

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.

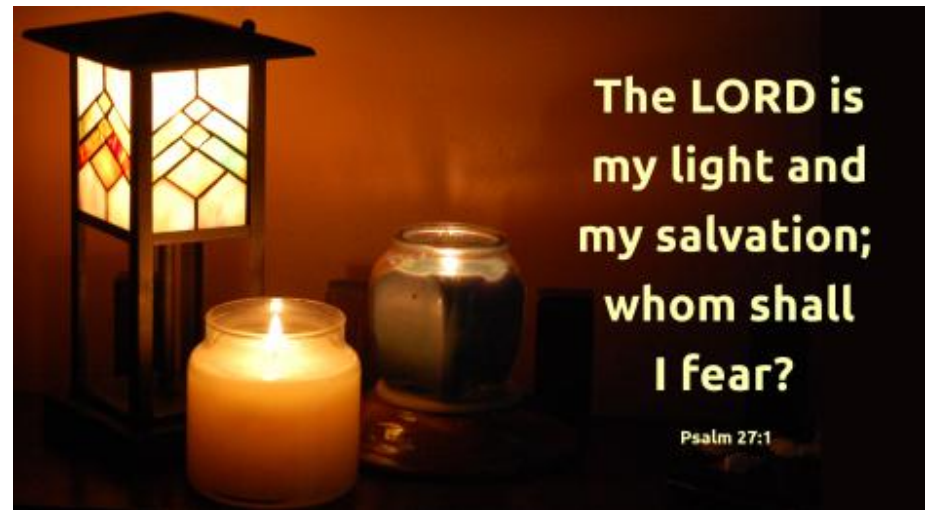
Wednesday School has been renamed WOW (Worship on Wednesdays). WOW begins September 23rd 3:30pm-4:30pm and will have its first meeting at Memorial Park to enjoy a fun day of playing and snacking. LES children will ride bus #9 from LES to the park. OLS children will be picked up by HLC and transported to the park. Parents should plan to pick up their children at 4:30pm in Memorial Park at the big playground area.

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 Glenn Sokolowski 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Book Club with Shari Grillo “Shattered Sanctuary” by Nancy Mehl
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry
Wednesday	3:30pm-4:30pm Wednesday School Starts 6:00pm-7:30pm Confirmation Starts 6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare
Thursday	5:00pm MANNA Meal by United Congregational Church
Friday	9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry
REMINDER	**Bulletin content is due before 9:00am Wednesday's**

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 20th, 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*"

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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.

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 Lord'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— Jackie & Brian Buchholz; Lector— Aileen Tauchen; Communion Assistant— Jer McEathron; AV Technical Assistant— Vinnie Jacobs; Music— Terry Wedwick; Acolyte— Cole Vollendorf.

Thank you to the HLC Team for collecting donations and participated in The Walk for Life fundraiser benefiting Choices Health Network. Please pray how you can help Choices' help and minister to the young women of our community.



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.

Upcoming HLC Confirmation begins September 23rd.
Scheduled on 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!

Distribution of Holy Communion:

"O Lamb of God" (ELW) setting10 page 208

Hymn: "The king of Love My Shepherd Is" # 502

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken" # 494

❖ 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: "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve" # 551

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

C: Thanks be to God

Postlude

Terry Wedwick

Hymn of Praise: "We Praise You, O God"

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you

P: Let us pray.

C: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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 55:6-9

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God

Responsive Reading: Psalm 27:1-9

L: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

C: The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

L: When evildoers came upon me to eat up my flesh,

C: it was they, my foes and my adversaries, who stumbled and fell.

L: Though an army should encamp against me,

C: yet my heart shall not be afraid;

L: and though war should rise up against me,

C: yet will I put my trust in him.

L: One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;

C: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life;

L: to behold the fair beauty of the Lord

C: and to see him in his temple.

L: For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;

C: he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling and set me high upon a rock.

L: Even now he lifts up my head

C: above my enemies round about me.

L: Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with
sounds of great gladness;
C: I will sing and make music to the Lord.
L: Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
C: have mercy on me and answer me.
L: You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."
C: Your face, Lord, will I seek.
L: Hide not your face from me,
C: nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
L: You have been my helper; cast me not away;
C: do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

Second Reading: Philippians 1:12-14, 19-30

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 20:1-16

Sermon Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

❖ Please rise for the hymn

Hymn of the Day: "O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts" # 658

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: "We Give Thee but Thine Own" # 686

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.**