



Covenant Lutheran Church, ELCA



*We welcome you to Sunday Worship!
May 31, 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 31, 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

Let us shape a space for The Three:

the Spirit as breath of life

the Bread as food of heaven

the Love in relationship

Let us shape a space
that tangles all three
through our life and our worship
held in relationship
and met here

**Let us shape a space
for the many faces of God
woven together
and revealed in each of us**

On this Trinity Sunday
Let us shape a space
to be found together
in worship

Children's Time

Gathering Hymn

Rise, Shine, You People!

ELW 656

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 Creator and ever-living God: we worship your glory, eternal Three-in-One, and we praise your power, majestic One-in-Three. Keep us steadfast in this faith, defend us in all adversity, and bring us at last into your presence, where you live in endless joy and love, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

WORD

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

Psalm

Psalm 8

A responsive reading of the eighth Psalm:

¹ O Lord, our Sovereign,

how majestic is your name in all the earth!

You have set your glory above the heavens.

² **Out of the mouths of babes and infants**

**you have founded a bulwark because of your foes,
to silence the enemy and the avenger.**

³ When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars that you have established;

⁴ **what are humans that you are mindful of them,
mortals that you care for them?**

⁵ Yet you have made them a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

⁶ **You have given them dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under their feet,**

⁷ all sheep and oxen,
and also the beasts of the field,

⁸ **the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.**

⁹ O Lord, our Sovereign,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Reading

2 Corinthians 13:11-13

The reading is from the thirteenth chapter of Paul's second letter to the church in Corinth, beginning with the eleventh verse:

Paul writes: ¹¹ Finally, brothers and sisters, farewell. Be restored; listen to my appeal; agree with one another; live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you. ¹² Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the saints greet you.

¹³ The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with all of you.

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

Gospel Acclamation

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Gospel

Matthew 28:16-20

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the twenty-eighth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ When they saw him, they worshiped him, but they doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in

heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.” The Gospel of the Lord, **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Wendy Moen

Hymn of the Day *Come, Join the Dance of Trinity*

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Blessing of Graduates

As names are read aloud, graduates are invited to come forward:

Makenna Angerhofer

will be attending UW-Eau Claire, majoring in biology, in hope of becoming a surgeon.

Ella Maag

plans to attend Edgewood College to study nursing.

Gianna Olveda

will attend Madison Area Technical College’s Pre-BSN nursing transfer program.

Oliver Pietruszynski

plans to attend UW-Stevens Point to focus on business management.

Becca Royston

will attend Edgewood College to study nursing.

Dear friends:

Life presents us with various significant milestones that set the stage for the next phase in our earthly journey.

Graduation from high school is one of these milestones. Today we wish to honor those who are moving through this special time of accomplishment, transition, and change, and to show them that we, their community of faith, stand with them and support them as fellow believers in Jesus Christ.

Reading

Jeremiah 29:11-14a

At this time of celebration and transition, hear these words from holy scripture:

¹¹ For surely I know the plans I have for you, says the Lord, plans for your welfare and not for harm, to give you a future with hope. ¹² Then when you call upon me and come and pray to me, I will hear you. ¹³ When you search for me, you will find me; if you seek me with all your heart, ¹⁴ I will let you find me, says the Lord.

Dear graduates:

At this special time in your life we are eager to show you how delighted we are that you have reached this milestone in your life. As fellow members of this community of faith we rejoice with you and want you to know of our pride and excitement as you move from this accomplishment into the next phase of your life. We also want you to know that wherever you go and whatever you do, you are going forward with our prayers for God's continued guidance, power, protection, and strength.

Let us pray:

O Lord Jesus Christ, when you welcomed the children your invitation included each one of us. Your guiding hand has continually been upon these young people. You have sustained them. You have shared in their laughter and wiped away their tears.

In times of confusion you have offered direction. In times of sorrow you have offered hope. In times of doubt your Holy Spirit has lifted them up. Grant, O Savior, to each of these graduates the knowledge of your continued presence as they go forth into the future. Bless them and keep them. Guide their steps. Hold them in the hollow of your hand. Bless them and keep them now and forever. **Amen.**

Members and friends of Covenant, will you promise to keep these graduates and their families in your thoughts and prayers as they go forth into the future?

We will.

Will you, as fellow believers in Jesus Christ, promise to help these young people as need and opportunity arise?

We will.

All may hold a hand out toward the graduates in blessing.

May the Lord bless you and keep you. May the Lord watch over you and keep you safe. May the Lord guide your every step. May you always know of our unending love for you. **Amen.**

Blessing of Scholarship Recipients

As recipients are introduced aloud, they are invited to come forward:

Lola and Denny Anderson

will attend St. Ann's School in Stoughton, as Denny is starting Kindergarten and Lola is going into 6th grade.

Makenna Angerhofer

will attend UW-Eau Claire, majoring in biology, in hope of becoming a surgeon.

