



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We Welcome you to Worship!*

September 28, 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, September 28, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.**

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

*ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship 'red' Hymn Book,*

*NTF=Now the Feast by Marty Haugen*

## **GATHERING**

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

## **Welcome**

### **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.

### **Call to Worship**

“There was a person with wealth who was dressed in purple and fine linen and who feasted sumptuously every day.”

**We see this person. Sometimes we are this person . . . with our SUVs, our travel sports, our Caribbean cruises, and our mortgages.**

“And at his gate lay a poor person named Lazarus, covered with sores, who longed to satisfy his hunger with what fell from the rich person’s table.”

**We see this person. We see this person at the bus stop, holding food stamps in the line at the supermarket, slipping under the bridge to sleep at night.**

God invites us to look at ourselves, to look at others, and to look at our church.

**We come today to consider what we can do with our resources to move towards a world of blessing for all. We pray to be open to the ways God would work through us.**

## **Children's Time**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Gather Us In*

ELW 532

### **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.**

### **Hymn of Praise**

*Now the Feast*

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### **Prayer of the Day**

O Living One, you are God of the person who has wealth, and you are God of Lazarus, and you are our God. During this hour of worship, we pray to be open to you helping us enlarge our consciousness to be more aware of the ways in which we are like the person who has resources as well as of the presence of the Lazarus in our neighborhoods, communities, and world. Through this time together, help us come to a better grasp of how our stewardship through this congregation can help us use our resources so they are truly a blessing to Lazarus, to the church, and to us. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading**

**Amos 6:1a, 4-7**

*A reading from Amos, the sixth chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> Woe to those who are at ease in Zion and for those who feel secure on Mount Samaria, the notables of the first of the nations, to whom the house of Israel resorts! <sup>4</sup> Woe to those who lie on beds of ivory and lounge on their couches and eat lambs from the flock and calves from the stall, <sup>5</sup> who sing idle songs to the sound of the harp and like David improvise on instruments of music, <sup>6</sup> who drink wine from bowls

and anoint themselves with the finest oils but are not grieved over the ruin of Joseph! <sup>7</sup> Therefore they shall now be the first to go into exile, and the revelry of the loungers shall pass away. The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Second Reading**

## **1 Timothy 6:6-19**

*A reading from first Timothy, the sixth chapter.*

<sup>6</sup> Of course, there is great gain in godliness combined with contentment, <sup>7</sup> for we brought nothing into the world, so that we can take nothing out of it, <sup>8</sup> but if we have food and clothing, we will be content with these. <sup>9</sup> But those who want to be rich fall into temptation and are trapped by many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. <sup>10</sup> For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains. <sup>11</sup> But as for you, man of God, shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. <sup>12</sup> Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses. <sup>13</sup> In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you <sup>14</sup> to keep the commandment without spot or blame until the manifestation of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>15</sup> which he will bring about at the right time—he who is the blessed and only Sovereign, the King of kings and Lord of lords. <sup>16</sup> It is he alone who has immortality and dwells in unapproachable light, whom no one has ever seen or can see; to him be honor and eternal dominion. Amen. <sup>17</sup> As for those who in the present age are rich, command them not to be haughty or to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches but rather on God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. <sup>18</sup> They are to do good, to be rich in good works, generous, and ready to share, <sup>19</sup> thus storing up for themselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, so that

they may take hold of the life that really is life. The word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Verse**

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## **Gospel**

**Luke 16:19-31**

*The Holy Gospel according to Luke, the sixteenth chapter.*

### **Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup>“There was once a man with many possessions who always dressed in the best clothes, had more than enough to eat, and lived a life of ease. <sup>20</sup>Every day a beggar named Creator Helps Him (Lazarus) was laid at the gate of his lodge. <sup>21</sup>Dogs would come and lick the sores that covered his body as he begged for crumbs from the rich man’s table. <sup>22</sup>“When the time came for the beggar to cross over to the world of the dead, spirit-messengers carried him into the welcoming arms of his ancestor, Father of Many Nations (Abraham). “At the same time the rich man also crossed over to death, and his body was buried. <sup>23</sup>In the Dark Underworld of Death (Hades) he was suffering and in pain. He looked up and saw his ancestor, Father of Many Nations (Abraham), far off in the distance. He could see Creator Helps Him (Lazarus) being comforted in his arms. <sup>24</sup>“He cried out in his pain, ‘Father of Many Nations (Abraham), my ancestor, have pity on me. Send Creator Helps Him (Lazarus) to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my thirsty tongue. Help me, for I am suffering in this flame.’ <sup>25</sup>“Father of Many Nations (Abraham) said to him, ‘My son, do you not remember? All your days were filled with good things, but the days of Creator Helps Him (Lazarus) were filled with sorrow and pain. It is now his time for comfort, but it is your time for sorrow and pain. <sup>26</sup>Look! There is a great canyon between us, so wide that none can make the journey from here to there.’ <sup>27</sup>“The rich man *hung his head and* said, ‘Please, my ancestor, send him back to the lodge <sup>28</sup>of my father and my five brothers. He can warn them of this place of suffering and pain, so they will not have to come here also.’ <sup>29</sup>“Father of Many Nations (Abraham) said to him, ‘They have the words of Drawn from

the Water (Moses) and the words of the prophets. Let your family listen to them.’<sup>30</sup>“No!’ the rich man cried out. ‘If someone goes back to them from the world of the dead, they will turn their hearts back to Creator.’<sup>31</sup>“Father of Many Nations (Abraham) *shook his head and* said, ‘If your family will not listen to Drawn from the Water (Moses) and the prophets, then they will not listen even to one who comes back to life from the dead.’”

