A huge **THANK YOU** to those who supported Hope Lutheran Church's Mission in support of Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child. Through your generosity and with only a week's notice, the Church collected 20+ shoeboxes. **Well Done All!**

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 First Sunday of Advent, Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski** **10:00am Fellowship**
Monday	12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
Tuesday	8:30am HLCW Cookie Walk Prep: decorate cookies & make meatballs **Thrivent Giving Tuesday- Today December 1st**
Wednesday	3:30pm- 4:30pm WOW/Wednesday School No GriefShare
Friday	9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry 12:30pm HLCW & volunteers Cookie Walk Prep
Saturday	9:30am Cookie Walk Set-Up **10am-11:30am (until sold out). Cookie Walk Event**
*REMINDER	*** All Members, a reminder to fill out "Time & Talent" forms and return to the church office mailbox. Thank You.**
**REMINDER	**Bulletin content is due before 9:00am Wednesdays**
***REMINDER	***Tidings content for the December is past due please email to the church office Monday to be included.**

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



First Sunday of Advent
November 29th, 2026 – 9am Service

Prelude: Lisa Borman

Welcome and Announcements

Temple Talk Rosemay Johnson

- ❖ 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: "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*" v. 1&2 # 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.

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** – Jack Pederson, Jim Stewart, Ken Parejko, Myles, Colby Overhagen, Lois Hoople; Homebound members and nursing home residents. Call Committee and their search for a pastor.

Worship Assistants: Ushers—Kathy Ducommun and Aileen Tauchen; Lector—Irene Titera; Communion Assistant—Jer McEathron; AV Technical Assistant—Julie Kammerud; Music— Lisa Borman; Acolyte—Emerson McGinnis

HLC Prayer Chain is being reestablished. 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.

Contributions are needed for the Colby Overhagen family. Colby and his family are facing serious health challenges, his wife, Tasha is currently hospitalized and Colby awaiting a kidney transplant. They are also facing major financial issues: a totaled vehicle and failed furnace. HLCW has approved up to $1,000 matching donations from Hope members. Church members' wishing to donate should clearly state on their check's memo line for the "Colby Overhagen family".

Upcoming HLC Confirmation is scheduled on the following Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, please mark your calendar: December 9th, and December 30th-no class.

There is a new Bible Study to be led by Pastor Mark Homp on each of the first and second Sundays of the month. Come and learn about the Book of James on December 6th. The study is open to topic suggestions for December 13th. You are all welcome to join.

The WOW (Worship on Wednesday) Kids are collecting nonperishable food items, during the month of November, to support Hope's food pantry. The nonperishables the pantry needs most: hamburger helper, canned fruit, mac & cheese, baked beans, spaghetti sauce, canned tuna, and peanut butter. There will be collection boxes in the narthex for your donations.
Thank you for your generosity. – WOW kids

GriefShare Support Group has 1 session remaining from 6:00 to 7:30 on Wednesday, December 9th 2026.

Distribution of Holy Communion:
"*O Lamb of God*" *WOV page 39*

Hymn: "*Let Us Break Bread Together*" # 471
"*Comfort, Comfort Now My People*" # 256

❖ 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 Canticle *WOV page 40*

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

Benediction

Sending Hymn: "*Awake, Awake and Greet the New Morn*" # 242

Dismissal
P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord
C: Thanks be to God

Postlude Lisa Borman

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Kyrie *WOV page 28*

Hymn of Praise*:* *WOV page 29*

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also with you**
P: Let us pray.
C: 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. Amen.

❖ Please be seated

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

First Reading: Isaiah 64:1-9

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

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:1-7

L: Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
C: shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.
L: In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
C: stir up your strength and come to help us.
L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
C: show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.
L: O Lord God of hosts,
C: how long will you be angered despite the prayers of your people?
L: You have fed them with the bread of tears;
C: you have given them bowls of tears to drink.
L: You have made us the derision of our neighbors,
C: and our enemies laugh us to scorn.
L: Restore us, O God of hosts;
C: show the light of your countenance and we shall be saved.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:3-9

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

❖ Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: *WOV page 31*

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

Gospel: Mark 13:24-37

Sermon Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

❖ Please rise for the hymn

Hymn of the Day: *"Prepare the Royal Highway"* # 264

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 Offering: *WOV page 35*

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:

"*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.