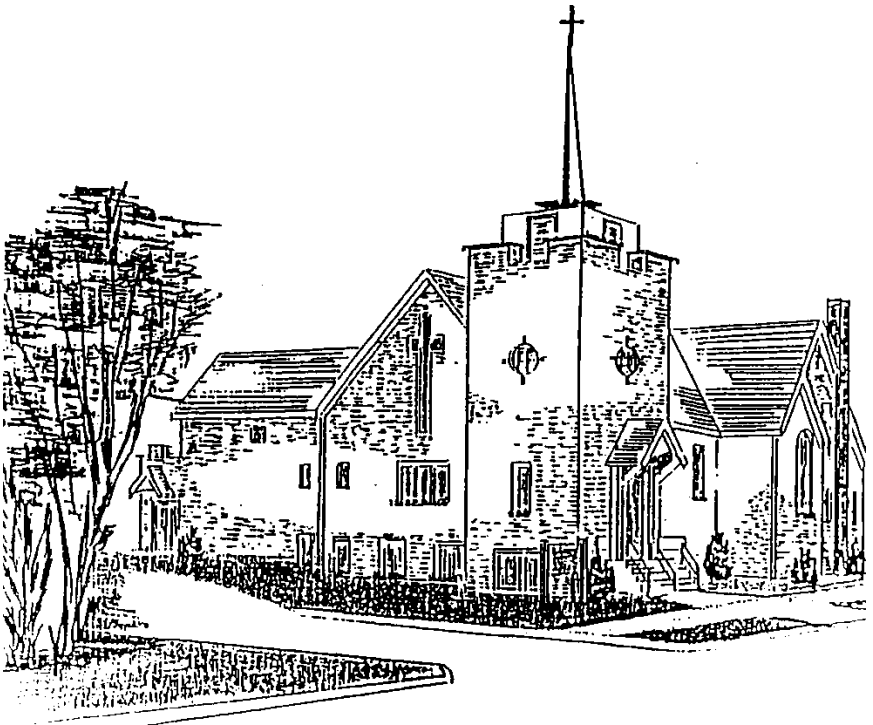


Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Church Office: 715-532-7739
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin



Fifth Sunday after Epiphany
February 4, 2024
9:00am

Prelude: “Jupiter”

Choirchimes

“Theme from New World Symphony”

Welcome & Announcements

Brief Order for 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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*silence for reflection and self-examination*)
Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

♪ Entrance Hymn: “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty” ELW #858

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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

♪ Hymn of Praise

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Prayer of the Day

♪P: The Lord be with you.

♪C: **And also with you.**

P: Let us pray. Stand watch over your family, O Lord, that we who depend entirely on your heavenly grace may always be protected in the mighty fortress of your love; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 40:21-31

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 147:1-11

L: Hallelujah! How good it is to sing praises to our God! How pleasant it is to honor God with praise!

C: The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.

L: The Lord heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

C: The Lord counts the number of the stars and calls them all by their names.

L: Great is our Lord and mighty in power; there is no limit to God's wisdom.

C: The Lord lifts up the lowly, but casts the wicked to the ground.

L: Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make music upon the harp to our God,

C: who covers the heavens with clouds and prepares rain for the earth, making grass to grow upon the mountains.

L: God provides food for the cattle and for the young ravens when they cry.

C: God is not impressed by the might of a horse, and has no pleasure in the speed of a runner,

L: but finds pleasure in those who fear the Lord, in those who await God's steadfast love.

Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 9:16-27

♪ Gospel Verse

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:29-39

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the first chapter
beginning at the 29th verse.

