



Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We Welcome you to Worship celebrating a baptism today!

June 15, 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, June 15, 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

Let us praise God the Creator,

who is filled with glory and power—with holiness and splendour;

Let us worship God the Saviour,

who is filled with love and compassion—with justice and peace;

Let us experience God the Spirit,

who fills us with faith and joy—with love and eternal life.

Baptismal Hymn

Borning Cry

ELW 732

Children's Time

Parents: Kara Christine Evans and Forrest Parker Evans

Sponsors: Our Family and Congregation

Presentation

God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. By water and the Word God delivers us from sin and death and raises us to new life in Jesus Christ. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world. *Sponsors: We present Hazel for baptism.*

Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have your child baptized into Christ? *Parents: We do.*

Parental Responsibilities

As you bring your child to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with her among God's faithful people, bring her to the word of God and the holy supper, teach her the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in her hands the holy scriptures, and nurture her in faith and prayer, so that she may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace. Do you promise to help your child grow in the Christian faith and life?

Parents: We do.

Sponsor Responsibilities

Sponsors, do you promise to nurture this child in the Christian faith as you are empowered by God's Spirit, and to help her live in the covenant of baptism and in communion with the church?

Sponsors: We do.

Congregational Responsibilities

People of God, do you promise to support Hazel Evans and pray for her in her new life in Christ? **We do.**

Profession of Faith

I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church. Do you renounce the evil and all the forces that defy God, the powers of this world that rebel against God, the ways of sin that draw you from God? *Parents & Sponsors: We renounce them.*

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Thanksgiving at the Font

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight. Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live in you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Baptism

Hazel Evans, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayer for the Holy Spirit

Let us pray...We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your daughters and sons new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Hazel with the gift of your Holy Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. Amen.

Sign of the Cross

Hazel Evans, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever. **Amen.**

Welcome

Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. Let us welcome the newly baptized.

We welcome you into the body of Christ and into the mission we share: join us in giving thanks and praise to God and bearing God's creative and redeeming word to all the world.

Baptismal Hymn

Jesus Loves Me vs. 2

ELW 595

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

Almighty Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

A reading from Proverbs, the eighth chapter.

¹ Does not wisdom call and understanding raise her voice? ² On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand; ³ beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out: ⁴ “To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all who live.

²² “The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. ²³ Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. ²⁴ When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. ²⁵ Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, ²⁶ when he had not yet made earth and fields or the world’s first bits of soil. ²⁷ When he established the heavens, I was there; when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, ²⁸ when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, ²⁹ when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, ³⁰ then I was beside him, like a master worker, and I was daily his delight, playing before him always, ³¹ playing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 8

A responsive reading from Psalm eight.

¹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens. ²Out of the mouths of

babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger. ³When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; ⁴what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them? ⁵Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor. ⁶You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet, ⁷all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, ⁸the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas. ⁹O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Second Reading

Romans 5:1-5

A reading from Romans, the fifth chapter.

¹ Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

ACS p. 14

Gospel

John 16:12-15

The Holy Gospel according to John, the sixteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, ¹² "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. ¹³ When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth, for he will not speak on his own but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. ¹⁴ He will glorify me because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. ¹⁵ All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said

that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

Come, Join the Dance of Trinity

ELW 412

Prayers of Intercession

Drawn into the embrace of the holy Trinity, we lift our prayers for the wholeness of the church, the world, and all creation.

A brief silence.

Abiding God, your love pours into your whole church, creating faith and bestowing hope. Fill all the baptized with these good gifts in our various callings. Gather your church in every place and expression into the unity of your Spirit. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Creating God, your name is majestic in all the earth, and we are filled with awe at your creation. Renew this planet and all its wonders: springs abounding with water, earth and soil, beasts of the field, birds of the air, and fish of the sea. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Sovereign God, you delight in the whole human race. On this week of Juneteenth, bring an end to racial oppression and heal the wounds of racial trauma. Grant us your wisdom, so that all people, especially those in authority, work for the life and freedom of others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Compassionate God, your mindful care for us is everlasting. Give peace to all who are troubled, endurance to all who suffer, deliverance to all who are afflicted, and healing to all who are sick (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause >. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Living God, your glory appears in our shared life. On this Father’s Day, give to all fathers and father figures gentle hearts and strong spirits, heal the wounds in our families, and comfort those for whom this day brings pain. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal God, your hope does not disappoint. We give you thanks for all who have died in the hope of the resurrection. Hold us in our grief, and bring us at last to fullness of life in you. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Gather all our prayers in your mercy, O God, through Jesus Christ, our 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

Creator God, in your wisdom you bring forth all that is good and the harvest is plentiful. Strengthen us at your table with these gifts of the earth and our labor, that we may work for the good of all; through Jesus Christ, our Savior. **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.

