



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We Welcome you to Worship!*

**June 8, 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 8, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.**

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

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

## **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**

O Lord, how manifold are your works!

**Bless the Lord, O my soul. Praise the Lord!**

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#### **Children's Time**

#### **Gathering Hymn**

*O Living Breath of God*

ELW 407

#### **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

God our creator, the resurrection of your Son offers life to all the peoples of earth. By your Holy Spirit, kindle in us the fire of your love, empowering our lives for service and our tongues for praise, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and 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 2:1-21**

*A reading from Acts, the second chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, [the apostles] were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability. <sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?” <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.” <sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> 'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. <sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy. <sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. <sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. <sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.' "

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

**Romans 8:14-17**

*A reading from Romans, the eighth chapter.*

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs: heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ, if we in fact suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Acclamation**

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## **Gospel**

**John 14:8-17 [25-27]**

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to [Jesus,] "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." <sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? <sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own, but the Father who dwells in me does his works. <sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me, but if you do not, then believe because of the works themselves.

<sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. <sup>15</sup> “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. <sup>16</sup> And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. <sup>17</sup> This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you. [ <sup>25</sup> “I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup> But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup> Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid.”] The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Anne Andert

**Hymn of the Day**

*O Day Full of Grace v. 1,4,5*

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## **Graduate and Scholarship Recognition**

**Graduate Blessing**

(Karla Cornell-Wevley)

*Graduates are introduced. Please come forward as your name is called.*

Dear friends: Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey.

Graduation from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

**Reading**

**Jeremiah 29:11-14a**

*At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from holy scripture.*

<sup>11</sup> For surely, I know the plans I have for you, says the LORD, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. <sup>12</sup> Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you.

<sup>13</sup> When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, <sup>14</sup> I will let you find me, says the LORD.

Dear graduates: At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

Let us pray: O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young people. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears.

In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. **Amen.**

Members and friends of Covenant, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?

**We will.**

Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young people as need and opportunity arise?

**We will.**

*All may hold your hand out toward the graduates in blessing.*

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe. May the Lord guide your every step. May you always know of our unending love for you. **Amen.**

## **Scholarship Recipient Blessing**

(Mike Gilbert)

*Recipients are introduced. Please come forward as your name is called.*

All-wise and loving God, we give thanks for your gifts to us: for creating us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us in baptism as your people and for the blessed gift of financial resources to the Covenant Endowment Foundation for scholarships. Look with love on these scholars and bless them as they continue this season of their studies.

By your Spirit, help them to use their gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your lovingkindness, guide them in their journey. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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.*

We pray for the church. Continue to inspire our sharing of the gospel and equip us to tear down the barriers we have erected. Make our welcome expansive, intentional, and open to loving challenge. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for creation. Allow fire to burn safely in habitats where it's needed and quench flames when they threaten to run wild. Protect forests, prairies, and grasslands from destruction by natural forces or human misdeeds. Safeguard firefighters and rescuers in their dangerous work. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for courts and legislatures. Write your commandments on our hearts, and inspire all who govern to lead with love over retribution. Unite judges, lawyers, and systems of justice in a desire for reconciliation. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the sick in body, mind, or spirit (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause>. Lift up all who have been bowed low by circumstances or internal strife. Bring to wholeness those who cry out to you in need. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for this congregation. Raise up in us a deep desire to live out our baptismal promises and to support those of all ages in our shared journey of faith. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer thanks for the faithful departed who now rest in you. Let their lives encourage our own daily living. Console us with the promise of eternal life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

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.**

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**

Come to the table of grace.

Receive the gift of new life.

## **Communion Hymns**

*Lamb of God*

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*Spirit of Gentleness*

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*Let Us Go Now to the Banquet*

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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**

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.**

## **Benediction**

As you go on your way may Christ go with you. May he go before you to show you the way. May he go behind to encourage you, beside you to befriend you. Above you to watch over, within you to give you peace. In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

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## **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:

- ✝ Thank you for being at Worship! Find Free family FUN events/opportunities at Coveluth.org
- ✝ **Congratulations** to our Graduates and Scholarship Recipients- **We are so proud of YOU!**
- ✝ **Pastor Wendy's away through June 9** Pastoral Care is still available, contact the office
- ✝ **Wisconsin Historical Society** shares 'We will Always be Here' historymakers display in June
- ✝ VBS is **July 14-19!** *If you'd like to volunteer that week, in any capacity,* please contact Karla
- ✝ **Hospitality NEEDS our help!** The Team is looking for those interested in serving this way
- ✝ **Bible Study Returns** June 18 at 530pm each Wednesday Evening in the Gateway room
- ✝ **Jr Bible Study offers a Summer Series meeting June 18, July 2 and August 6<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm**
- ✝ **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- **June 13** 10:30a-1:30p at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Mondays, Join **June 16** at 630pm in the Gateway Room
- ✝ **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!
- ✝ Congregational Meeting will be **August 3** after Worship- Please plan to attend for voting

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Anne Andert*; **Acolyte:** *Gwen Speth*;

**Greeter/s:** *Gloria Carpenter, Linda Harrison*;

**Assistant Minister:** *Deb Oakland*; **Lector:** *Gwen Speth*;

**Communion Assistant:** *Jamie Anderson, Kathy Andrusz, George Craig*;

**Ushers:** *Norm and Jean Sime, Tom Christian, Carol Pritchard*;

**Altar Guild:** *Susan Diebold*; **Communion Prep:** *Christy Unzicker*;

**Organist/Pianist:** *Meghann Proper*; **Sound/projection:** *Jude Surrell*;

**Altar Flowers:** *A great way to celebrate any occasion with your church family!*

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