



Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We celebrate gathering together this second Sunday in Advent!

December 7, 2025 at 9:30 a.m.

The People of Covenant are called to:

Gather, Grow and Go Serve

...With God's Love!

Children's Time

Service of Light

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Morning Hymn

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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 11:1-10

A reading from Isaiah the eleventh chapter.

¹ A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. ² The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see or decide by what his ears hear, ⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge for the poor and decide with equity for the oppressed of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist and faithfulness the belt around his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall live with the lamb; the leopard shall lie down with the kid; the calf and the lion will feed together, and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the

weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Romans 15:4-13

A reading from Romans, the fifteenth chapter.

⁴ Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. ⁵ May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, ⁶ so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁷ Welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. ⁸ For I tell you that Christ has become a servant of the circumcised on behalf of the truth of God in order that he might confirm the promises given to the ancestors ⁹ and that the gentiles might glorify God for his mercy. As it is written, "Therefore I will confess you among the gentiles and sing praises to your name"; ¹⁰ and again he says, "Rejoice, O gentiles, with his people"; ¹¹ and again, "Praise the Lord, all you gentiles, and let all the peoples praise him"; ¹² and again Isaiah says, "The root of Jesse shall come, the one who rises to rule the gentiles; in him the gentiles shall hope." ¹³ May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you may abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel

Matthew 3:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the third chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, ² “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” ³ This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, “The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’ ” ⁴ Now John wore clothing of camel’s hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵ Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region around the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶ and they were baptized by him in the River Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷ But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming for his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the coming wrath? ⁸ Therefore, bear fruit worthy of repentance, ⁹ and do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our ancestor,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ¹⁰ Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; therefore every tree that does not bear good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹ “I baptize you with water for repentance, but the one who is coming after me is more powerful than I, and I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹² His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.”

The Gospel of the Lord,

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Annunciation and the Magnificat

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Litany and Prayers

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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

Bell Choir Anthem

Savior of the Nations, Come

German tune, arr. Cathy Moglebust

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.

Communion Hymns

I Received the Living God

ELW 477

I Am the Bread of Life

ELW 485

Comfort, Comfort, Now My People ELW 256

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

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Sending Hymn

Hark, the Glad Sound!

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Keep awake.

Thanks be to God.



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Announcements:

- ✝ **Sunday School Christmas Program** - December 14 – Come and hear the Christmas story!
- ✝ **Thank you** for your Host-A-Family donations!
- ✝ **Bible Study** meets every Wednesday **at 5:30pm** in the Gateway room Hope to see you!
- ✝ **Book Group Dec 11** in the Gateway Room **at 1pm**
- ✝ **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
- ✝ **For meetings, events go to our calendar at: <https://covluth.org/calendar/>**

WORSHIP NOTES

Pastor: *Pastor Wendy Moen*; **Acolyte:** *Jacob Kettner*;
Lighting of the Advent Wreath: *The Proper Family*;
Assistant Minister: *Laurie Judd*; **Lector:** *Russ Horton*
Greeter: *Cynthia Liddle*
Communion Worship Assistants: *Laurie Judd, Kathy Andrusz*,
Organist/Pianist: *Meghann Proper* **Vocal Assistant:** *Donna and Kelsey Tarpinian*
Ushers: *Tom Chose, Jack Cope, Stephen Peterson, Peder Melhuse*
Sound/projection: *Jude Surrell*;
Altar Guild: *Jean and Norm Sime*; **Communion Prep:** *Jessica Wagner*
Altar Flowers: *by Russ and Chris Melland celebrating their 39th anniversary!*
Altar Flowers: *by Mary Ann Holtan*
Fellowship Hosts: *Dan and Deb Oakland, Linda Soleimani*

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