



# Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We welcome you to Sunday Worship!*  
*May 24, 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 24, 2026 – 9:30 AM**

*Congregation participation is given in bold.*

*ACS = All Creation Sings (Indigo Hymnal)*

*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**

Lord, our hearts are on fire this day!

**Set the blazes of hope that burn away fear!**

Lord, we come here to be empowered to serve you.

**Cause the winds of change to blow away doubt and alienation!**

Praise to God who has brought to us the Holy Spirit!

**Let us worship and rejoice, for God is challenging and empowering us this day!**

### **Children's Time**

**Gathering Hymn**    *God of Tempest, God of Whirlwind*

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**Prayer of the Day**

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 2:1-21

*A reading from the second chapter of the Acts of the Apostles, beginning with the first verse:*

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had come, the apostles were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. <sup>3</sup> Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. <sup>4</sup> All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

<sup>5</sup> Now there were devout Jews from every people under heaven living in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. <sup>7</sup> Amazed and astonished, they asked, “Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites, and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—in our own languages we hear them speaking about God’s deeds of power.” <sup>12</sup> All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” <sup>13</sup> But others sneered and said, “They are filled with new wine.”

<sup>14</sup> But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them, “Fellow Jews and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. <sup>15</sup> Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o’clock in the morning. <sup>16</sup> No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

<sup>17</sup> ‘In the last days it will be, God declares,  
that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh,  
and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy,  
and your young men shall see visions,  
and your old men shall dream dreams.

<sup>18</sup> Even upon my slaves, both men and women,  
in those days I will pour out my Spirit,  
and they shall prophesy.

<sup>19</sup> And I will show portents in the heaven above  
and signs on the earth below,  
blood, and fire, and smoky mist.

<sup>20</sup> The sun shall be turned to darkness  
and the moon to blood,  
before the coming of the Lord’s great and glorious day.

<sup>21</sup> Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.’ ”

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

**Psalm**

Psalm 104:24-34, 35b

*A responsive reading of hundred-fourth Psalm, beginning with the twenty-fourth verse:*

<sup>24</sup> O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.

<sup>25</sup> **There is the sea, great and wide;  
creeping things innumerable are there,  
living things both small and great.**

<sup>26</sup> There go the ships

and Leviathan that you formed to sport in it.

**27 These all look to you**

**to give them their food in due season;**

**28** when you give to them, they gather it up;

when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.

**29 When you hide your face, they are dismayed;**

**when you take away their breath, they die**

**and return to their dust.**

**30** When you send forth your spirit, they are created,

and you renew the face of the ground.

**31 May the glory of the Lord endure forever;**

**may the Lord rejoice in his works—**

**32** who looks on the earth and it trembles,

who touches the mountains and they smoke.

**33 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;**

**I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

**34** May my meditation be pleasing to him,

for I rejoice in the Lord.

**35<sup>b</sup> Bless the Lord, O my soul.**

**Praise the Lord!**

## **Second Reading**

1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

*The second reading is from the twelfth chapter of Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, beginning with verse 3b:*

**3<sup>b</sup>** No one can say "Jesus is Lord" except by the Holy Spirit.

**4** Now there are varieties of gifts but the same Spirit, **5** and there are varieties of services but the same Lord, **6** and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.

**7** To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.

**8** To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom and to

another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, **9** to

another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one

Spirit, **10** to another the working of powerful deeds, to another prophecy,

to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. <sup>11</sup> All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

<sup>12</sup> For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

<sup>13</sup> For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

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

**Gospel Acclamation**

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**Gospel**

John 20:19-23

*The Holy Gospel according to John, the twentieth chapter.*

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors were locked where the disciples were, for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you.” <sup>20</sup> After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. <sup>21</sup> Jesus said to them again, “Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” <sup>22</sup> When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, “Receive the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.”

