



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We welcome you to Sunday Worship!  
April 19, 2026 at 9:30 AM*

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, April 19, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

*Congregation participation is given in **bold**.*

*ELW = Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Red Hymnal)*

*NFC = Now the Feast and Celebration Booklet (Back of Hymnal)*

## **GATHERING**

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

### **Prelude**

### **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**

As you walk with us, as we journey together,

**Lord, your word fills our hearts!**

As you speak with us, as your love is revealed,

**Lord, your fire burns in our hearts!**

As we proclaim what we have seen and heard,

**may all people be drawn to you, the risen Lord!**

### **Children's Time**

### **Gathering Hymn**

*Alleluia! Jesus is Risen!*

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## **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, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **First Reading**

Acts 2:14a, 36-41

*A reading from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning with the fourteenth verse.*

<sup>14a</sup> Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: <sup>36</sup> “Therefore let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.”

<sup>37</sup> Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, “Brothers, what should we do?” <sup>38</sup> Peter said to them, “Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. <sup>39</sup> For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.” <sup>40</sup> And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, “Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.” <sup>41</sup> So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

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

## Psalm

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19

*A responsive reading of Psalm one-hundred sixteen, beginning with the first verse.*

<sup>1</sup> I love the Lord, who has heard my voice,  
and listened to my supplication,

<sup>2</sup> **for the Lord has given ear to me  
whenever I called.**

<sup>3</sup> The cords of death entangled me; the anguish of the grave came  
upon me;  
I came to grief and sorrow.

<sup>4</sup> **Then I called upon the name of the Lord:  
“O Lord, I pray you, save my life.”**

<sup>12</sup> How shall I repay the Lord  
for all the good things God has done for me?

<sup>13</sup> **I will lift the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the Lord.**

<sup>14</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people.

<sup>15</sup> **Precious in your sight, O Lord,  
is the death of your servants.**

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, truly I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the child of your handmaid; you have freed  
me from my bonds.

<sup>17</sup> **I will offer you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call upon the name of the Lord.**

<sup>18</sup> I will fulfill my vows to the Lord  
in the presence of all God’s people,

<sup>19</sup> **in the courts of the Lord’s house,  
in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Hallelujah!**

## Second Reading

1 Peter 1:17-23

*A reading from the first chapter of Peter’s first letter to the church in Asia  
Minor, beginning with the seventeenth verse.*

<sup>17</sup> If you invoke as Father the one who judges impartially according to each person's work, live in fear during the time of your exile. <sup>18</sup> You know that you were ransomed from the futile conduct inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold <sup>19</sup> but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. <sup>20</sup> He was destined before the foundation of the world but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. <sup>21</sup> Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your trust and hope are in God.

<sup>22</sup> Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual affection, love one another deeply from the heart. <sup>23</sup> You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

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

### **Gospel Acclamation**

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### **Gospel**

Luke 24:13-35

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

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

<sup>13</sup> Now on that same day two disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, <sup>14</sup> and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. <sup>15</sup> While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, <sup>16</sup> but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. <sup>17</sup> And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. <sup>18</sup> Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" <sup>19</sup> He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, <sup>20</sup> and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. <sup>21</sup> But we had

hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. <sup>22</sup> Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, <sup>23</sup> and when they did not find his body there they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. <sup>24</sup> Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said, but they did not see him.” <sup>25</sup> Then he said to them, “Oh, how foolish you are and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! <sup>26</sup> Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?” <sup>27</sup> Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

<sup>28</sup> As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. <sup>29</sup> But they urged him strongly, saying, “Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.” So he went in to stay with them. <sup>30</sup> When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. <sup>31</sup> Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him, and he vanished from their sight. <sup>32</sup> They said to each other, “Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?” <sup>33</sup> That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem, and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. <sup>34</sup> They were saying, “The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!” <sup>35</sup> Then they told what had happened on the road and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Wendy Moen

**Hymn of the Day**     *Christ is Alive! Let Christians Sing*

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**Prayers of Intercession**

Trusting in the power of Christ’s resurrection to heal and redeem our broken world, let us pray for the needs of all creation.