Bexley Edwards

says, "I am excited to start reading."

Cayson Edwards

says, "I am excited for my English because I like to read."

Caleb Edwards

says, "I am excited to do my math curriculum because it is fun."

Brayden Edwards

says, "I am looking forward to English as I really enjoy reading and learning about new people and places."

Everly Kovalaske

will be in 4K this fall and says, "I am excited to learn to read."

Sydney Kovalaske

will be in the 3rd grade and says, "I am excited to use my scholarship to learn more about reading, math, science, and social studies."

Ella Maag

plans to attend Edgewood College to study nursing.

Jonathan Morris

will attend Columbia University pursuing a Ph.D in Biostatistics.

Gianna Olveda

will attend Madison Area Technical College's Pre-BSN nursing transfer program.

Nadia Olveda

plans to attend nursing school at Madison Area Technical College.

Oliver Pietruszynski

plans to attend UW-Stevens Point to focus on business management.

Becca Royston

will attend Edgewood College to study nursing.

Ruby Royston

will continue studies in Education Policy Studies and Political Science at UW-Madison.

Gracelyn Speth

will attend Lutherdale Summer Camp.

Noah Sundby

will be continuing at UW-Whitewater, where he will be graduating with a B.S in Biology with an emphasis in Ecology, Evolution, and Behavior with a minor in Geographic Information Systems (GIS) this December. Noah also continues his undergrad research on migratory patterns in bird species in the Kettle Moraine State Forest southern unit.

Eve Wevley

will be attending Blackhawk Technical College and UW-Whitewater for dental hygiene and liberal arts classes.

Tanner Wevley

will be attending UW-La Crosse for a degree in Radiation Therapy.

Let us pray: All-wise and loving God, we give thanks for your gifts to us: for creating us, for saving us in Christ, for calling us in baptism as your people and for the blessed gift of financial resources to the Covenant Endowment Foundation for scholarships. Look with love on these scholars and bless them as they continue this season of their studies.

By your Spirit, help them to use their gifts for your glory and for the good of all people. In your lovingkindness, guide them in their journey. We ask these blessings through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

Gathered together by the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the church and the needs of the world.

A brief silence.

Holy God, we are in awe of your creative work. Continue that work in your church, making us a new creation that proclaims your presence and love.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Creator God, nature reveals your power and glory. Protect water sources, vegetation, and wildlife as reminders of who you are.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Redeemer God, you call us to pray for those in authority. Guide our leaders to pursue the work of fostering peace and community.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Sustaining God, you are mindful of your people in every circumstance. Heal those who are sick. Provide for all who hunger. Protect those in harm's way. Comfort any experiencing hardship. Especially...

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Gracious God, we pray for the children of our church and community. Provide for their needs. Support their caregivers. Nurture their faith.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Loving God, we give thanks for those who have died and claimed their baptismal promises. Strengthen us to live as they did in communion with you.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Trusting you receive all our prayers, we commend our spoken and unspoken prayers to you, O God, through Jesus our 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

Special Music

Provided by Meghann Proper and Donna Tarpinian

A Blessing

by Jay Althouse

Offering and Offering Prayer

Loving God, we offer at your table the gifts of our hearts. Help us take heart in you and share freely of your love, so that all creation can taste your abundance. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit abiding with us now and forever. **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.

Words of Institution

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.

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

Heaven has come near. Come, share in the feast!

Communion Hymns

Lamb of God

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You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

ELW 484

Shall We Gather at the River

ELW 423

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

Compassionate God, through the gifts of bread and wine our hearts are filled with the abundance of your love. Strengthen us that we, through this holy meal, may share your love freely, as you have shared with us. We ask this in the name of Jesus, through the Spirit nourishing us now and forever. **Amen.**

SENDING

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

Blessing

Creator, Redeemer, Sustainer, † one God,
bless, heal, and hold you, today and always.

Amen.

Sending Hymn *Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God Almighty!*

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Dismissal

Heaven has come near. Go, share the good news!

Thanks be to God!



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Announcements:

- ✝ **Bible Study** is on Wednesdays at 5:30 PM in Gateway
- ✝ **Congratulations** to our High School Graduates & Scholarship Recipients!
- ✝ **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!

This Week's Worship Leaders & Volunteers

Pastor: *Pastor Wendy Moen* **Acolyte:** *Gwen*

Assistant Minister: *Ingrid Thompson* **Lector:** *Jean Sime*

Greeter: *Carol Pritchard*

Communion Assistants: *Jean Sime, Judy & Matthew Heil, and Karen Hansen Cook*

Organist/Pianist: *Meghann Proper*

Ushers: *Thomas Chose, Jack Cope, Stephen V. Peterson, Peder Melhuse*

Sound/Projection: *Jude Surrell*

Altar Guild: *Mimi Hinshaw*

Communion Prep: *Jean & Norm Sime*

Fellowship Host: *Tam Westrand, The Hartmans, and The Covenant Foundation*

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