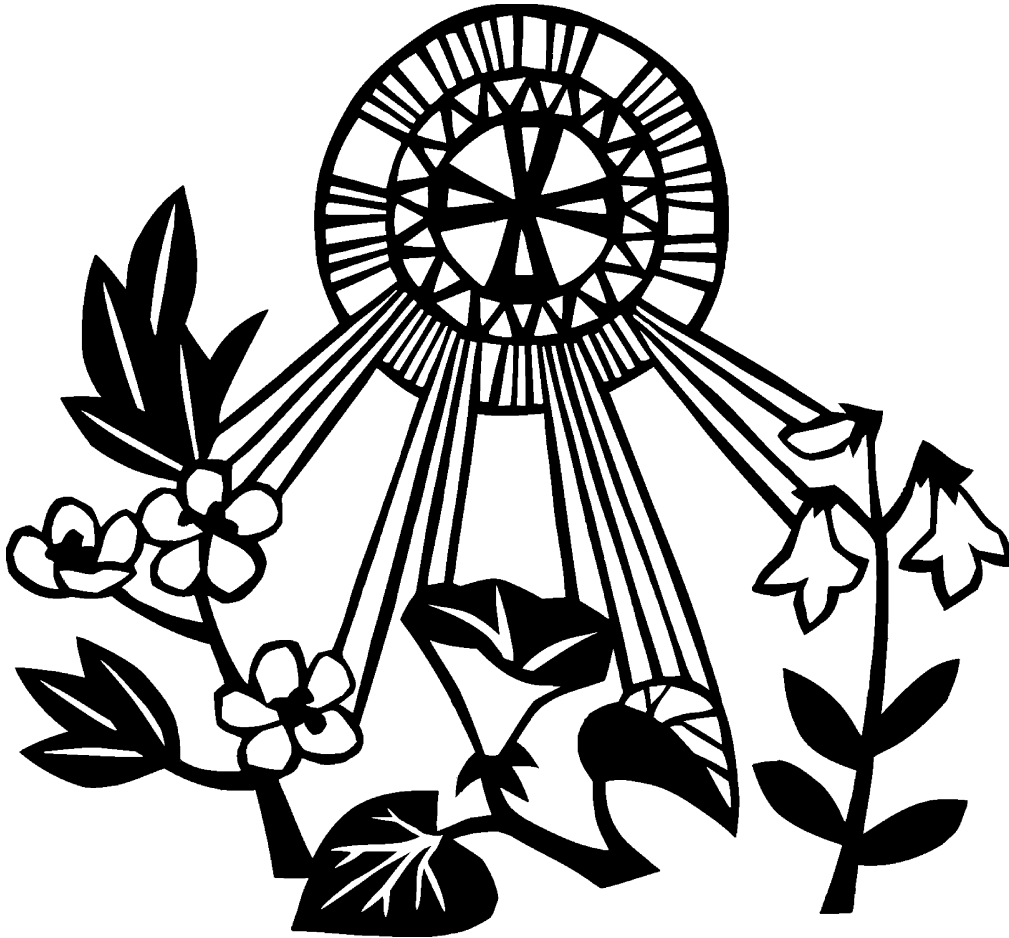




Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



We welcome you to Sunday Worship!
May 10, 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, May 10, 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

Come into God's house! Come and hear what God has done!

God has made the world and breathed the breath of life into us!

But God hasn't stopped there. There's more!

God is still on the scene, upholding all our life,
surrounding us in power and love.

We live, move, and have our very being in God!

Let the sound of God's praise be heard!

Praise God! Praise God! Praise God!

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn *My God, How Wonderful Thou Art* (v. 1-2, 4-5) ELW 863

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

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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 17:22-31

A reading from the seventeenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning with the twenty-second verse.

²² Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, “Athenians, I see how extremely spiritual you are in every way. ²³ For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, ‘To an unknown god.’ What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴ The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵ nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶ From one ancestor he made all peoples to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷ so that they would search for God and perhaps fumble about for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸ For ‘In him we live and move and have our being’; as even some of your own poets have said,

‘For we, too, are his offspring.’

