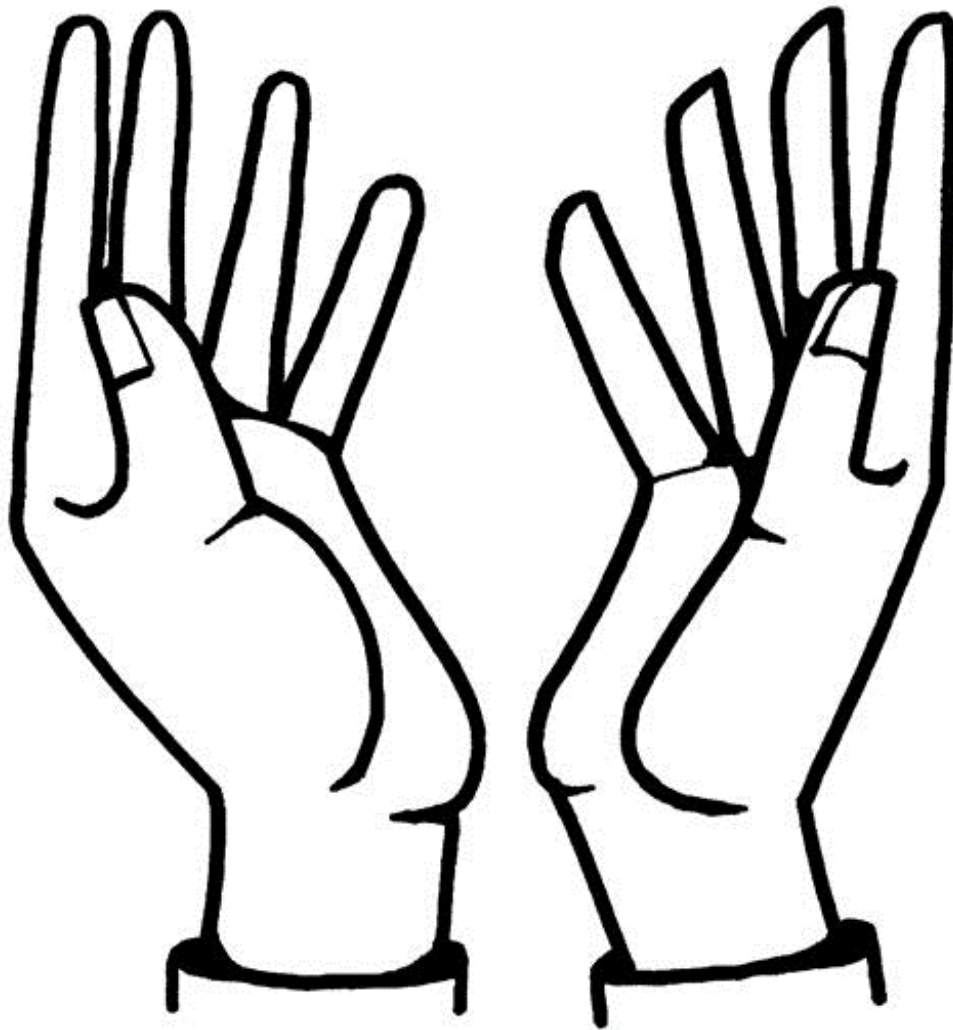




Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We Welcome you to Worship!

June 22, 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 22, 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 our praise for all that God has done
resound within and beyond these walls.

When all people turn to God and worship God,
the poor shall eat and be satisfied,

and justice and peace will surely embrace
present and future generations.

Therefore, in thanksgiving for all that God has done,
**let our lives and our love proclaim the message
of God's gracious and liberating acts.**

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn *Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness* ELW 843

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

O Lord God, we bring before you the cries of a sorrowing world. In your mercy set us free from the chains that bind us, and defend us from everything that is evil, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading

Isaiah 65:1-9

A reading from Isaiah, the sixty fifth chapter.