✠C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

✠C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Pastor Martin

♪ Hymn of the Day: "On Eagle's Wings"

ELW #787

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers of Intercession

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our
Lord.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

Presentation of the Offering

♪ Offertory

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: Let us pray. 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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

℣: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Words of Institution

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

♪ Hymns During Communion

“Let Us Break Bread Together” - ELW #471. Refrain

“Built On a Rock” – ELW #652

“Blest Be The Tie That Binds” – ELW #656

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 Canticle

Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God...for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Blessing

♪ Recessional Hymn: “I Love to Tell the Story”

ELW #661

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude: “Hornpipe”

Choirchimes

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Offering: Offering can be placed in the offering box in the narthex. Offerings can also be mailed to the church (PO Box 184, Ladysmith, WI 54848), given through your bank’s bill pay option, through the church’s website (hlcladysmith.org) or through our Simply Giving program.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Dave Borman, Gordie Dukerschein; Lector – Jana Nyhagen; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Acolyte – Violet Craker.

Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns - Merrilee Anhalt, Siri Basham, Wayne Crozier, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Brian Johnson, Bob Langland, Pat McEathron, Craig Roberts, Jane Roberts, Howard Schreiber, Joe Smith, Sherm Toufar, Michelle Whittenberger, Willow, Tom Zambori; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by the closing of HSHS/Prevea hospitals and clinics.

Bible Study: The “Fruit of the Spirit” study will meet this morning at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

Feed My People Delivery: Volunteers are needed on Monday, February 5 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

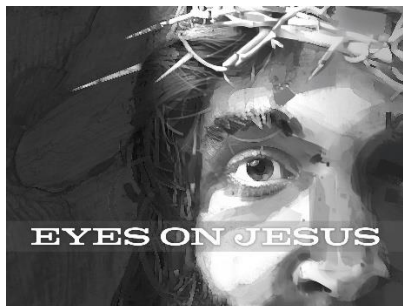
Committee Meetings this Week: Tuesday, February 6 – 3:30pm Congregational Care & Outreach, 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance, 6:00pm Worship & Music, Wednesday, February 7 – 6:30pm Youth Ministry.

Christie Mountain Ski Day: Hope Lutheran Youth Ministry is hosting a day at Christie Mountain Ski Area on Sunday, February 11 following worship. Registration forms are available on the Youth Ministry bulletin board and are due by Friday, February 9. Please contact Julie Kammerud (juliekammerud@gmail.com) with questions.

Cancer Benefit: There will be a cancer benefit for Siri Basham on Sunday, February 11 at 7:00pm at the Miner Theater. Christian recording artist, Jason Gray, will be live in concert. General admission tickets are \$25.00. For more information, please see the bulletin board in the narthex or go to EVENTBRITE.COM and search for SIRI.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Tuesday	3:30pm Congregational Care & Outreach 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance 6:00pm Worship & Music
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School 5:30pm Choirchimes 6:30pm Confirmation 6:30pm Youth Ministry
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Christie Mountain Ski Day 10:30am Bible Study



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP “EYES ON JESUS”

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? This year, our theme for our midweek Lenten worship services is “Eyes on Jesus.” As we make our way through Mark’s passion account, we will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him today. In these special services, we will be “fixing our eyes on Jesus” and what He has done to save us from our sins by His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Once again, we will be uniting as a parish family for the Wednesday services, rotating which church will host that week’s supper and service. Soup suppers will be served beginning at 5:00pm on February 21 & 28, and March 6, 13, & 20. Each church will have its own services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

Ash Wednesday, February 14 - “Misjudging Eyes”

5:00pm at Glen Flora Lutheran; 6:30pm at Hope Lutheran

February 21 - “Betraying Eyes” 6:30pm at Hope

February 28 - “Sleepy Eyes” 6:30pm at Glen Flora

March 6 - “Denying Eyes” 6:30pm at Hope

March 13 - “Murderous Eyes” 6:30pm at Glen Flora

March 20 - “Worldly Eyes” 6:30pm at Hope

Maundy Thursday, March 28

5:00pm at Glen Flora; 6:30pm at Hope

Good Friday, March 29

6:30pm at Hope; 8:00pm at Glen Flora

Easter Sunday, March 31

7:00am & 10:00am at Hope; 8:30am at Glen Flora