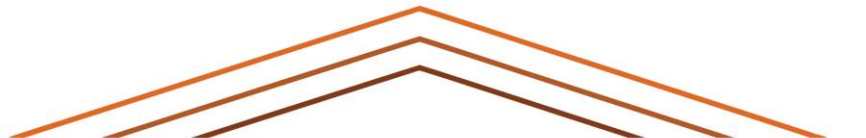


# Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848

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**“THE WORKS I DO  
IN MY  
FATHER’S NAME  
TESTIFY ABOUT ME.”**

JOHN 10:25, NIV



**Fourth Sunday of Easter  
May 11, 2025 - 9:00am**

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

## Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

P: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*silence for reflection and self-examination*)  
Most merciful God,

**C: we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

♪ Hymn: "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

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## Greeting

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

**C: And also with you.**

♪ Kyrie: "Have Mercy On Us, Lord"

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♪ Hymn of Praise: "Come Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs" p. 204

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Almighty God, you show those in error the light of your truth, that they may return into the way of righteousness. Grant to all that are admitted into fellowship with Christ the power to avoid all things that are contrary to the faith and to follow you according to the will of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 20:17-25

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 23

L: The Lord is my shepherd;

**C: I shall not be in want.**

L: He makes me lie down in green pastures

**C: and leads me beside still waters.**

L: He revives my soul

**C: and guides me along right pathways for his name's sake.**

L: Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I shall fear no evil;

**C: for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

L: You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;

**C: you have anointed my head with oil, and my cup is running over.**

L: Surely your goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,

**C: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

Second Reading: Revelation 5:8-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Holy Gospel: John 10:22-30

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 10<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Pastor Martin

♪ Hymn of the Day: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”

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Confession of Faith: Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Prayers

P: ...Lord, in your mercy, **C: hear our prayer.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**C: And also with you.**

♪ Presentation of the Offering: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

**C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

**C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

P: It is indeed right...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪**C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Distribution of Holy Communion

♪ “Lamb of God”

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.**

**O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.**

♪ Communion Hymns

#781 – “Children of the Heavenly Father”

#824 – “This is My Father’s World”

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**C: Amen.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, strengthen us through this gift, in faith toward you and in fervent love toward one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

Benediction

Hymn: “Have No Fear, Little Flock”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lisa Borman

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**Holy Communion:** We are celebrating the sacrament of Holy Communion during our service today. As a congregation of the North American Lutheran Church (NALC), all are welcome to receive the Lord's Body and Blood who are baptized and believe that Jesus Christ, crucified and risen, is truly present in, with, and under the forms of bread and wine in this sacrament for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation.

**Prayer Concerns:** Health Concerns – Merrilee Anhalt, Austin Boehm, Wayne Crozier, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Karen Langland, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Jameson Schultz, Marge Scott, Jeanette Van Ert, Michelle Whittenberger; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents

**Worship Assistants:** Ushers – Kathy Ducummon, Irene Titera; Lector – Jana Nyhagen; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Acolyte – Blake Nyhagen.

**HLCW:** The Hope Lutheran Church Women will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 15 at 9:30am. Hostesses are Emily Peterson and Cora Schultz. All women of Hope are welcome.

**Graduate Recognition:** We will be honoring the graduating high school seniors from our congregation next Sunday, May 18 during the 9:00am worship service. A reception in their honor will be held during the fellowship time following worship. If you have a graduating senior and were not contacted, please call the church office (715-532-7739).

**Health Kits:** The Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW) continue to collect items for NALC Disaster Response health kits. Items needed are bath towels, wash cloths, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, and 2-gallon size Ziploc bags. Items can be dropped off at the church during office hours or placed in the bins in the narthex.

**GriefShare:** GriefShare, a non-denominational faith-based grief support group, continues to meet each Wednesday at 6:00pm through May 28. If you would like to register, please call the church office or register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org).

**Book Discussion:** The book group will meet next Sunday, May 18 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss The Winter Rose by Melanie Dobson.

### **A Week of Hope**

Today	10:00am Fellowship
Wednesday	2:00pm Chapel Service at LC&R 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	9:30am HLCW
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Graduate Reception/Fellowship 10:30am Book Discussion

### **Mission Statement**

*Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.*

### **Vision Statement**

*The Hope Lutheran Church family seeks to form disciples of Jesus in our daily relationships with Christ through weekly worship, daily prayer, and empowering them to develop their spiritual gifts to serve God and others.*