¹ I was ready to be sought out by those who did not ask, to be found by those who did not seek me. I said, "Here I am, here I am," to a nation that did not call on my name. ² I held out my hands all day long to a rebellious people, who walk in a way that is not good, following their own devices; ³ a people who provoke me to my face continually, sacrificing in gardens and offering incense on bricks; ⁴ who sit inside tombs and spend the night in secret places; who eat the flesh of pigs, with broth of abominable things in their vessels; ⁵ who say, "Keep to yourself; do not come near me, for I am too holy for you." These are a smoke in my nostrils, a fire that burns all day long. ⁶ See, it is written before me: I will not keep silent, but I will repay; I will indeed repay into their laps ⁷ their iniquities and their ancestors' iniquities together, says the Lord; because they offered incense on the mountains and reviled me on the hills, I will measure into their laps full payment for their actions. ⁸ Thus says the Lord: As the wine is found in the cluster, and they say, "Do not destroy it, for there is a blessing in it," so I will do for my servants' sake and not destroy them all. ⁹ I will bring forth

descendants from Jacob and from Judah inheritors of my mountains; my chosen shall inherit it, and my servants shall settle there. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 22:19-28

A reading from Psalm twenty two

¹⁹But you, O LORD, do not be far away!
O my help, come quickly to my aid!

²⁰Deliver my soul from the sword, my life from the power of the dog!

²¹Save me from the mouth of the lion!
From the horns of the wild oxen you have rescued me.

²²I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters in the midst of the congregation I will praise you:

²³You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

²⁴For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.

²⁵From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

²⁶The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

²⁷All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

²⁸For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

GraceNotes

More Love

Mark Miller

Second Reading

Galatians 3:23-29

A reading from Galatians, the third chapter.

²³ Now before faith came, we were imprisoned and guarded under the law until faith would be revealed. ²⁴ Therefore the law was our disciplinarian until Christ came, so that we might be reckoned as righteous by faith. ²⁵ But now that faith has come, we are no longer

subject to a disciplinarian, ²⁶ for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. ²⁷ As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. ²⁸ There is no longer Jew or Greek; there is no longer slave or free; there is no longer male and female, for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. ²⁹ And if you belong to Christ, then you are Abraham's offspring, heirs according to the promise. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 8:26-39

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁶ Then [Jesus and his disciples] arrived at the region of the Gerasenes, which is opposite Galilee. ²⁷ As he stepped out on shore, a man from the city who had demons met him. For a long time he had not worn any clothes, and he did not live in a house but in the tombs. ²⁸ When he saw Jesus, he cried out and fell down before him, shouting, "What have you to do with me, Jesus, Son of the Most High God? I beg you, do not torment me," ²⁹ for Jesus had commanded the unclean spirit to come out of the man. (For many times it had seized him; he was kept under guard and bound with chains and shackles, but he would break the bonds and be driven by the demon into the wilds.) ³⁰ Jesus then asked him, "What is your name?" He said, "Legion," for many demons had entered him. ³¹ They begged him not to order them to go back into the abyss. ³² Now there on the hillside a large herd of swine was feeding, and the demons begged Jesus to let them enter these. So he gave them permission. ³³ Then the demons came out of the man and entered the swine, and the herd stampeded down the steep bank into the lake and was drowned. ³⁴ When the swineherds saw what had happened, they ran off and told it in the city and in the country. ³⁵ Then people came out to see what had happened, and when they came to Jesus, they found the man from whom the demons had gone sitting at the feet of Jesus, clothed and in his right mind. And they became frightened. ³⁶ Those who had seen it told them how the one who had

been possessed by demons had been healed. ³⁷ Then the whole throng of people of the surrounding region of the Gerasenes asked Jesus to leave them, for they were seized with great fear. So he got into the boat and returned. ³⁸ The man from whom the demons had gone out begged that he might be with him, but Jesus sent him away, saying, ³⁹ “Return to your home, and declare how much God has done for you.” So he went away, proclaiming throughout the city how much Jesus had done for him. The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

ELW 611

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.

