

The Walk for Life fundraiser is Saturday, September 19th. Our church team will be asking for donations and walkers in the days ahead. Please pray how you can help Choices' help and minister to the young women of our community. Team members are Virginia Jacobs & Rosemary Johnson. Thank you.

Wednesday School resumes September 23rd 3:30pm-4:30pm. It is never too early to register for Wednesday School. Forms are located in the hallway on Youth Education bulletin board, on the HLC website, or by contacting the church office. Children can ride the bus from LES. Please return your completed registrations to the Church Office. All are welcome.

A Week of Hope

Today	8:30am Early Risers – All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts & conversation. Building friendship & community! 9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Simonson 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study: <i>Seventy Times Seven</i>
Monday	12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
Tuesday	9am Quilters Group 6:30pm Church Council
Wednesday	6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
Thursday	9:30am HLCW ** Deadline for October Tidings content
Friday	9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
REMINDERS	** Next weeks Book Club will discuss "Shattered Sanctuary" by Nancy Mehl **Bulletin content is due before 9:00am Wednesday's**

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



Sixteenth Sunday of Pentecost
September 13th, 2026 – 9am Service

Prelude: “Come To Jesus”

Vicki Monnier

Welcome and Announcements

❖ Please Rise

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

Gathering Hymn: “Morning Has Broken” (Purple Hymnal/PH) page 11

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 Lords’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 – Laurie Lemke, Jim Stewart, Nancy Burmeister, Ken Parejko, John Hoover, Amy Heath, Becky Kileteny, Myles, Colby Overhagen, Lois Hoople; Homebound members and nursing home residents. Call Committee and their search for a pastor.

Worship Assistants: Ushers—Aileen Tauchen & Irene Titera; Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Assistant— Jer McEathron; AV Technical Assistant— Rosemary Johnson; Music—Karen Tappon; Acolyte—Tucker Hulle



HLC Prayer Chain. Let’s make a chain. Want to be a HLC Prayer Partner? Sign up with an email request to the Church Office at hlcladysmith@gmail.com Notifications for prayer will be sent via email.

Upcoming HLC Confirmation Schedule, the following Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, please mark your calendar: September 23rd, October 14th & 28th, November 11th & 25th—no class, December 9th & 30th—no class.

Fresh produce would be welcomed for the Food Pantry. Please give as you are able. The Food Pantry is open on Monday’s 12:00pm – 3:00pm and Friday’s 9:30am – 12:30pm Thank You!

GriefShare is a faith-based 13-week non-denominational support group program designed to help individuals navigate the pain of losing a loved one. Support Group will meet at Hope Lutheran Church from 6:00 to 7:30 on Wednesdays Sept 9th – Dec 9th, 2026. Individuals may join anytime throughout the program. To register for the program, please call the Hope Lutheran Church office at 715-532-7739 or register online at griefshare.org, just click on “Find a group” and enter the Ladysmith zip code, 54848.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

"Jesus, Lamb of God"

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Hymn: *"Sons of God"* Vicki Monnier, Karen & Wayne Tappon

❖ Please rise for the Blessing

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

Special Music: *"Shalom My Good Friends"* Vicki, Wayne & Karen

Benediction

Sending Hymn: *"To Be Alive"*

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Karen Tappon

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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.

Hymn of Praise: *"Seek Ye First"*

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

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.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord, help your people to avoid the infection of the evil one, and with pure hearts to follow you, our only Lord. 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.

❖ Please be seated

Hymn: *"Thy Word"*

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First Reading: Genesis 50:15-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 103:1-12

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

L: Bless the Lord, O my soul,

C: and forget not all his benefits.

L: He forgives all you sins

C: and heals all your infirmities;

L: he redeems your life from the grave

C: and crowns you with mercy and lovingkindness;

L: he satisfies you with good things,

C: and your youth is renewed like an eagle's.

L: The Lord executes righteousness

C: and judgment for all who are oppressed.

L: He made his ways known to Moses

C: and his works to the children of Israel.
L: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy,
C: slow to anger and of great kindness.
L: He will not always accuse us according to our sins,
C: nor reward us according to our wickedness.
L: For as the heavens are high above the earth,
C: so is his mercy great upon those who fear him.
L: As far as the east is from the west,
C: so far has he removed our sins from us.

Second Reading: Romans 14:1-12

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

❖ Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia! Where Shall We Go" (PH) page 18

Alleluia, Where shall we go? Alleluia, Where shall we go? You have the words that we need to know, Alleluia, Where shall we go?

Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon Pastor Elden Simonson

❖ Please rise for the hymn

Hymn of the Day: "*Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*" (PH) page 27

Confession of Faith: 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 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 life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers: ...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.

❖ Please be seated

Offering: "*Just A Poor Wayfaring Stranger*"

Presentation of the Offering: "*Doxology*" (PH) page 51

Offertory Prayer

P: Merciful Father,

C: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, 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.

Preface: It is right and salutary...

Sanctus: (spoken)

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.