The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

**Sermon**

Pastor Wendy Moen

**Hymn of the Day**

*Wind and Cold Roar*

ACS 1010

**Prayers of Intercession**

Gracious God, we come to you in prayer for the church, the world, and all in need.

We pray for the church, that it would remain faithful to the gospel, always striving to serve the needs of those who are oppressed and rejecting the complacency that comes from wealth. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for creation, that the nations work together to protect and restore the earth, preserving the beauty of the planet for future generations and honoring the gift of your creation. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for those in positions of authority, that they govern with justice and compassion, recognizing the dignity of all people and working to promote peace and prosperity for all. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for people in any need especially (See Prayer Insert). < full 5 second pause>. Give them your assurance and courage when the path forward is not clear. Liberate us from all that binds us, lift us up when we are bowed down, and show us your love. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We pray for this congregation, that we would be strengthened to build a world where all can thrive. Incite us to advocate for fair wages and just policies, and guide us in building a community of mutual support. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We remember in thanksgiving the faithful departed. Inspire us by their example to love and serve our neighbors, and bring us to eternal life. God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

We entrust these prayers to you, O God, in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer and friend. **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**

### **Vocal Anthem**

*How Beautiful Twila Paris, arr. Lloyd Larson*

## **Offering Prayer**

Lord of the harvest, we return to you a portion of what you have given to us. Turn us to set our hope not on the uncertainty of riches, but on you, who richly provides for us. Multiply what we have gathered to bless all who are suffering and in need, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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 God, you alone are holy, you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise: beyond the stars; beneath the sea; within each cell; with every breath. **We praise you, O God.**

Generations bless your faithfulness: through the water; by night and day; across the wilderness; out of exile; into the future. **We bless you, O God.**

We give you thanks for your dear Son: at the heart of human life; near to those who suffer; beside the sinner; among the poor; with us now. **We thank you, O God.**

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 his love for us on the way, at the table, and to the end, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We pray for the gift of your Spirit: in our gathering; within this meal; among your people; throughout the world.

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God, through Christ Jesus, by your Spirit, in your church, without end. **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**

Jesus welcomes sinners and eats with them.  
Come to this meal of mercy.

## **Communion Hymns**

*Lamb of God*

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*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479

*I Am the Bread of Life*

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**

O God, through this meal you have strengthened us and appointed us to be your servants. Send us to do good and to share our possessions with all in need. We ask this in Jesus' name. **Amen.**

## **SENDING**

*God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.*

## **Blessing**

The God of righteousness, who gives justice to the oppressed, who gives food to the hungry, who sets the prisoners free, ✠ bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn**

*Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service*

ELW 712

# Dismissal

Go in peace. Do not lose heart.

**Thanks be to God.**



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## Announcements:

- ✝ **We welcome Pam Black**, a member of Midvale Lutheran & the Truth & Healing Movement
- ✝ **Stewardship Drive** Interested in working with this Covenant team? If so, contact the office
- ✝ Thank you for being at Worship! More events and Worship opportunities at [Covluth.org](http://Covluth.org)
- ✝ **Family Centered Worship** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month come at 9:15am to learn church tasks
- ✝ **Hospitality NEEDS our help!** The Team is looking for those interested in serving this way
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch- 1<sup>st</sup> Wed at 11:30am- Oct 1** @ Café on Main in Edgerton. RSVPs, please!
- ✝ **Bible Study Oct 1, 8, 15, 29 in Gateway Room** – in person or by zoom with link on web
- ✝ **Covenant Book Group- Oct 9 at 1pm-** for information email [bookgroup@covluth.org](mailto:bookgroup@covluth.org)
- ✝ **Feeding the Hungry-** 2nd Fri of the month- **Oct 10** 10:30a-1:30p at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Social Action Team** meets Tuesday **Oct 28 at 7:00pm** in the Gateway Room- You're Invited
- ✝ **Blood Drive with Red Cross Oct 20 1-6pm** in the Youth room, sign up online or walk in!

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Sam Pietruszynski*;

**Greeter/s:** *Laura Just, Penny Vodak*;

**Assistant Minister:** *Jean Sime*; **Lector:** *Beth Gardner*;

**Communion Assistant:** *Jean and Norm Sime*;

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

**Altar Guild:** *Karen Hanson-Cook*; **Communion Prep:** *Karen Hanson-Cook*;

**Organist/Pianist:** *Meghann Proper*;

**Sound/projection:** *Lars Forde*;

**Altar Flowers:** *Celebrating their anniversary with Cindy and Brandon Pietruszynski!*

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