



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



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great love for  
God & neighbor

*We welcome you to Worship*

March 1, 2026 at 9:30 a.m.

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Guiding One, you watch over our going out and coming in. Bless newcomers and new members in this assembly and accompany those who have recently left this community to journey elsewhere. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Eternal One, you neither slumber nor sleep. Be our keeper in life and in death. Thank you for our beloved who have died, and for your promise which saves this whole world by your love. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Receive our prayers, O God, through Jesus Christ, our strength and salvation. **Amen.**

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Through these gifts of bread and wine,  
draw us into the death and life of your Son,  
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## **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

## 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. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son; and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory. 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 One, the beginning and the end, the giver of life:

Blessed are you for the birth of creation.

Blessed are you in the darkness and in the light.

Blessed are you for your promise to your people.

Blessed are you in the prophets' hopes and dreams.

Blessed are you for Mary's openness to your will.

Blessed are you for your Son Jesus,

the Word made flesh.

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.

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

With this bread and cup  
we remember your Word dwelling among us,  
full of grace and truth.  
We remember our new birth in his death and resurrection.  
We look with hope for his coming.  
**Come, Lord Jesus.**

Holy God, we long for your Spirit.  
Come among us.  
Bless this meal.  
May your Word take flesh in us.  
Awaken your people.  
Fill us with your light.  
Bring the gift of peace on earth.  
**Come, Holy Spirit.**

All praise and glory are yours,  
Holy One of Israel,  
Word of God incarnate,  
Power of the Most High,  
one God, 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**

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## **Communion Hymns**

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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 our salvation,  
we give you thanks for this meal that restores our souls,  
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Through the body and blood of your Son,  
may we become Christ's body in the world,  
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through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
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## **SENDING**

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Receive the blessing of the holy Trinity:  
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**Sending Hymn**

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- ✠ **'Hospitality Bags'** and **'Sew at Home Bags'** by main doors- Take what you can help with
- ✠ **Now taking Easter Flower Orders!** Please return completed form to the office by March 2
- ✠ **Lunch Bunch March 4, 11:30** Café on Main, Edgerton. RSVP to Jean Sime (608) 873-3505
- ✠ **Wednesday Lenten Worship** 6:30pm. Use the **Fellowship Hall** entrance.
- ✠ **Endowment Foundation Scholarship applications** for the 2026-2027 school year are due April 1. Apply online at: <http://tinyurl.com/Foundation-Scholarship>. Contact Beth Kennedy, 608-279-1656, or [secretary.covenantfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:secretary.covenantfoundation@gmail.com) with any questions.

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Pastor Wendy Moen* **Acolyte:** *Brayden Edwards*

**Assistant Minister:** *Laurie Judd* **Lector:** *Deb Oakland*

**Greeter:** *Linda Harrison*

**Communion Worship Assistants:** *Laurie Judd, Larry Judd & Deb Oakland*

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

**Ushers:** *Judy Heil, Matthew Heil, Tamarine Westrand, & Russ Horton*

**Sound/projection:** *Jude Surrell*

**Altar Guild:** *Cynthia Liddle*

**Communion Prep:** *Philayne Chose*

**Fellowship Hosts:** *Hinshaw & Evans Families*

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**Pastor:** *Pastor Wendy Moen* **Acolyte:** *Brayden Edwards*

**Assistant Minister:** *Laurie Judd* **Lector:** *Deb Oakland*

**Greeter:** *Linda Harrison*

**Communion Worship Assistants:** *Laurie Judd, Larry Judd & Deb Oakland*

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

**Ushers:** *Judy Heil, Matthew Heil, Tamarine Westrand, & Russ Horton*

**Sound/projection:** *Jude Surrell*

**Altar Guild:** *Cynthia Liddle*

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