



Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We Welcome you to Worship!

June 29, 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 29, 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

You are our security, O Lord, we find refuge in You.

Everything that is good comes from You Lord!

You give me guidance and make my heart glad,

You lead me on the path of life.

In Your presence there is fullness of joy,

In Your kingdom there is fulfillment forever! Amen!

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn *All People That on Earth Do Dwell* ELW 883

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

Sovereign God, ruler of all hearts, you call us to obey you, and you favor us with true freedom. Keep us faithful to the ways of your Son, that, leaving behind all that hinders us, we may steadfastly follow your paths, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21

A reading from first Kings, the nineteenth chapter.

¹⁵ Then the Lord said to Elijah, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶ Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel, and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁹ So he set out from there and found Elisha son of Shaphat, who was plowing. There were twelve yoke of oxen ahead of him, and he was with the twelfth. Elijah passed by him and threw his mantle over him. ²⁰ He left the oxen, ran after Elijah, and said, "Let me kiss my father and my mother, and then I will follow you." Then Elijah said to him, "Go back again, for what have I done to you?" ²¹ He returned from following him, took the yoke of oxen, and slaughtered them; using the equipment from the oxen, he boiled their flesh and gave it to the people, and they ate. Then he set out and followed Elijah and became his servant. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 16

A reading from Psalm sixteen

¹Protect me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

²**I say to the LORD, "You are my LORD; I have no good apart from you."**

³As for the holy ones in the land, they are the noble, in whom is all my delight.

⁴Those who choose another god multiply their sorrows; their drink offerings of blood I will not pour out or take their names upon my lips.

⁵The LORD is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

⁶The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; I have a goodly heritage.

⁷I bless the LORD who gives me counsel; in the night also my heart instructs me.

⁸I keep the LORD always before me; because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved.

⁹Therefore my heart is glad, and my soul rejoices; my body also rests secure.

¹⁰For you do not give me up to Sheol, or let your faithful one see the Pit.

¹¹You show me the path of life. In your presence there is fullness of joy; in your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

Second Reading

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

A reading from Galatians, the third chapter.

¹ For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery. ¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters, only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become enslaved to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. ¹⁶ Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are obvious: sexual immorality, impurity, debauchery, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions,

factions,²¹ envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. ²² By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³ gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴ And those who belong to Christ have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵ If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

ACS p. 14

Gospel

Luke 9:51-62

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the ninth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁵¹ When the days drew near for [Jesus] to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. ⁵² And he sent messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to prepare for his arrival, ⁵³ but they did not receive him because his face was set toward Jerusalem. ⁵⁴ When his disciples James and John saw this, they said, “Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?” ⁵⁵ But he turned and rebuked them. ⁵⁶ Then they went on to another village. ⁵⁷ As they were going along the road, someone said to him, “I will follow you wherever you go.” ⁵⁸ And Jesus said to him, “Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head.” ⁵⁹ To another he said, “Follow me.” But he said, “Lord, first let me go and bury my father.” ⁶⁰ And Jesus said to him, “Let the dead bury their own dead, but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God.” ⁶¹ Another said, “I will follow you, Lord, but let me first say farewell to those at my home.” ⁶² And Jesus said to him, “No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God.” The Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

O Master, Let Me Walk with You

ELW 818

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.*

Guide your church, O God. Anoint us for service and make us messengers of your peace. Emboldened by the witness of Christians throughout history, send us to proclaim your reign come near. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Protect this world, O God. Watch over fields and fruit trees, foxes and birds, the pleasant land beneath us and the sun and moon above. Keep us mindful of the rich inheritance you have given us in the natural world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Counsel our leaders, O God. Make them steadfast in seeking justice and unable to be shaken as they pursue peace. Lead them by your Spirit to listen and respond to the people they govern. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Uphold all who suffer, O God. Give refuge to those of us who know rejection, and shelter to those of us who have nowhere to lay our heads. Bring any who are sick into your healing presence (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause >. Give all your fullness of joy. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Set free this assembly, O God. Grow your Spirit's fruits within us and within our congregation's ministries (*local ministries may be named*). Set our faces always on you, that we might live in the freedom to which you have called us. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Embrace all your saints, O God. We thank you for the faithful departed. Let us rejoice that you do not abandon us to the grave but lead us on the path of life. 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

<i>Lamb of God</i>	ACS p. 25
<i>Be Thou My Vision</i>	ELW 793
<i>Come, Let Us Eat</i>	ELW 491

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

Here I Am, Lord

ELW 574

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! More events and Worship opportunities at Covluth.org
- ✝ **Wisconsin Historical Society** shares 'We will Always be Here' historymakers display in June
- ✝ **Hospitality NEEDS our help!** The Team is looking for those interested in serving this way
- ✝ **Indigenous Action Forum POSTPONED** due to inability to see weirs through weeds
- ✝ **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 at 11:30** meeting at *Springers* in Stoughton
- ✝ **Bible Study** 530pm each Wednesday Evening in the Gateway room- Zoom link on webpage
- ✝ **Join Jr Bible study Summer series: Meeting July 2 5:30-6:30pm with bible, fun and snacks**
- ✝ **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
- ✝ Congregational Meeting **August 3** after Worship- It is important members attend and vote!
- ✝ **Social Action Team Update:** meeting **Monday, August 4** at 630pm in the Gateway Room
- ✝ **Jr Bible study** Summer series: Wraps up **August 6 5:30-6:30pm** with bible, fun and snacks

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: *Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Sam Pietruszynski*;
Greeter/s: *Bill Cook, Karen Hanson-Cook*;
Assistant Minister: *Laurie Judd*;
Lector: *George Craig*;
Communion Assistant: *Rhetta and Sam Smith, Christy Unzicker*;
Ushers: *Karl Nissler, Larry Olson*;
Altar Guild: *Susan Diebold*;
Communion Prep: *Christy Unzicker*;
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