

Adventure Camp is coming! Youth going into grades 6-9 will be camping at the Lemke's cabin Sunday, August 2 thru Tuesday, August 4. Contact Vinnie Jacobs for more information (715-403-1120)

Vacation Bible School Is Fast approaching! VBS will be held at Hope Lutheran Church in Ladysmith on Tuesday-Thursday, July 28-30, from 4:30-7:30PM. We invite all children who have completed 4K-5th grade to join us for "Galaxy; Launching Kids on a Mission of God's Love." **Supper will be provided. Tuesday and Wednesday will be regular VBS, and Thursday will be a family fun night.** We invite all VBS families to join us for food and fun. **Registration forms can be downloaded from the Hope Lutheran website: hlcladysmith.org** **Volunteers are welcome to join in the fun. This is a chance to work with some fantastic kids. Contact Lisa Borman for more information and all of the details.**

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!

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 Paul Reiff 10:00am Fellowship
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
Tuesday	9:00am Quilter's Meeting 6:30pm Church Council Meeting
Friday	9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
REMINDER	**Bulletin content is due before 9:00am Wednesday's**

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



Eighth Sunday of Pentecost
July 19th, 2026 – 9am Service

Prelude: Terry Wedwick

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: "Dearest Jesus. At Your Word" page 520

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.

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

Worship Assistants: Ushers—Judy & Don Soyning; Lector—Aileen Tauchen; Communion Assistant—Jerry McEatheron; Pastor Assistant— Irene Titera; AV Technical Assistant— Julie Kammerud; Music—Terry Wedwick

Today's Live Stream Broadcast sponsor is Terry Wedwick, In Memory of Melvin Wedwick.

HLCW Summer Luncheon is being planned for Thursday, August 20th at noon. Please mark your calendars & watch for more information to come.

Thrivent Choice Experience Enhancements and Action Items for Thrivent Clients with Membership:

- **EFT deposit date change** – Electronic Fund transfers will now be issued on the 10th of the month (or next business day). Instead of the 5th of the month. **Please share this with your financial person.**
- **All 2026 Choice Dollars are available to direct today.** And 2027 Choice Dollars will be available in full moving forward as of the first of the year. Instead of being accrued over time.
- **Intuitive Callendar Year:** Now you will have the ability to support your mission when it matters most – by directing your funds anytime before December 31st. Before direction of funds were due by March 31st.

You may visit [Thrivent.com/upgrades](https://thrivent.com/upgrades) for more information about the upgrades. Should you still have questions you may email thriventchoice@thrivent.com or call 800-847-4836, say "Thrivent Choice" when prompted and ask for a "Representative", Mon-Fri 7am-6pm CT

Distribution of Holy Communion:
"O Lamb of God" page 208

Hymn: "What Feast of Love" page 487
"Now We Join in Celebration" page 462

❖ 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, strength 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

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "God Be with You Til We Meet Again" page 46

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Terry Wedwick

Hymn of Praise: "Come Let Us Join"(ELW) setting10 page 204

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

C: Let your merciful ears, O Lord, be open to the prayers of your humble servants; that you may hear our petitions. In all things, help us to ask for what will please you; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

❖ Please be seated

First Reading: Isaiah 44:6-8

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:57-64 (n Heth)

L: You are my portion, Lord;

C: **I have promised to obey your words.**

L: I have sought your face with all my heart;

C: **be gracious to me according to your promise.**

L: I have considered my ways

C: **and have turned my steps to your statutes.**

L: I will hasten and not delay

C: **to obey your commands.**

L: Though the wicked bind me with ropes,

C: **I will not forget your law.**

L: At midnight I rise to give you thanks

C: **for your righteous laws.**

L: I am a friend to all who fear you,

C: **to all who follow your precepts.**

L: The earth is filled with your love, Lord;

C: **teach me your decrees.**

Second Reading: Romans 8:18-27

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

❖ Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: page 205

**Alleluia, Lord and Savior; open now your saving word. Let it burn like fire within us; speak until our hearts are stirred.
Alleluia, Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.**

Gospel: Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Sermon Pastor Paul Reiff

❖ Please rise for the hymn

Hymn of the Day: "Guide Me Ever, Great Redeemer" (ELW) page 618

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

Presentation of the Offering: "Create in Me" page 186

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.

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.