



A Huge Thank You to all that served and contributed to the HLCW Summer Luncheon. You made it a fabulous day!

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 Tom Reiff 10:00am Fellowship
Monday	12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
Thursday	5:00pm MANNA Meal Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus
Friday	9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
REMINDER	**Bulletin content is due before 9:00am Wednesday's**

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost
August 23rd, 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: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" # 834

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 – 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.

Please keep in your prayers the family of Bruce & Samantha Ewings as they mourn the loss of their 8-year-old son, Noah Ewings. Tragically, Noah was hit by a car while getting their mail. Noah was a cousin of Kim Hulle's children.

Worship Assistants: Ushers—Brian & Jackie Buchholz; Lector— Irene Titera; Communion Assistant— Irene Titera; AV Technical Assistant— Rosemary Johnson; Music—Terry Wedwick.

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.

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!

Request for small cookbooks (6"x9" approx.) for distribution. Please place your donations in the basket by the library books. Questions can be directed to Rosemary Johnson. Thank you.

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.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

“O Lamb of God” (ELW) setting10 page 208

Hymn: “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” # 494

“Break Now the Bread of Life” # 515

❖ 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

Benediction

Sending Hymn: “Let All Things Now Living” # 881

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Terry Wedwick

Hymn of Praise: “Now Thank We All Our God”

#840

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

C: Care for your Church, O Lord, with perpetual mercy. Since we totter and are sure to fall without your grace, remove what will harm us and arrange what will make us whole. 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

First Reading: Isaiah 51:1-6

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 138

L: I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;

C: before the gods I will sing your praise.

L: I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,

C: because of your love and faithfulness;

L: for you have glorified your name

C: and your word above all things.

L: When I called, you answered me;

C: you increased my strength within me.

L: All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord,

C: when they have heard the words of your mouth.

L: They will sing of the ways of the Lord,

C: that great is the glory of the Lord.

L: Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly;

C: he perceives the haughty from afar.

L: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;

C: you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.

L: The Lord will make good his purpose for me;

C: O Lord, your love endures forever; do not abandon the works of your hands.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33 -12:8

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

❖ Please rise for the reading of the Gospel

Gospel Acclamation: (ELW) *setting10* 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 16:13-20

Sermon Pastor Tom Reiff

❖ Please rise for the hymn

Hymn of the Day: "Great Is Thy Thankfulness" # 733

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 a Clean Heart" # 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.