²⁹ “Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold or silver or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰ While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹ because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.”

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

Psalm

Psalm 66:8-20

A responsive reading of Psalm sixty-six, beginning with the eighth verse.

⁸ Bless our God, O peoples;

let the sound of his praise be heard,

⁹ **who has kept us among the living
and has not let our feet slip.**

¹⁰ For you, O God, have tested us;
you have tried us as silver is tried.

¹¹ **You brought us into the net;
you laid burdens on our backs;**

¹² you let people ride over our heads;
we went through fire and through water;
yet you have brought us out to a spacious place.

¹³ **I will come into your house with burnt offerings;
I will pay you my vows,**

¹⁴ those that my lips uttered
and my mouth promised when I was in trouble.

¹⁵ **I will offer to you burnt offerings of fatted calves,
with the smoke of the sacrifice of rams;
I will make an offering of bulls and goats.**

¹⁶ Come and hear, all you who fear God,
and I will tell what he has done for me.

**¹⁷ I cried aloud to him,
and he was extolled with my tongue.**

¹⁸ If I had cherished iniquity in my heart,
the Lord would not have listened.

**¹⁹ But truly God has listened;
he has heard the words of my prayer.**

²⁰ Blessed be God,
who has not rejected my prayer
or removed his steadfast love from me.

Second Reading

1 Peter 3:13-22

A reading from the third chapter of Peter's first letter to the church in Asia Minor, beginning with the thirteenth verse.

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you, ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and respect. Maintain a good conscience so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight lives, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

John 14:15-21

The Holy Gospel according to John, the fourteenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the disciples: ¹⁵ “If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶ And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷ This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸ “I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹ In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰ On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹ They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me, and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.”

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

Sermon

Pastor Linda Schumacher

Hymn of the Day

God Is Here!

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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.

God of new life, you call us through the waters of baptism to be in relationship with you and one another. Guide the church and its leaders to proclaim Christ’s righteousness throughout the world.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You create the world and all that is in it. Shelter budding plants and young animals, provide unpolluted habitats and clean water, and raise up stewards for the environment.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

The Great 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:

Holy, Holy, Holy

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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
Oh, Sing to the Lord
Children of the Heavenly Father

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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

We Know that Christ is Raised

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!



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Announcements:

- ✝ **Happy Mother's Day** to all of the Mothers in this and every community!
- ✝ **Thank you** to Beth Gardner for being our Vocal Choir Director and to all the members of the Vocal Choir this year for your wonderful gifts of music to the congregation!
Larry Beck, Lucy Chose, Kristin Forde Hurckes, Sarah Horton, Kristin Johnson, Larry Judd, Laurie Judd, Angie Kettner, Jacob Kettner, Clarissa Kim, Eileen Nelson, Millie Proper, Quinby Proper, Meghann Proper – Pianist, Jim Seamonson, Donna Tarpinian, Glenn Van Rossum, Adam Wagner, and Mia Wagner
- ✝ **Bible Study** is on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Gateway
- ✝ **Congregation Council** will meet this Tue, May 12, 6:30 PM in Gateway
- ✝ **Book Club** will meet Thu, May 14, 1 PM in Gateway RSVP: karenrhanson@gmail.com
- ✝ **Scholarship & High School Senior Recognition** is Sun, May 31 during worship
- ✝ **Vacation Bible School** is Jun 22-25 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM sign-up soon!

This Week's Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Pastors: *Pastor Linda Schumacher & Pastor Loren Schumacher* **Acolyte:** *Jacob*

Assistant Minister: *Kathy Andrusz* **Lector:** *Sunday School*

Greeters: *George Craig & Carol Pritchard*

Communion Assistants: *Sunday School*

Organist/Pianist: *Mark Everson*

Vocal Choir Director: *Beth Gardner*

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

Sound/Projection: *Jude Surrell*

Altar Guild: *Mimi Hinshaw*

Communion Prep: *Jean & Norm Sime*

Fellowship Host: *Tamarine Westrand*

Altar Flowers: *Laurie Barrett*

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