



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We Welcome you to Worship!*

November 9, 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, October 12, 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.*

### **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**

In the midst of your hectic week you have come to worship God.

**Our lives are pulled in so many directions, we seek God's guidance.**

Let go of the burdens that weigh you down. God will take them.

**We thank God for the respite we are given.**

Tune your hearts and voices in praise to God.

**Let our voices bear the joy we feel because of God's love for us. AMEN.**

## Children's Time

**Gathering Hymn**     *Jerusalem, My Happy Home vs. 1,2,4,5*     ELW 628

### 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 God, our eternal redeemer, by the presence of your Spirit you renew and direct our hearts. Keep always in our mind the end of all things and the day of judgment. Inspire us for a holy life here, and bring us to the joy of the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## WORD

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

### First Reading

**Job 19:23-27a**

*A reading from Job, the nineteenth chapter.*

<sup>23</sup> "O that my words were written down!

O that they were inscribed in a book!

<sup>24</sup> O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock forever!

<sup>25</sup> For I know that my vindicator lives and that in the end he will stand upon the earth;

<sup>26</sup> and after my skin has been destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God,

<sup>27a</sup> whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another."

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

### Second Reading

**2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17**

*A reading from second Thessalonians, the second chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, <sup>2</sup> not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. <sup>3</sup> Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. <sup>4</sup> He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. <sup>5</sup> Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you? <sup>13</sup> But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter. <sup>16</sup> Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, <sup>17</sup> comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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

## **Gospel Verse**

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## **Gospel**

**Luke 20:27-38**

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

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

<sup>27</sup> Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus <sup>28</sup> and asked him a question: “Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man’s brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. <sup>29</sup> Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; <sup>30</sup> then the second <sup>31</sup> and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. <sup>32</sup> Finally the woman also died. <sup>33</sup> In

the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.”<sup>34</sup> Jesus said to them, “Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage,<sup>35</sup> but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage.<sup>36</sup> Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection.”<sup>37</sup> And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.<sup>38</sup> Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

**Hymn of the Day** *I Know That My Redeemer Lives vs. 1,4,5,7* ELW 619

## Prayers of Intercession

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence.*

God our Redeemer, bless your church universal and its leaders. Set all hearts on you from generation to generation in anticipation of Christ's return. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of life, we give thanks for the fruits and grains of harvest, for rivers and streams, for all that is made of rock and iron. Renew the earth's natural resources and the lands from which they come. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of justice, we give thanks for the service of our veterans and pray for those needing support for wounds of any kind. Strengthen those charged with the governance and protection of vulnerable populations. Bring an end to war throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who leads us to belief and truth, we give thanks that you are always and already here. Nurture and support those who are unsteady in mind, unsafe in spirit, or unwell in body especially **(See Prayer Insert)**. < full 5 second pause >. Comfort those who suffer from trauma and exposure to traumatic events. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God who gathers us together, we give thanks for our pastors and deacons, teachers and musicians, administrators, and building caretakers. May they find joy in leadership as we grow in faith together. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the saints, we give thanks for all who have died in faith. Uplift us as we honor their memory and await your coming in glory. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our 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**

God of healing and hope, you bless those who are hungry, promising to fill them with good things. Fulfill that promise through us and these your gifts. Nourish us with the abundance of your feast and unite us into the blessed body of Jesus Christ our Savior, now and forever. **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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*Shall We Gather at the River*

ELW 423

*Blessed Assurance*

ELW 638

## **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**

God of field and flower, wheat and grape, you have nourished us with the bread of heaven that gives life to the world. Strengthened by the body and blood of your Son, send us out to gather your good gifts for all who hunger and thirst, and embolden us to love and serve in Christ's name.

Amen.

## SENDING

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

### Blessing

The love of God the Sovereign strengthen you, God the Son save you, and God the Holy Spirit anoint you for the work ahead. The holy Trinity bless you ✝ and grant you a faithful and courageous heart now and forever. **Amen.**

### Sending Hymn

*Soon and Very Soon*

ELW 439

### Dismissal

Go in peace. Share the harvest.

**Thanks be to God.**



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### Announcements:

- ✝ **Family Centered Worship** 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month come at 9:15am learn church tasks
- ✝ **Bible Study** meets every Wednesday **at 5:30pm** in the Gateway room Hope to see you!
- ✝ **2026 Stewardship Drive:** Thank you for returning your 2026 pledge cards ASAP!
- ✝ **Book Group** Nov 13 in the Gateway Room at 1pm to discuss *James!*
- ✝ *Invite a friend!* **Ecumenical Thanksgiving Worship** at Stoughton UMC **Nov 26 at 7pm**
- ✝ Order your **Christmas Flowers by Monday, November 24!**

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Gavin Schumacher*;

**Greeters:** *Karen Hanson-Cook, Carol Pritchard*

**Assisting Ministers:** *Jean Sime and Sunday School*; **Lector:**

**Communion Assistant:** *Jean Sime, Donna Tarpinian*

**Ushers:** *Mark Herbst, Retta Smith, Bill Cook*

**Altar Guild:** *Jack and Eileen Nelson*; **Communion Prep:** *Jeff and Kristin Peterson*

**Organist/Pianist:** *Michelle Osterhaus*

**Sound/projection:** *Jude Surrell, Lars Forde*

**Altar Flowers:** *Christy Unzicker for Aiyanna and Traci's birthdays!*

**Fellowship Hosts:** *Jack and Eileen Nelson, Marijo Vols and Jane Edwards*

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