



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We celebrate gathering together this first Sunday in Advent!*

*November 30, 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, November 30, 2025 – 9:30 a.m.**

*Congregation participation in **bold** in bulletin  
ELW=Evangelical Lutheran Worship Hymn Book  
and the Holden Morning Prayer booklet 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**

#### **Hymn**

*Oh Come, O Come Emmanuel vs.1*

ELW 257

### **Lighting the Advent Wreath: Advent 1**

Blessed are you, God of Jacob, for you promise to transform weapons of war into implements of planting and harvest and to teach us your way of peace; you promise that our night of sin is far gone and that your day of salvation is dawning.

As we light the first candle on this wreath, wake us from our sleep, wrap us in your light, empower us to live honorably, and guide us along your path of peace.

O house of Jacob, come,

**let us walk in the light of the Lord. Amen.**

**Hymn**

*Oh Come, O Come Emmanuel vs.2*

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**Children's Time**

**Service of Light**

Holden p. 2

**Morning Hymn**

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**Psalm 141**

Holden p. 3

**Psalm Prayer**

May our prayers come before you, O God, as incense, and may your presence surround and fill us, so that in union with all creation, we might sing your praise and your love in our lives. **Amen.**

**Prayer of the Day**

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

**First Reading**

**Isaiah 2:1-5**

*A reading from Isaiah the second chapter.*

<sup>1</sup> The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

<sup>2</sup> In days to come the mountain of the LORD's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. <sup>3</sup> Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD, to the house of the God of Jacob, that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.

<sup>4</sup> He shall judge between the nations and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation; neither shall they learn war anymore. <sup>5</sup> O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the LORD! The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Second Reading

**Romans 13:11-14**

*A reading from Romans, the thirteenth chapter.*

<sup>11</sup> Besides this, you know what time it is, how it is already the moment for you to wake from sleep. For salvation is nearer to us now than when we became believers; <sup>12</sup> the night is far gone; the day is near. Let us then throw off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light; <sup>13</sup> let us walk decently as in the day, not in reveling and drunkenness, not in illicit sex and licentiousness, not in quarreling and jealousy. <sup>14</sup> Instead, put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires. The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

**Matthew 24:36-44**

*The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty fourth chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the disciples, <sup>36</sup> "About that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. <sup>37</sup> For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>38</sup> For as in the days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, <sup>39</sup> and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so, too, will be the coming of the Son of Man. <sup>40</sup> Then two will be in the field; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>41</sup> Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken, and one will be left. <sup>42</sup> Keep awake, therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. <sup>43</sup> But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into.

<sup>44</sup> Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect."

The Gospel of the Lord,

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

**Annunciation and the Magnificat**

Holden p. 7

**Litany and Prayers**

Holden p. 8

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Everlasting God, **you love justice and you hate wrongdoing. We confess the fear, greed, and self-centeredness that make us reluctant to work against oppression. We are complicit in systems of exploitation. We choose comfort over courage. We are careless with creation's bounty. Look upon us with mercy. Turn our hearts again to you. Make us glad to do your will and to walk in your ways for the sake of our waiting world. Amen.**

Hear these words of assurance: God clothes you with garments of salvation and covers you with robes of righteousness. In the tender compassion of † Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. God's covenant is eternal, and God's blessing rests upon us all. **Amen.**

**Exchange of Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

*Let us share a sign of peace safely with one another.*

**Announcements**

**Offering Prayer**

Nourishing God, you are water in the wilderness and streams in the desert. Through this meal, satisfy our parched places, that we may rejoice and be for the world signs of your kingdom come. **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 we pray as our Lord 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**

Here is life. God is with us. Come, receive what God has promised.

## **Prayer and Anointing**

*After receiving Holy Communion, individuals may move to a station between the sanctuary and narthex to receive prayer and oil anointing.*

In the name of our Savior Jesus Christ, be strengthened and filled with God's grace, that you may know the healing power of the Spirit. Amen.

## **Communion Hymns**

*My Lord, What a Morning*

ELW 438

*We Come to the Hungry Feast*

ELW 479

## 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 our host, at this table you have fed us with joy and gladness. Send us forth, eager to share the feast, welcome the stranger, and bear good fruit in the name of Jesus. **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## Blessing

Holden p. 9

## Sending Hymn

*Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers*

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Prepare the way for Emmanuel.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## Announcements:

- ✝ **Sunday School Christmas Program** - December 14 – Come and hear the Christmas story!
- ✝ **Host a Family** – Sign up for a family member. Return gifts on/by December 7!
- ✝ **Thank you** for your SOCK donations!
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch** at Headquarters in Oregon, Wednesday, December 3 at 11:30am.
- ✝ **Bible Study** meets every Wednesday **at 5:30pm** in the Gateway room Hope to see you!
- ✝ **New Member Meeting** after Worship **Dec 7** in Getaway
- ✝ **Feed our Souls-** the 2nd Friday of the month- **Dec 12** 10:30a-1:30p at St. Marks in Madison
- ✝ **Christmas Eve Worship** **Tues, Dec 24 at 4pm and 7pm- As always- Everyone is Invited**
- ✝ **Office closed Dec 24 and 25** for Christmas- May the Spirit of Christmas live in you Always

### WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Wendy Moen; Acolyte:* *Emma Rupp*

**Greeter:** *George Craig, Linda Harrison*

**Assistant Minister:** *Judy and Matthew Heil* **Lector:** *Beth Gardner*

**Communion Assistant:** *Sam and Rhetta Smith, Donna Tarpinian*

**Ushers:** *Nomr and Jean Sime, Tom Christian, Carol Pritchard*

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

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

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