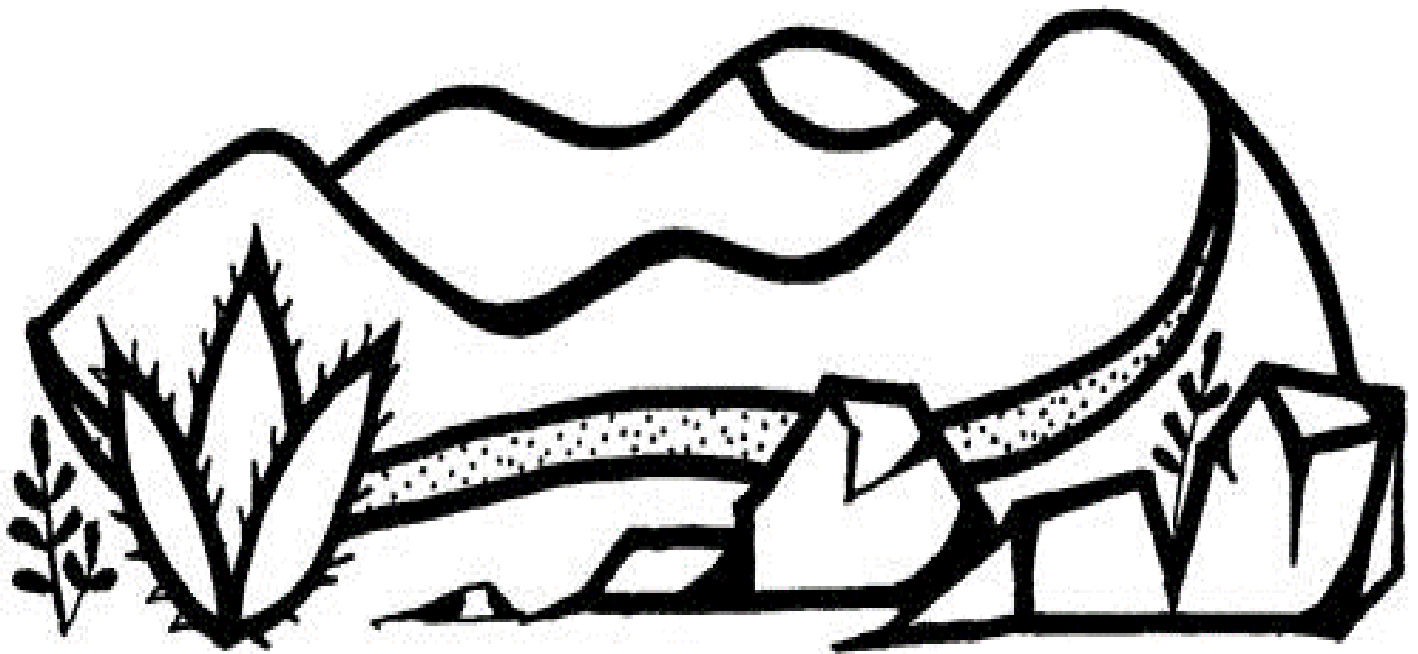




Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We Welcome you to Worship!

July 27, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

The People of Covenant are called to:

Gather, Grow and Go Serve

...With God's Love!

WORSHIP ORDER – Sunday, July 27, 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.

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

We may come here for a glimpse of glory,

But Jesus asks us: “Can you drink the cup that I drink?”

The cup of Jesus’ own life: struggle and joy; suffering and hope.
Fullness of life! We may come here to get close to Jesus,

And Jesus asks us: “Can you be baptized with my baptism?”

Baptized into the reign of God, where the Spirit breaks down barriers among all people and creates new relationships!

We may come here for honor or fame,

But Jesus challenges us: “To become great you must serve!”

Why are we here?

To drink the cup of fullness of life;

To immerse ourselves in Jesus’ struggle for justice and peace;

To learn how to serve so that the world may be healed.

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn

As Saints of Old

ELW 695

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

Gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, the first among the twelve to be martyred for the name of Jesus Christ. Pour out on the leaders of your church that spirit of self-denying service which is the true mark of authority among your people, through Jesus Christ our servant, 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

1 Kings 19:9-18

A reading from first Kings, the nineteenth chapter.

⁹ At [Horeb, the mount of God,][Elijah] came to a cave and spent the night there. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹ He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind, and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake, ¹² and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire, and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³ When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then

there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴ He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts, for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵ Then the Lord said to him, "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. ¹⁷ Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill, and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸ Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him." The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music

Arioso from Cantata 156

by JS Bach

Psalm 7:1-10

A reading from Psalm seven

¹O LORD my God, in you I take refuge;
save me from all my pursuers, and deliver me,

**²or like a lion they will tear me apart;
they will drag me away, with no one to rescue.**

³O LORD my God, if I have done this, if there is wrong in my hands,

**⁴if I have repaid my ally with harm
or plundered my foe without cause,**

⁵then let the enemy pursue and overtake me,
trample my life to the ground, and lay my soul in the dust.

