

Hope Lutheran Church  
Ladysmith, Wisconsin



*I am praying for them...  
for they are yours.*

John 17:9

Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Graduate Recognition Sunday  
May 21, 2023 – 9:00am

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & Forgiveness (Back inside cover of hymnal)

Gathering Hymn: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" #393

Greeting/Kyrie p. 138

Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast" p. 140

Prayer of the Day: **O King of Glory and Lord of countless angels, in triumph you ascended to the highest heaven. Abandon us not to be orphans, but keep your Father's promise to send your Spirit of truth. You live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

The Word

First Lesson: Acts 1:12-26

Response to the Word

Lector: The Word of the Lord.

**Congregation: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 68:1-10

L: Let God arise, and let his enemies be scattered; let those who hate him flee before him.

**C: Let them vanish like smoke when the wind drives it away; as the wax melts at the fire, so let the wicked perish at the presence of God.**

L: But let the righteous be glad and rejoice before God; let them also be merry and joyful.

**C: Sing to God, sing praises to his Name; exalt him who rides upon the heavens; YAHWEH is his name, rejoice before him!**

L: Father of orphans, defender of widows, God in his holy habitation!

**C: God gives the solitary a home and brings forth prisoners into freedom; but the rebels shall live in dry places.**

L: O God, when you went forth before your people, when you marched through the wilderness,

**C: The earth shook, and the skies poured down rain, at the presence of God, the God of Sinai, at the presence of God, the God of Israel.**

L: You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.

**C: Your people found their home in it; in your goodness,  
O God, you have made provision for the poor.**

Second Lesson: 1 Peter 4:12-29, 5:6-11

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: John 17:1-11

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 17<sup>th</sup> 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: "The Church's One Foundation"

#654

Recognition of Graduates

Nicene Creed

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Prayers of Intercession

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Sharing of the Peace

### The Offering

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

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Offertory Prayer

### Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

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Special Music: "Father in Heaven"

Megan vanDoorn

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

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Hymns: "How Great Thou Art" - #856

"Blest Are They" - #728

"When Peace Like a River" - #785

Post-Communion Prayer

### The Sending

Blessing

Sending Hymn: "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"

#547

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Lisa Borman



## *Congratulations!*

Today we recognize the high school seniors from our congregation who will be graduating soon. A reception in their honor will take place in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.

Madeline Bunton  
Daughter of Matt & Leah Bunton

Cadence Calkins  
Daughter of George & Marcia Calkins

Allison Clark  
Daughter of Joel & Brooke Clark

Emerson Clark  
Daughter of Joel & Brooke Clark

Elle Nisbit  
Daughter of Chad & Jill Nisbit

Sydney Schott  
Daughter of Todd & Jody Schott

Nicholas Sovacool  
Son of Nick & Heidi Jo Sovacool

Megan vanDoorn  
Daughter of Eric & Julie vanDoorn

Payton Wold  
Daughter of Jodi Robinson & Josh Prohaska  
And Dain & Brittany Wold

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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, George Lawrence, Sue Molstad, Patsy Peterson, Scott Peterson, Trevett Peterson, Anita Preston, Jeff Rosolowski, Stan & Rosemary Schmitt, Loretta Smith, Nick Sovacool, Sherm Toufar; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents.

**Worship Assistants:** Ushers – Don & Judy Soyring, Cadence Calkins, Allison Clark, Emerson Clark; Lectors: Madeline Bunton, Cadence Calkins, Elle Nisbit, Payton Wold; Communion Asst – Bradon Martin; Videographer – Nicholas Sovacool.

**Marriage Enrichment Group:** The Marriage Enrichment Group will meet on TODAY at 6:30pm.

**MANNA Meal:** This month's MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, May 25 with serving will be from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing both food and fellowship to those in need. This month's meal is sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows & St. Anthony's Catholic Churches.

**New Bible Study:** A new Friday afternoon Bible study on Ephesians 6 entitled "The Armor of God" will begin on Friday, May 26 at 2:00pm here at Hope. Please sign up on the Parish Education bulletin board so that books can be ordered. The cost of the book is \$9.00. If you would be interested in attending an evening study, please sign up on the bulletin board. Questions? Contact Lindsay Martin.

**Pentecost Sunday:** May 28 is Pentecost Sunday, the day we commemorate the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples. You are encouraged to wear red to worship next Sunday.

**Farmers' Market Booth:** Hope Lutheran will again have a presence at the Ladysmith Farmers' Market on Saturdays from June 10 to October 7. We are looking for volunteers to set-up and/or greet customers on Saturday mornings from 7:45am-12:30pm. We are also in need of people to provide crafts, garden produce, or baked goods to sell at the booth. Per regulations, food items should not include pumpkin, squash, cream pies, cheesecake, freezer jams, or anything that would need to be kept refrigerated. We can sell garden produce, crafts, jewelry, plants, etc., that are grown or made by members of Hope families. All proceeds will be used to fund Hope's GriefShare participant workbooks, as well as equal donations to other area non-profit organizations. A sign-up sheet for booth volunteers and bakers can be found on the Congregational Care & Outreach bulletin board. If you have questions, please contact Karen Langland (715-595-4224) or Aileen Tauchen (715-532-7116). If bakers would like the committee to make ingredient labels for their products, they should text their recipe to 715-492-1409.

### **A Week of Hope**

Today	10:15am Reception for Confirmands 6:30pm Marriage Enrichment
Wednesday	5:30pm Confirmation 6:00pm GriefShare
Thursday	5:00pm MANNA Meal
Friday	2:00pm Bible Study
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:15am Fellowship