



“He told them,
‘You also
go and
work
in my
vineyard,
and I will pay you
whatever is right.’”

MATTHEW 20:4, NIV

17th Sunday after Pentecost
September 24, 2023 - 9:00am

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

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: 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. 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: 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.

ENTRANCE HYMN: "O Day of Rest and Gladness"

ELW #521

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.

HYMN OF PRAISE



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord God, heav - en - ly king, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.



☐ Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God in the high - est;



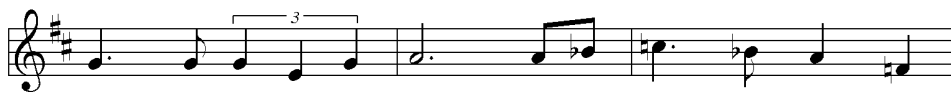
glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



☐ Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther,



Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world: have mer - cy on us; you are seat - ed at the



right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth.
I For you a- lone are the Ho - ly One, you a- lone are the Lord,
II you a- lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
 Spir - it, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, A - men.
☐ Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high - est;
 glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, and peace to God's peo- ple on earth,
 and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

All: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRESENTATION OF 3RD GRADE BIBLES

FIRST READING: Isaiah 55:6-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSIVE READING: Psalm 27:1-9

L: The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The LORD is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

C: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh, it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

L: Though an army should encamp against me, yet my heart shall not be afraid;

C: And though war should rise up against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

L: One thing have I asked of the LORD; one thing I seek; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life;

C: To behold the fair beauty of the LORD and to seek him in his temple.

L: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter; he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

C: Even now he lifts up my head above my enemies round about me.

L: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; I will sing and make music to the LORD.

C: Hearken to my voice, O LORD, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.

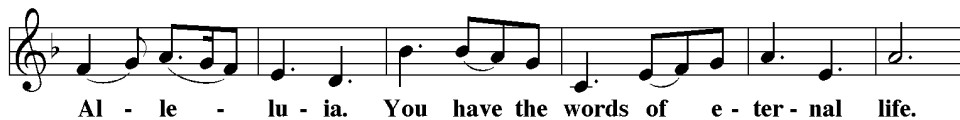
L: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." Your face, LORD, will I seek.

C: Hide not your face from me, nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

L: You have been my helper; cast me not away; do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

SECOND READING: Philippians 1:12-14

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL: Matthew 20:1-16

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 20th chapter.

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: "Blest Are They"

ELW #728

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

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

OFFERTORY



☐ Let the vine-yards be fruit-ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were
sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gath - er the hopes and dreams of all; u - nite them with the prayers we
of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your pres - ence,
Lord, and give us a fore - taste 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.

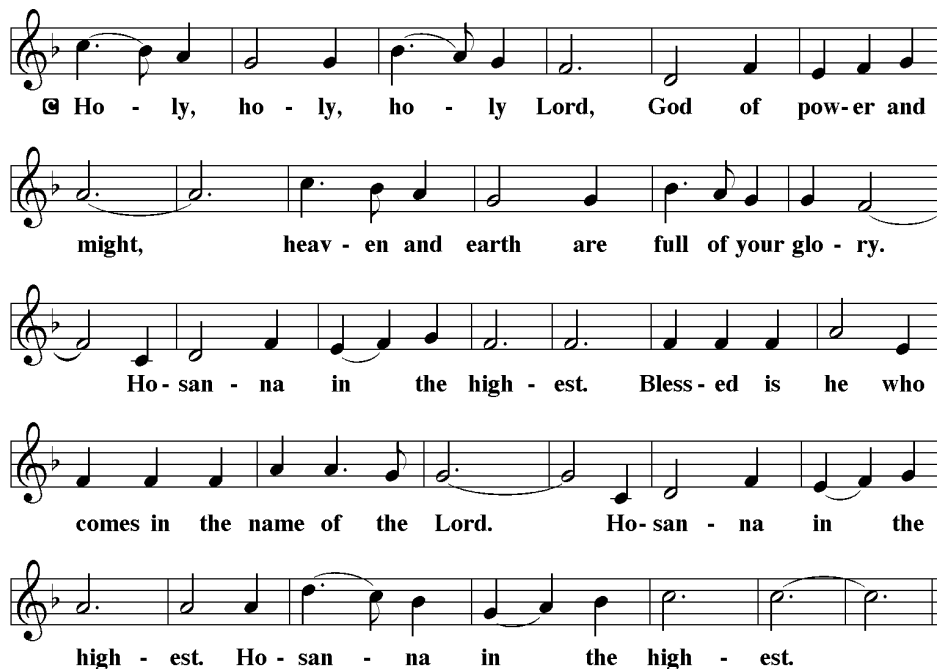
P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