Beloveds of God, Community of saints, we are called to gather around the table of love and emancipation, to immerse our whole selves in the visions of God, to be nurtured by this meal of promise and love.

God calls each and every one of us just as we are. Bring your small bodies, tall bodies, and bodies in between. Bring your differently abled

bodies, your chronically ill bodies, bring your aching bodies, your healing bodies, rested and renewed bodies. Bring your trans bodies, bodies yearning to be free, bodies destined for metamorphosis. Bring your scarred bodies, pierced bodies, and tattooed bodies. Bring your perfectly imperfect bodies. Bring all of you.

There is more than enough room. Christ invites us to the table of abundance and nourishment to be fed. Come and be fully fed. Come just as you are. Come out, come in; you are welcome here.

As we are united together in this holy meal, we remember all the ways that Christ has shown up for us. Through the birth, life, death, and resurrection of the Holy One. On the night that Jesus's closest friends handed him over, Jesus sat at a crowded table surrounded by those he loved the most, talking, sharing, and connecting.

As he was spending his last meal with his beloveds, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with the disciples saying, "Take, eat; this is my body given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the meal was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to God, and shared it with his disciples, saying, "Drink from this, beloveds; this is the cup of the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this in remembrance of me."

Holy Spirit, come over this meal, fill us to the brim with the blessings that only you can give. Give us new and receptive hearts for all that you have in store for us. For the sake of our community, for the lives lost and the lives yet to come, for the land where we dwell, feed us wholly, until the day we meet our creator face to face. 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 kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

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All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

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Bread of Life, Our Host and Meal

ELW 464

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

Mothering God, you gathered us to your table and we drank deeply of your grace. Send us out by your Spirit to love our neighbors as ourselves and proclaim your love in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Blessing

The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts; and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Holy God, We Praise Your Name vs. 1 & 4

ELW 414

Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the rainbow tapestry of God's love with all,

Thanks be to God. Alleluia! Alleluia!



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Announcements:

- ✝ **Celebrating the baptism** of Hazel E Evans today during Worship, Welcome to Covenant!
- ✝ Thank you for being at Worship! Find Free family FUN events/opportunities at Covluth.org
- ✝ **Hospitality NEEDS our help!** The Team is looking for those interested in serving this way
- ✝ **Pastor Wendy has returned from her journey on the Camino-** Welcome back to Worship!
- ✝ **Wisconsin Historical Society** shares 'We will Always be Here' historymakers display in June
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets the 3rd Mondays, Join **June 16** at 630pm in the Gateway Room
- ✝ **Bible Study Returns June 18** at 530pm gathering Wednesday Evenings in the Gateway
- ✝ **Jr Bible study offered June 18, July 2 and August 6 at 5:30** during the adult Bible Study
- ✝ Office is closed **June 19 for Juneteenth-** You're invited to a community celebration Sunday
- ✝ **Juneteenth Community Celebration at UMC June 22 1-4pm** FREE Welcoming Event- **Join**
- ✝ **Indigenous Action Team** gathering **June 29 at 11am in the Sanctuary-** Join for a short trip
- ✝ **Blood Drive with Red Cross June 30 1-6pm** in the Youth room, sign up online or walk in!
- ✝ **Book Group** meeting **July 10** at Jan Walker's at **1pm** discussing *The Huntress* by Kate Quinn
- ✝ **Feed our Souls-** the 2nd Fri of the month- **July 11 10:30a-1:30p** at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ VBS is **July 14-19!** *If you'd like to volunteer that week in any capacity,* please contact Karla
- ✝ Congregational Meeting will be **August 3** after Worship- Please plan to attend for voting

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: *Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Gavin Schumacher*;
Greeter/s: *George Craig, Penny Vodak*;
Assistant Minister: *Philayne Chose*; **Lector:** *Laurie Judd*;
Communion Assistant: *George Craig, Laurie and Larry Judd*;
Ushers: *Tom Chose, Jack Cope, Peder Melhuse*;
Altar Guild: *Jean Sime*; **Communion Prep:** *Christy Unzicker*;
Organist/Pianist: *Meghann Proper*; **Sound/projection:** *Jude Surrell*;
Altar Flowers: *In Celebration of George and Solveig's 60th Anniversary!*

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