

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin

Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin



First Sunday of
Advent

December 1, 2024 - 9:00am

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. 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: "Oh Come, Oh Come, Emmanuel" vs. 1-4, 8 #257

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: Kyrie eleison; **C: Lord, have mercy.**

P: Christe eleison; **C: Christ, have mercy.**

P: Kyrie eleison; **C: Lord, have mercy.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Stir up your power, O Lord, and come, that by your protection we may be rescued from the threatening perils of our sins and saved by your mighty deliverance; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

Special Music: "The Whole World is Waiting for Love" (M. Missetich)
Lisa Borman

First Reading: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul; my God, I put my trust in you; let me not be humiliated, nor let my enemies triumph over me.

C: Let none who look to you be put to shame; let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.

L: Show me your ways, O LORD, and teach me your paths.

C: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; in you have I trusted all the day long.

L: Remember, O LORD, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

C: Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; remember me according to your love and for the sake of your goodness, O LORD.

L: Gracious and upright is the LORD; therefore he teaches sinners in his way.

C: He guides the humble in doing right and teaches his way to the lowly.

L: All the paths of the LORD are love and faithfulness to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

C: For your name's sake, O LORD, forgive my sin, for it is great.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13

♪ Gospel Acclamation

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

Holy Gospel: Luke 19:28-40

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 19th 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: "Prepare the Royal Highway

#264

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

♪ 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 God,

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 that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everliving God. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes again to judge the world in righteousness. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♪C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C: 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, grant us peace.

♪ Hymns during Communion

#244 – "Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers"

#263 – "Savior of the Nations, Come"

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

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ry-one what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Benediction

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, Kada Baeher, Austin Boehm, Gina Cooley, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Brittany Haag, Fred Hemm, Pr. Amy Little, Irwin Martin, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Mike Preston, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Marge Scott, Donna Stout, Michelle Whittenberger, Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; Those affected by natural disasters; Military Deployment: Kionte Peterson.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Kathy Ducommun, Aileen Tauchen; Lector – Bonnie Billings; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Acolyte – Nolan Kammerud.

Livestream Sponsorship: The livestream of our worship service this morning is sponsored by Terry Wedwick in loving memory of his mother, Dorathye.

Committee Meetings this Week: Wednesday, December 4 – 4:15pm Congregational Care & Outreach, 4:45pm Parish Education.

Meal of the Month: The December Meal of the Month will take place on Thursday, December 5 at 11:30am at the Eastern Chinese Restaurant.

Notice of Special Congregational Meeting: A special meeting of the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church has been called for Sunday, December 8 immediately following the 9:00am worship service. The purpose of this meeting is to call for a vote on a series of proposed amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws of Hope Lutheran Church. Copies of the proposed amendments were mailed to voting members in October. The Church Council is recommending adoption of the amendments to the Constitution and Bylaws as presented. *A voting member is a member for whom the church has a record of both a) having communed and b) having made a financial contribution to the congregation in the current or preceding year (2023 or 2024.) If you have a question about your voting status, please contact the church office.*

Madrigal Singers: The Madrigal Court Singers will be in concert on Thursday, December 6 at 7:00pm at the Holcombe United Methodist Church, Sunday, December 8 at 2:00pm at Menomonie United Methodist Church, and on Sunday, December 22 at 2:00pm at the Heyde Center in Chippewa Falls. Please see the bulletin board in the narthex for more information.

Ladies' Luncheon: Faith United Methodist Church is hosting a Ladies' Christmas Luncheon on Saturday, December 7 at 12:00noon. The theme of the event is the "ABCs of Christmas". There will be lunch, carols, and fun. Please RSVP to Faith UMC at 715-532-3990.

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.



Cookie Walk - December 7

The HLCW will be holding their annual Christmas Cookie Walk on Saturday, December 7 from 10:00-11:30am. In addition to dozens of varieties of Christmas cookies sold by the pound, Scandinavian pastries, lefse, julekaga and Norwegian meatballs will also be for sale.

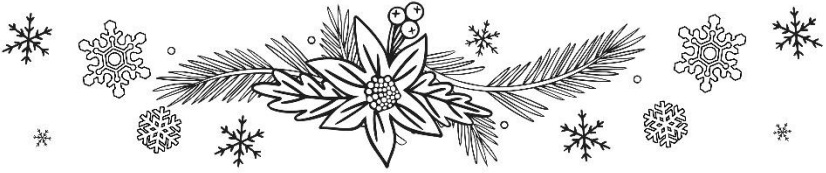
Please help us continue this tradition by donating five dozen or more of your favorite Christmas cookies. Cookies should be brought to the church by 12:00noon on Friday, December 6. If you'd like to help but are unable to bake, monetary donations to help offset expenses are also appreciated. Volunteers are also needed to help with making meatballs and baking & decorating cookies on Tuesday and Wednesday, December 3 & 4. If you have questions, please contact Kathy Peterson.



Jason Grey Concert: National Christian recording artist Jason Grey will be performing at the Miner Theatre on Wednesday, December 4 at 6:00pm. Doors open at 5:15pm. General admission is \$20. Tickets can be purchased at the Miner Theatre, Razor's Edge, and the Plaid Peacock.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School 4:15pm Congregational Care & Outreach 4:45pm Parish Education 6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	11:30am Meal of the Month
Friday	12:00noon Cookies due at Church
Saturday	10:00am Cookie Walk
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School



Poinsettias to Decorate the Sanctuary

We will once again be using poinsettias to decorate the church for Christmas. If you would like to donate a plant, please complete the form and return it to the church office no later than Monday, December 16. Plants should be brought to the church by Sunday, December 22.

Name: _____

Phone #: _____

of plants: _____

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