P: It is indeed right and salutary... and join their unending hymn:

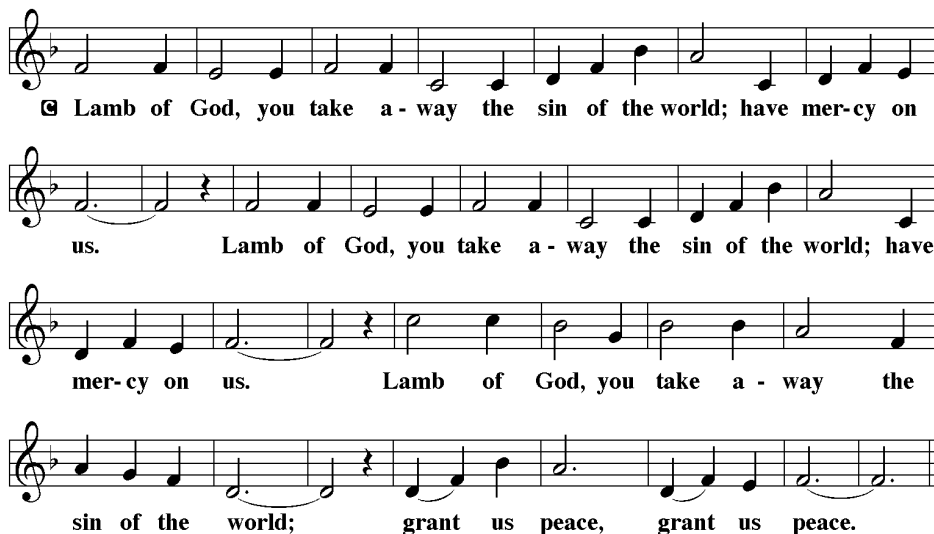


Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and
might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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 a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on
us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HYMNS DURING COMMUNION

“Blessed Assurance” – ELW #638

“We Come to the Hungry Feast” – ELW #479

“Jesus Shall Reign” – ELW #434

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “Here I Am, Lord”

ELW #574

DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Lisa Borman

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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.

Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns: Merrilee Anhalt, Kathleen Chicken, Jeanne Dukerschein, Anna Durr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Joe Kesan, Phil King, Pat McEathron, Sue Molstad, Pat Morgan, Patsy Peterson, Scott Peterson, Jean Raymond, Jane Roberts, Jeff Rosolowski, Karen Stimeling, Karen Swada, Sherm Toufar; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Jerry & Pat McEathron; Lector – Bonnie Billings; Communion Assistant – Chris Holtebeck.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, September 26 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. Quilt squares are also available to be sewn at home. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

MANNA Meal: The September MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, September 28 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing both food and fellowship to those in need of either. This month's meal is sponsored by the Congregational-UCC.

GriefShare: The GriefShare grief support group meets on Wednesdays. The sessions run from 6:00-7:30pm. To register, please contact the church office.

Fellowship: Volunteers are needed to supply treats for our Sunday fellowship time. Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Zielke.

Winter Clothing Drive: The Service & Fellowship Committee Is sponsoring a Winter Clothing Drive now through November 26. Donations of new or clean, gently used coats, jackets, snowpants, etc. Monetary donations (made payable to Hope Lutheran Church and marked “Winter Clothing Drive”) will also be accepted to purchase needed items. Items can be placed in the basket in the narthex. Items collected will be distributed to community members in need. If you have questions, please contact a member of the Service & Fellowship Committee (Heidi Zielke, Sherry Hemm, Jim Spielman).

Church Soffit Project: Repairs to the soffit on the church are scheduled to begin in September. At the annual meeting, the congregation voted to use \$6,000 from the Wuerth Fund towards this project with the remaining balance coming from specified contributions. The Stewardship & Finance Committee asks that your prayerfully consider a donation towards these much-needed repairs to the church building.

Operation Christmas Child: We will once again be preparing “shoeboxes” for Samaritan’s Purse Operation Christmas Child. Items needed include small toys, school supplies, personal care items, clothing, small craft kits. A complete list can be found at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/operation-christmas-child>. If you’d like to pack your own box, shoeboxes are available in the narthex. Our boxes won’t be sent out until November but the collection of items is ongoing. Donations can be placed in the basket in the narthex.

A Week of Hope

Sunday	10:15am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting
Wednesday	3:30pm Wednesday School 5:30pm Choirchimes 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday	5:00pm MANNA Meal
Friday	2:00pm Bible Study
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 10:30am Bible Study