

**Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin**



**The Ascension of Our Lord
May 12, 2024 – 9:00am**

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & 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.

silence for reflection & self-examination

P: 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...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

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

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Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God in Heaven" p. 204

Prayer of the Day

P: Almighty God, we believe that your Son, Jesus Christ, has ascended into the heavens to sit at your right hand. Grant that our hearts and minds may be directed there, as well, to dwell in him each day, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 1:1-11

Responsive Reading: Psalm 47

L: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with a cry of joy.

C: For the LORD Most High is to be feared; he is the great king over all the earth.

L: He subdues the peoples under us, and the nations under our feet.

C: He chooses our inheritance for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

L: God has gone up with a shout, the LORD with the sound of the ram's horn.

C: Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our king, sing praises.

L: For God is king of all the earth; sing praises with all your skill.

C: God reigns over the nations; God sits upon his holy throne.

L: The nobles of the peoples have gathered together with the people of the God of Abraham.

C: The rulers of the earth belong to God, and he is highly exalted.

Second Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: Luke 24:44-53

Special Music: "Zaccheus" and "This Little Light" Children's Choir

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Pastor Christopher Martin

Hymn of the Day: "Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies"

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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 whom 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 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. Who 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.

Prayers of Intercession/Sharing of the Peace p. 206

Offertory #182

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 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.

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Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God" p. 208

Hymns: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" - #634

"Crown Him with Many Crowns" - #855

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song: "Go, My Children, with My Blessing" #543

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Postlude Lisa Borman

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Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns - Merrilee Anhalt, Don Bartig, Austin Boehm, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, John Fields, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Allen Nyhagen, Nancy Pestel, Mike Preston, Craig Roberts, Michelle Whittenberger; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by the closing of Jeld-Wen: Grieving: Vicki Monnier in the death of her brother, Gary David.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Nick Sovacool, Irene Titera; Lector-Bonnie Billings; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Acolyte: Tanner Davis

Bible Study: The Bible study on the book of Romans will take place this morning at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

Meal of the Month: The Meal of the Month will take place on Wednesday, May 15 at 11:30am at Cedar Lodge. This is an opportunity to members of Hope to share a meal and fellowship while supporting a local business.

HLCW: The Hope Lutheran Church Women will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, May 16 at 9:30am. Hostesses are Emily Peterson and Cora Schultz. All women of Hope are welcome.

Spring Cleaning: Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning both inside and outside the church building. This will take place on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 3:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Brian Johnson or a member of the Property Committee.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held Monday, July 22 through Wednesday, July 24 from 5:00-7:30pm. A light supper will be served each evening. The Parish Education Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this event. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Laura Johnson (715-579-9363).

Book Discussion: The book group will meet on Sunday, May 19 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room. The book for May is The Birthright by Janette Oke and T. Davis Bunn.

Livestream Sponsorship: Our worship service is livestreamed to the church's YouTube channel each Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. The suggested donation is \$50. Proceeds go towards keeping the technology needed for this ministry up-to-date.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer chain and/or the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please contact the church office (hlcladysmith@gmail.com or 715-532-7739). If you have asked to have someone listed in the prayers, please give periodic updates so that we can keep the list up-to-date.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study
Tuesday	4:00pm Social Ministries Committee 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance Committee 6:00pm Property Committee
Wednesday	11:30am Meal of the Month 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	9:30am HLCW 1:00pm Fireside Room Reserved 3:30pm Spring Cleaning
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Book Discussion 6:30pm Marriage Enrichment Group