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

**Sermon**

Pastor Wendy Moen

**Hymn of the Day**

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

ACS 942

**Welcome of New Members**

These persons have come to us from other churches or backgrounds and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism as a sign of their renewed commitment to the life and work of the Church of Christ:

Jeff, Kelsey, Reid, Averie, Sawyer Sindelar  
Annette Stott  
Terry Anschutt, II  
Stephanie Schmidt and Brandon Maly  
Robbie Spofford

Gathering God, you knit your people together in the body of Christ and form congregations to do your good work. Be present in our feasting and praying and our worship and service, so that this community reflects your abundance and desire for the church on earth today and always. **Amen.**

Jeff, Kelsey, Reid, Avery, Sawyer, Annette, Terry, Stephanie, Brandon, and Robbie, we give thanks for the unique stories and talents you bring to this community. The church is a living organism, and your commitment adds value and energy to who we are as a congregation.

We promise to welcome your faith as it flows through life's joy and challenges. We desire for this church to be a safe place where you can show up as your true self and be received with love and grace.

**All: Faith is a team sport, and we are in this together. In this community, we choose curiosity over certainty, and strive to honor each other's faith expressions and life experiences with respect and love.**

New Members: We choose the fullness of this community!

**All: We welcome you as members of this congregation, inspired and invested in the ministry we all share. You are beloved, and your presence here is a gift! May God bless these new relationships and our common call as agents of God's mercy and the abundance the world needs!**

### **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.*

O God, you send the Holy Spirit to gather your church into one. Inspire all ministers of the gospel to speak prophetic and hope-filled words to all whom they encounter. Bless the work of interreligious dialogue.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to renew the face of the earth. Protect all living things, bring forth clean water and abundant food, and grant us wonder as we contemplate all you have made.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to break down the barriers of communication among nations. Bestow peace in war-torn areas, guide all in government and society to work for justice, and guard those serving in the armed forces, especially this weekend as we remember those who died in service to their country.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to accompany those who feel abandoned. Provide food for those who hunger and drink for those who thirst, soothe those who are anxious or bereaved, comfort those who are sick or suffering, and answer all who call upon your name. Especially...

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit through the gift of baptism. Bless both those preparing for or affirming their baptism. May they be encouraged by this community of faith as they live out their baptismal promises.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

You send the Holy Spirit to console us in our grief. We give you thanks for our ancestors in the faith whose witness to your mighty works continues to inspire our lives.

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**

### **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.*

### **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,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

Fulfilling the promise of the resurrection,  
you pour out the fire of your Spirit,

uniting in one body people of every nation and tongue.

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*

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*O Living Breath of God*

ELW 407

*Let Us Break Bread Together*

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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**

*To Be Your Presence*

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### **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Praise the Lord. Alleluia!

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia**

## Announcements:

- ✝ **Welcome to our New Members:** Jeff, Kelsey, Reid, Avery, Sawyer, Annette, Terry, Stephanie, Brandon, and Robbie!
- ✝ **Thank you** to Jim & Joyce Seamonson and Julie & Jeff Rice for planter flowers.
- ✝ **Congregation Office** will be closed tomorrow, May 25.
- ✝ **Bible Study** is on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Gateway
- ✝ **Scholarship & High School Senior Recognition** is Sun, May 31 during worship
- ✝ **Lunch Bunch** is meeting at Norske Nook in DeForest on Wed, Jun 3 at 11:30 AM  
RSVP Helga Cope (608) 205-2260
- ✝ **Vacation Bible School** is Jun 22-25 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM register now!
- ✝ **Volunteer for Vacation Bible School** by helping with groups, games, crafts, snacks, check-in, or set-up. Talk with Karla for details!



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**This Week's Worship Leaders & Volunteers**

**Pastor** *Pastor Wendy Moen* **Acolyte:** *Ariana*

**Assistant Minister:** *Philayne Chose* **Lector:** *Deb Oakland*

**Greeters:** *Barb Rasmussen and Laura Just*

**Communion Assistants:** *Philayne Chose, Deb Oakland, and Gary Tarpinian*

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

**Ushers:** *Jean & Norm Sime, Tom Christian, and Carol Pritchard*

**Sound/Projection:** *Jude Surrell*

**Altar Guild:** *Mimi Hinshaw*

**Communion Prep:** *Jean & Norm Sime*

**Fellowship Host:** *Kirsten Almo, Larry Beck, and Larry Olson*

**Altar Flowers:** *By Maggie Hagen, in memory of Marilyn Nelson*

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