We pray for the church. Clothe us in Christ, shower us in mercy, send us in love. Strengthen the faith and witness of Christians across the planet and Christians in our community. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for creation. Deliver the earth from disaster, bring forth life amid uncertainty, inspire wonder at all you have made. Sustain all people who delight in the well-being of your creation: farmers, agricultural workers, gardeners, birdwatchers, conservationists, scientists, advocates, and policy makers. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations. Pave a way to justice, drown the forces of oppression, bring peace on earth. Give leaders the will to turn from war and violence. When people must flee their homes, guide them to safety. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for people in need. Satisfy all who are poor, soothe those in pain, accompany all who are sick (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause >. Give perseverance to each of us living with mental illness, and

shield us from discrimination due to race, class, gender, or any other human distinction. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this assembly. Listen to our cries, come to our aid, make us one. Weave among us the fabric of belonging so that we rejoice in each person gathered here, and enliven our proclamation of how much you have done for us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

We offer our thanksgiving for all people who have died in faith. Keep them in your peace, comfort us in sorrow, raise us to new life. As we remember their faith and witness, may we trust your promise that we are yours forever. 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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One Bread, One Body

ELW 496

Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters

ELW 445

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

Beloved siblings in Christ, let our hearts overflow with love and compassion as we enter the world in peace. Let us stand boldly as fierce advocates for all who are marginalized and need inclusion and advocacy. As we depart from this sacred space, let our passion be transformed into action to create a welcoming and affirming community for all. Let our efforts to include and welcome others serve as a shining example of God's love and grace. United by the Spirit, we depart in peace to serve the Creator as one community. Recognize and embrace God's limitless diversity in all that surrounds you, and

acknowledge that you are made in the image of the Divine! **Amen.**

Sending Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me

ELW 798

Dismissal

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



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Announcements:

- ✝ Thank you for being at Worship! Find Free family FUN events/opportunities at Coveluth.org
- ✝ **Wisconsin Historical Society** shares 'We will Always be Here' historymakers display in June
- ✝ **Bible Study meeting** at 530pm each Wednesday in the Gateway room- **You're invited**
- ✝ **Juneteenth Community Celebration at UMC TODAY 1-4pm** FREE Welcoming Event- **Join**
- ✝ **Indigenous Action Team** gathering on June 27 at 3pm in the Gateway room- You're Invited!
- ✝ **Indigenous Forum** visiting the Dyreson Fish Weirs - **June 29 at 11am** meet in the Sanctuary
- ✝ **Blood Drive with Red Cross June 30 1-6pm** in the Youth room, sign up online or walk in!
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch** the 1st Wed of each month **July 2** meeting at 11:30 at **Springers in Stoughton**
- ✝ **Jr Bible study** Summer series: **July 2 and August 6 5:30-6:30pm** during the adult Bible Study
- ✝ Office is closed **July 4 for Independence Day**- Safe and loving celebration wishes to you
- ✝ **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 or be a host for the staff* contact Karla
- ✝ We thank our members participating in Gracenote's: Millie Proper, Angie Kettner, Donna Tarpinian, and Meghann Proper and for prerecording music for today's service, Thank you!

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Wendy Moen; **Acolyte:** Ronnie Stensrud; **Greeter/s:** Linda Harrison, Laura Just; **Assistant Minister:** Ingrid Thompson; **Lector:** Ann Nelson; **Communion Assistant:** Jean and Norm Sime; **Ushers:** Mark Herbst, Rhetta Smith, Bill Cook; **Altar Guild:** Susan Diebold; **Communion Prep:** Christy Unzicker; **Organist/Pianist:** Meghann Proper; **Sound/projection:** Lars Forde, Amanda Burian; **Altar Flowers:** *In Celebration of Linda Harrison's 87th Birthday!*

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