beth Gardner for offering their gifts and sharing their lovely talents with us today and throughout the year!
- ✝ **Thank you to our Brass Sextet**: Gene Vanden Bosch, Peter Herman, Doug Johnson, Dianne Johnson, Russ Melland, Robin Robertson for offering their gifts and sharing their lovely talents with us today and throughout the year!

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Pastor Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Carson Brekken*; **Assistant Minister:** *Jean Sime*; **Lector:** *Laurie Judd*; **Organist/Pianist:** *Meghann Proper*; **Greeter:** *Linda Harrison, Laura Just*; **Communion Assistant:** *George Craig, Donna Tarpinian, Christy Unzicker*; **Ushers:** *Karl Nissler, Larry Olson, Thor Anderson, Sue Richards*; **Sound/projection:** *Jude Surrell*; **Altar Guild:** *Jean Sime*; **Communion Prep:** *Ann and Dave Nelson*; **Altar Flowers:** *Return to the Altar next week- Sign up in the Narthex!*

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