*A brief silence.*

Living Savior, just as you journeyed with the disciples to Emmaus, accompany us on our journey of faith. Gather us at your table, that we recognize you in the breaking of the bread.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Almighty God, you provide for the needs of all creation. Bless the fields that are being prepared for planting, and send favorable weather so that the soil may yield an abundant harvest.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of justice, where leaders abuse power, confront them and call them to repentance. Where there is corruption, bring integrity; where there is violence, sow peace.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Healing Savior, your resurrection brings hope to a hurting world. Heal those who are sick. Especially...

Strengthen the weary, give courage to the despairing, and comfort the dying.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious One, you have made us your own through the gift of baptism. Unite us in genuine love for one another and uphold this community in your name.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

Eternal Light, we give thanks for all who have nurtured your church's life in ages past. Bring us at last with them to the brightness of your glorious presence.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

God of resurrection power, use us and these prayers to proclaim the good news of new life to all the world, through Jesus Christ, our risen Savior. **Amen.**

## **Exchange of Peace**

The peace of the Lord be with you always. **And also with you.**  
Let us share a sign of peace with one another.

## **Announcements**

### **Bell Choir**

*How Great Thou Art* by Hine, arr. by Raney  
Purchased in memory of Bill Eversoll

## **Offering and Offering Prayer**

Merciful God, accept the fruits of our labor, gathered to give you glory. You have set a table before us, a glimpse of that great day when we will hunger and thirst no more. Nourish us with the body and blood of Jesus, that goodness and mercy may follow us and bless the world you love. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## **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,  
for the glorious resurrection of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
the true Paschal Lamb who gave himself to take away our sin;  
who in dying has destroyed death,  
and in rising has brought us to eternal life.

And so, with Mary Magdalene and Peter and all the witnesses of the resurrection, with earth and sea and all their creatures, and with angels and archangels, cherubim and seraphim, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Eucharistic Prayer**

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.  
Your mercy is everlasting  
and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.  
Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.  
Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.  
Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness  
to the land of milk and honey.  
Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.  
Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.  
Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

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.

With this bread and cup  
we remember our Lord's passover from death to life  
as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

O God of resurrection and new life:  
Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
Bless this feast.  
Grace our table with your presence.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread.  
Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world.  
Breathe new life into us.  
Send us forth,  
burning with justice, peace, and love.

**Come, Holy Spirit.**

With your holy ones of all times and places,  
with the earth and all its creatures,  
with sun and moon and stars,  
we praise you, O God,  
blessed and holy Trinity,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

Come to the table of new life. Receive the risen Lord.

## Communion Hymns

*Lamb of God  
Come, Let Us Eat  
We Are Marching in the Light*

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## 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

Holy One, through this meal you have made your home among us and are making all things new. Send us now to speak peace to anxious hearts, to love our enemies, and to bring your healing to the nations. In the name of Jesus, **Amen.**

## SENDING

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

## Blessing

God Almighty, who is the beginning and the end,  
Jesus Christ, the firstborn of the dead,  
and the Spirit, our advocate and peace,  
✠ bless you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**Sending Hymn** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!*

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## Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**



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## Announcements:

- † Alleluia! Christ Is Risen! He Is Risen Indeed, ALLELUIA!!!
- † Bible Study is on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Gateway
- † Confirmation classes are on Wednesdays at 6:30 PM in Gateway
- † Congregation Council will meet this Wed, Apr 22, 6:30 PM in Gateway
- † Movie Night for Zootopia 2 will be this Fri, Apr 24, 6:30 PM in the Cinema
- † Lunch Bunch will meet Wed, May 6, 11:30 AM at Deaks RSVP: Marijo (608) 873-0622

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Pastor:** *Pastor Wendy Moen* **Acolyte:** *Gavin*

**Assistant Minister:** *Laurie Judd* **Lector:** *Ingrid Thompson*

**Greeters:** *Barbara Rasmussen and Laura Just*

**Communion Worship Assistants:** *Laurie Judd and Deb Oakland*

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

**Ushers:** *Mark Herbst, Loretta Smith, William Cook, and Gary Tarpinian*

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

**Altar Guild:** *Kirsten Almo & Larry Beck*

**Communion Prep:** *Wagner Family*

**Fellowship Hosts:** *Helga Cape and Karen Hanson*

**Altar Flowers:** *From Cindy & Brandon Pietruszynski, in memory of Pat Johnson*

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