



Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA

VBS



We Welcome you to Worship!

July 20, 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, July 20, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.

Congregation participation in bold in bulletin

ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn Book, Setting 8

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Prelude

Morning Has Broken

arr. by Larry Sue

America the Beautiful

arr. by Jason Krug

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

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn

Give Me Jesus

ELW 770

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

p. 184

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you draw near to us in Christ, and you make yourself our guest. Amid the cares of our lives, make us attentive to your presence,

that we may treasure your word above all else, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

WORD

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

Gospel

John 1:1; 6:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to John the first and sixth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. ¹ After this Jesus went to the other side of the Sea of Galilee, also called the Sea of Tiberias. ² A large crowd kept following him because they saw the signs that he was doing for the sick. ³ Jesus went up the mountain and sat down there with his disciples. ⁴ Now the Passover, the festival of the Jews, was near. ⁵ When he looked up and saw a large crowd coming toward him, Jesus said to Philip, “Where are we to buy bread for these people to eat?” ⁶ He said this to test him, for he himself knew what he was going to do. ⁷ Philip answered him, “Two hundred denarii would not buy enough bread for each of them to get a little.” ⁸ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said to him, ⁹ “There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish. But what are they among so many people?” ¹⁰ Jesus said, “Make the people sit down.” Now there was a great deal of grass in the place, so they sat down, about five thousand in all. ¹¹ Then Jesus took the loaves, and when he had given thanks he distributed them to those who were seated; so also the fish, as much as they wanted. ¹² When they were satisfied, he told his disciples, “Gather up the fragments left over, so that nothing may be lost.” ¹³ So they gathered them up, and from the fragments of the five barley loaves, left by those who had eaten, they filled twelve baskets. ¹⁴ When the people saw the sign that he had done, they began to say, “This is indeed the prophet who is to come into the world.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Special Music

Shall We Gather by the River

arr. by Larry Sue

Rachel Bain and Wesley Swords

Gospel

Matthew 14:22-33

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

² Immediately he made the disciples get into a boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. ²³ And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, ²⁴ but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. ²⁵ And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. ²⁶ But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. ²⁷ But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." ²⁸ Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." ²⁹ He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. ³⁰ But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" ³¹ Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" ³² When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. ³³ And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God." The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Lutherdale

Vacation Bible School

Homily

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

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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.

Inspire your church, like Sarah and Mary, to listen with eager longing for your words of life. Equip biblical interpreters and teachers with faithful discernment, that your word may be more fully known. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Every creature under heaven has been promised the hope of the gospel. From that promise, generate in humankind an eagerness to protect and care for creation. Bring healing to the earth with your words of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Peel away the distractions, worries, and fears of all who govern the nations of the world. May your word of love and life dispel all other voices. Provide gracious hospitality in places where hostile forces hold sway. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Speak your word of comfort to any who suffer pain, illness, grief, depression, or despair *especially* (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause>. Bring honor to any who experience slander and evil intent or are discredited by others. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life. God of grace, **hear our prayer.**

For Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Mary, Martha, and all the saints who attended to your word, we give thanks. Open our ears to your voice until that day when we realize the promise of the gospel with all creation. 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.

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.

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>	p. 191
<i>What Feast of Love</i>	ELW 487
<i>I Am the Bread of Life</i>	ELW 485

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

O Savior, Precious Savior

ELW 820

Dismissal

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



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Announcements:

- ✝ **Thank you to all the helpers for VBS-** we couldn't have done it without you! **Thank You!**
- ✝ Happy to have you at Worship! More events and Worship opportunities at Covluth.org
- ✝ **Inviting Fellowship Hosts!** Sign up to provide: snacks, start coffee, setup and cleanup
- ✝ **Bible Study meeting** at 530pm each Wednesday Evening in the Gateway room- Join
- ✝ Celebrating Apostle St. James **July 27** in Worship- after Pastor Wendy will share her journey
- ✝ Congregational Meeting will be **August 3** after Worship- Please plan to attend for voting
- ✝ **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** Norske Nook in Deforest **Dutch Treat gathering**
- ✝ **Jr Bible study** Summer series: Wraps up **August 6 5:30-6:30pm** with bible, fun and snacks
- ✝ **Feeding the Hungry-**the 2nd Fri of the month- **Aug 8 10:30a-1:30p** at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Save the Date- Join -Sept 7-** God's Work Our Hands, Rally Day and Blessing of the Quilts!

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: *Wendy Moen; Acolyte: Ronnie Stensrud;*

Greeter/s: *Karen Hanson-Cook, Carol Pritchard;*

Assistant Minister: *Judy and Matthew Heil;*

VBS Assistants: *Clarrissa, Gracie, Kinsley, Lu, Mia, Millie, Quinby;*

Communion Assistant: *Bill Cook and Karen Hanson, Cook, Ann Nelson, Annelise Lola, Mia, Millie;*

Ushers: *Tom Chose, Jack Cope, Stephen Peterson, Peder Melhuse;*

Altar Guild: *Karen Hanson-Cook;*

Communion Prep: *Marijo Vols;*

Organist/Pianist: *Marcie Mahuta;*

Sound/projection: *Jude Surrell;*

Altar Flowers: *a great way to celebrate any occation with your church family!*

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