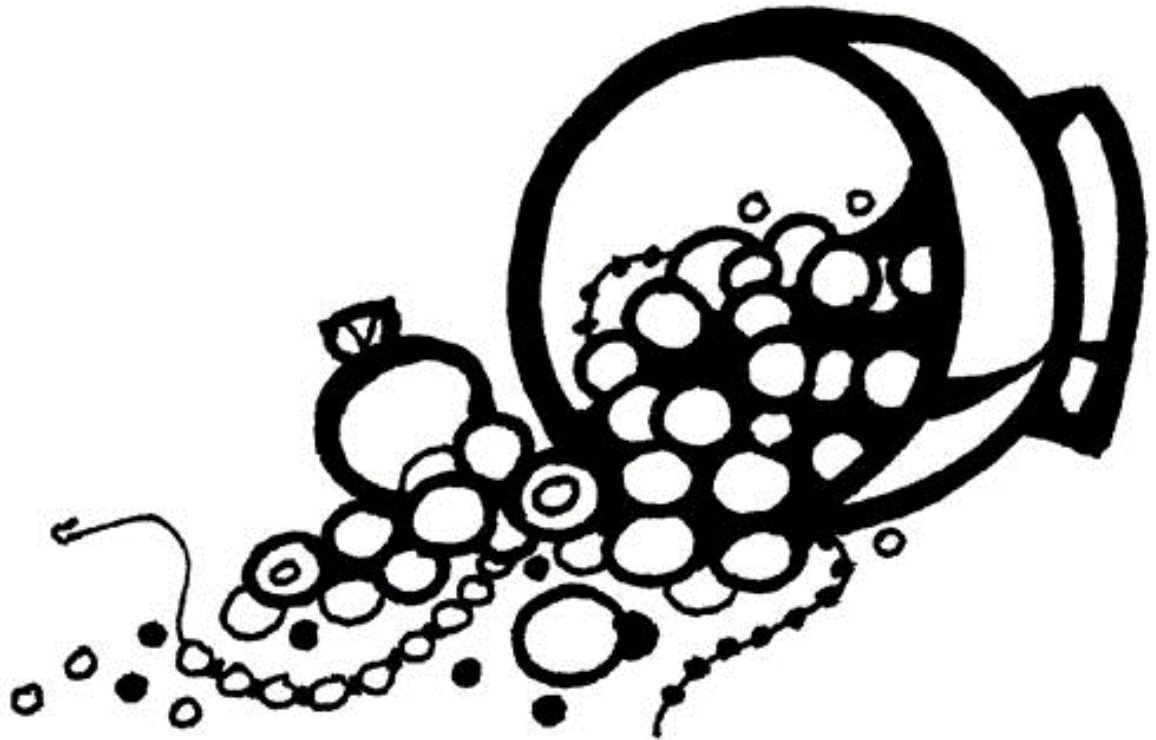




Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We Welcome you to Worship!

August 3, 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, August 3, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

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

ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship 'red' Hymn Book, Setting 8

ACS=All Creation Sings 'purple' Hymnal

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

So many things draw us away from God.

We are tempted by trinkets and gadgets.

We place our interest in temporal things.

But Christ calls us to a higher level.

We are called to focus our lives on living as God would have us live.

We are called to be open to ways of service and compassion. Amen.

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn

Build a Longer Table

ACS 1062

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

Benevolent God, you are the source, the guide, and the goal of our lives. Teach us to love what is worth loving, to reject what is offensive to you, and to treasure what is precious in your sight, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

First Reading

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

A reading from Ecclesiastes, the first chapter.

² Vanity of vanities, says the Teacher, vanity of vanities! All is vanity. ¹² I, the Teacher, was king over Israel in Jerusalem. ¹³ I applied my mind to seek and to search out by wisdom all that is done under heaven; it is an unhappy business that God has given to humans to be busy with. ¹⁴ I saw all the deeds that are done under the sun, and see, all is vanity and a chasing after wind. ^{2:18} I hated all my toil in which I had toiled under the sun, seeing that I must leave it to my successor, ¹⁹ and who knows whether he will be wise or foolish? Yet he will be master of all for which I toiled and used my wisdom under the sun. This also is vanity. ²⁰ So I turned and gave my heart up to despair concerning all the toil of my labors under the sun, ²¹ because sometimes one who has toiled with wisdom and knowledge and skill must leave all to be enjoyed by another who did not toil for it. This also is vanity and a great evil. ²² What do mortals get from all the toil and strain with which they toil under the sun? ²³ For all their days are full of pain, and their work is a vexation; even at night their minds do not rest. This also is vanity. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 49:1-12

A reading from Psalm seven

¹Hear this, all you peoples; give ear, all inhabitants of the world,
²**both low and high, rich and poor together.**

³My mouth shall speak wisdom;
the meditation of my heart shall be understanding.

**⁴I will incline my ear to a proverb;
I will solve my riddle to the music of the harp.**

⁵Why should I fear in times of trouble,
when the iniquity of my persecutors surrounds me,

**⁶those who trust in their wealth
and boast of the abundance of their riches?**

⁷Truly, no ransom avails for one's life,
there is no price one can give to God for it.

⁸For the ransom of life is costly, and can never suffice,

⁹that one should live on forever and never see the grave.

**¹⁰When we look at the wise, they die; fool and dolt perish together
and leave their wealth to others.**

¹¹Their graves are their homes forever, their dwelling places to all
generations, though they named lands their own.