**⁶Rise up, O LORD, in your anger; lift yourself up against the fury of my
enemies; awake, O my God; you have appointed a judgment.**

⁷Let the assembly of the peoples be gathered around you, and over it
take your seat on high.

⁸The LORD judges the peoples; judge me, O LORD, according to my righteousness and according to the integrity that is in me.

⁹O let the evil of the wicked come to an end, but establish the righteous, you who test the minds and hearts, O righteous God.

¹⁰God is my shield, who saves the upright in heart.

Second Reading

Acts 11:27—12:3a

A reading from Acts, the eleventh chapter.

²⁷ At that time [when Barnabas and Saul were in Antioch,] prophets came down from Jerusalem to Antioch. ²⁸ One of them named Agabus stood up and predicted by the Spirit that there would be a severe famine over all the world, and this took place during the reign of Claudius. ²⁹ The disciples determined that, according to their ability, each would send relief to the brothers and sisters living in Judea; ³⁰ this they did, sending it to the elders by Barnabas and Saul.^{12: 1} About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ² He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ^{3a} After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Mark 10:35-45

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the tenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵ James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to [Jesus] and said to him, “Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.” ³⁶ And he said to them, “What is it you want me to do for you?” ³⁷ And they said to him, “Appoint us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.” ³⁸ But Jesus said to them, “You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?” ³⁹ They replied, “We are able.” Then Jesus said to them, “The cup that I drink you will drink, and with the baptism with which I am baptized you will be

baptized, ⁴⁰ but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to appoint, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.” ⁴¹ When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. ⁴² So Jesus called them and said to them, “You know that among the gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. ⁴³ But it is not so among you; instead, whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, ⁴⁴ and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. ⁴⁵ For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve and to give his life a ransom for many.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

ELW 659

Prayers of Intercession

United with the great cloud of witnesses throughout the ages, we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Raise up faithful ministers to proclaim the gospel and serve your church. We pray for bishops, pastors, deacons and all the baptized. Give your people a spirit of humility, and equip us for ministry in your name. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Sustain the earth, your beloved creation and our fragile home. Restore areas devastated by earthquake, fire, or windstorm. Help us to be good stewards of the land, the seas, and the air. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

Guide all in positions of leadership and authority. Turn us away from violence and vengeance. Embolden us to stand against tyranny, hatred, and injustice. Give courage to those who risk their lives to protect others. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Rescue those who suffer abuse or neglect. Provide for those who lack adequate food and shelter. Draw near to those who experience

depression or loneliness. Comfort the grieving and heal the sick *especially (See Prayer Insert) < full 5 second pause >*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Bless the work of this congregation. Encourage those who serve as members of the council, committees, and ministry teams. Make us willing and able to embrace the greatness that comes from humbly offering ourselves in service to others. Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

With thanksgiving, we remember James and all who have gone before us in the faith. Gather us into the communion of saints and bring us with them to the place you have prepared for us. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

In the company of your saints we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your eternal mercy and love; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **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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Eat This Bread, Drink This Cup

ELW 492

One Bread, One Body

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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.**

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

Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

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Dismissal

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

Announcements:

- ✝ 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 each Wednesday Evening in the Gateway room- Join
- ✝ Celebrating Apostle St. James **TODAY** after Worship 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
- ✝ **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
- ✝ **Covenant Book Group- Aug 14 at 1pm**- for more info email bookgroup@covluth.org
- ✝ **Red Cross Blood Drive Aug 25 1-6pm**, Give blood to receive incentives while supplies last!
- ✝ **Save the Date -Sept 7- God's Work Our Hands, Rally Day and Blessing of the Quilts!**



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WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: Wendy Moen; **Acolyte:** Gavin Schumacher;
Greeter/s: Helga and Jack Cope;
Assistant Minister: Jean Sime; **Lector:** Beth Gardner;
Communion Assistant: George Craig, Laurie and Larry Judd;
Ushers: Mark Herbst, Rhetta Smith, Bill Cook;
Altar Guild: Karen Hanson-Cook; **Communion Prep:** Marijo Vols;
Organist/Pianist: Mark Everson; **Special Music:** Cindy Seely on Saxophone;
Sound/projection: Lars Forde, Amanda Burian;
Altar Flowers: A great way to celebrate any occasion with your church family!

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