**¹²Mortals cannot abide in their pomp;
they are like the animals that perish.**

Second Reading

Colossians 3:1-11

A reading from Colossians, the third chapter.

¹ So if you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. ² Set your minds on the things that are above, not on the things that are on earth, ³ for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. ⁴ When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory. ⁵ Put to death, therefore, whatever in you is earthly: sexual immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed (which is idolatry). ⁶ On account of these the wrath of God is coming on those who are disobedient. ⁷ These are the ways you also once followed, when you were living that life. ⁸ But now you must get rid of all such things: anger, wrath, malice, slander, and abusive language from your

mouth. ⁹ Do not lie to one another, seeing that you have stripped off the old self with its practices ¹⁰ and have clothed yourselves with the new self, which is being renewed in knowledge according to the image of its creator. ¹¹ In that renewal there is no longer Greek and Jew, circumcised and uncircumcised, barbarian, Scythian, enslaved and free, but Christ is all and in all! The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Luke 12:13-21

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the twelfth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹³ Someone in the crowd said to Jesus, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.” ¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?” ¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.” ¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly. ¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’ ¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. ¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ ²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ ²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

Jesus, Priceless Treasure

ELW 775

Prayers of Intercession

In solidarity with all creation, we join our voice to the voice of the whole church and pray for the needs of the world. *A brief silence.*

Renew in your church a perspective of life beyond worldly pursuits. Build an enthusiasm to embrace life in Christ, so that Christ, the life of the world, is revealed to everyone. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Revitalize and protect the treasures of wild places. Teach all people to value the earth, winds, waters, trees, and animals, the gifts that make life possible on this planet. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak wisdom to any in positions of power, that they cease practices of divisiveness, insult, and oppression. Clothe all people in your image, and establish equity and peace. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Reveal your loving presence in the lives of people suffering hunger and need, illness and grief, pain and fear especially (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause>. Give strength to those who give care, and equip them with compassion as they make your love known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Store up in this congregation a full measure of gratitude and generosity. Guide the work of treasurers and all who attend to financial matters. Support those whose work in our community is difficult and demanding; make us mindful of the toil that goes unnoticed. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Receive our thanks for the lives of your saints who now rest from their labors. Give us wisdom through their witness and encourage us in love as we continue our lives in the world. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Trusting in your lovingkindness, we place our prayer and hope in you, in the name of Jesus Christ. **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.

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, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy Holy Holy

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Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord, heaven and earth are full of your glory. In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son, who reached out to heal the sick and suffering, who preached good news to the poor, and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.

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, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,

we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food, the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord; to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory, 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

The kingdom of God is set before you. Eat and rejoice.

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

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Break Now the Bread of Life

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Lead Me, Guide Me

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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

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.**

Blessing Holy Communion to be taken to homebound members

Gracious God, loving all your family with a mother's tender care: As you sent the angel to feed Elijah with heavenly bread, assist us in this ministry on which we are sent forth. In your love and care, nourish and strengthen those to whom we bring this sacrament, that through the

body and blood of your Son we all may know the comfort of your abiding presence. **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

In Christ There Is No East or West

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Live by the Spirit. **Thanks be to God.**



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Announcements:

- ✝ Congregational Meeting **TODAY** after Worship- Please plan to stay after worship for voting
- ✝ Thank you for being at Worship! More events and Worship opportunities at Covluth.org
- ✝ **Hospitality NEEDS our help!** The Team is looking for those interested in serving this way
- ✝ **Bible Study meeting** at 530pm Wednesday Evenings Aug 6, 13 and 20 in the Gateway room
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets Monday **Aug 4 at 630pm** in the Gateway Room- You're Invited
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch- 1st Wed at 11:30am- Aug 6 at the Norske Nook in Deforest** Dutch Treat Offer
- ✝ **Jr Bible study** Summer series: Wraps up **Aug 6 5:30-6:30pm** join bible story, fun and snacks
- ✝ **Feeding the Hungry**-the 2nd Fri of the month- **Aug 8 10:30a-1:30p** at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Covenant Book Group- Aug 14 at 1pm**- Free Read/Share month -bookgroup@covluth.org
- ✝ **Red Cross Blood Drive Aug 25 1-6pm**, Give blood to receive incentives while supplies last!
- ✝ **The office will be closed in honor of Labor Day Sept 1**- Love to you this holiday and always!
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch- 1st Wed at 11:30am- Sept 3** for location info contact Ann Nelson or the office
- ✝ **Save the Date -Sept 7- God's Work Our Hands, Rally Day and Blessing of the Quilts!**

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: *Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Sam Pietruszynski*;
Greeter/s: *Karen Hanson-Cook and Bill Cook*;
Assistant Minister: *Ann Nelson*;
Lector: *Kimberly Currie*;
Communion Assistant: *Philayne Chose, Kimberly Currie, Christy Unzicker*;
Ushers: *Karl Nissler, Larry Olson, Thor Anderson, Sue Richards*;
Altar Guild: *Susan Diebold*;
Communion Prep: *Karen Hanson-Cook and Bill Cook*;
Organist/Pianist: *Meghann Proper*;
Sound/projection: *Lars Forde, Amanda Burian*;
Altar Flowers: *by Fred and Mary Sundby celebrating their 64th anniversary!*

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