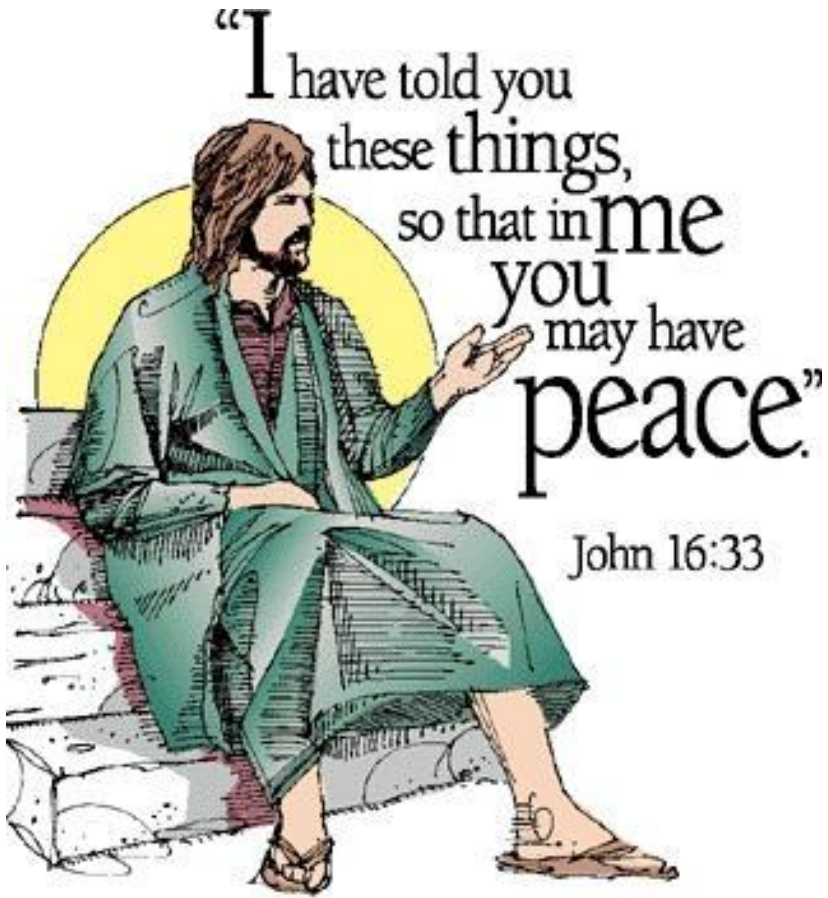


Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin 54848



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 25, 2025 - 9:00am

Welcome & Announcements

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.

♪ Hymn: "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

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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.

Kyrie

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♪ Hymn of Praise: "This is the Feast"

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Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

♪ Hymn: "Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"

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First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 67

L: May God be merciful to us and bless us,

C: show us the light of his countenance and come to us.

L: Let your ways be known upon earth,

C: your saving health among all nations.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you.

L: Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,

C: for you judge the peoples with equity and guide all the nations upon earth.

L: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

C: let all the peoples praise you.

L: The earth has brought forth her increase;

C: may God, our own God, give us his blessing.

L: May God give us his blessing,

C: and may all the ends of the earth stand in awe of him.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: John 16:23-33

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 16th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor John Hanson

♪ Hymn of the Day: "Blessed Assurance"

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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 him 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 in glory 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. 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.

The Prayers

P: ...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.

♪ Presentation of the Offering: "Create in Me"

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Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit with me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.

Offertory Prayer

P: 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.

The Great Thanksgiving

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The Lord's Prayer

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Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

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Hymns: "O Beautiful for Spacious Skies" - #888

"Beautiful Savior" - #838

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

♪ Hymn: "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

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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 – Merrilee Anhalt, Austin Boehm, Wayne Crozier, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Karen Langland, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Jameson Schultz, Marge Scott, Jeanette Van Ert, Michelle Whittenberger; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Jer & Pat McEathron; Lector & Communion Assistant – Irene Titera.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of the Memorial Day holiday. The Pantry WILL be open on Tuesday, May 27 from 1:00-3:00pm.

GriefShare: The final session of this cycle of GriefShare will be held this Wednesday, May 28 at 6:00pm.

Call Committee: The Call Committee will meet here at Hope on Monday, May 26 at 6:00pm.

Vacation Bible School: Vacation Bible School for children entering PK-5th grades will be held Monday, July 21 thru Wednesday, July 23 from 4:30-7:30pm. The theme for this year's VBS is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World". Registration forms can be found on the Youth Education bulletin board, the church website (hlcladysmith.org) or by contacting the church office.

Adult VBS: Bethel & Bethany Lutheran Churches of Hawkins and Catawba invite you to join them for their 2nd annual Adult Vacation Bible School. This event will take place August 18-21 from 12:00-2:00pm at Bethel in Hawkins and from 6:00-8:00pm at Bethany in Catawba. Each day will include a Bible lesson, songs, crafts, and refreshments. There is no charge to attend but preregistration is suggested. Please register by calling or texting Pastor Hailey Halmstad (715-567-0561) or by emailing the church at bethel_bethany@yahoo.com by July 11. Please indicate which session you wish to attend.

Church Office: The church office will be closed on Monday, May 26 in observance of Memorial Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday. Office hours are Monday thru Friday 8:00-12:00 and 1:00-3:00pm.

MANNA Meal: The May MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, May 29 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing both food and fellowship to those in need of either. This month's meal is sponsored by Our Lady of Sorrows and St. Anthony Catholic churches.

A Week of Hope

Monday	6:00pm Call Committee
Tuesday	1:00-3:00pm Food Pantry
Wednesday	6:00pm GriefShare
Thursday	5:00-6:00pm MANNA Meal
Sunday	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship

First Reading: Acts 16:9-15

⁹A vision appeared to Paul in the night: a man of Macedonia was standing there, urging him and saying, “Come over to Macedonia and help us.” ¹⁰And when Paul had seen the vision, immediately we sought to go on into Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them. ¹¹So, setting sail from Troas, we made a direct voyage to Samothrace, and the following day to Neapolis, ¹²and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city some days. ¹³And on the Sabbath day we went outside the gate to the riverside, where we supposed there was a place of prayer, and we sat down and spoke to the women who had come together. ¹⁴One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. The Lord opened her heart to pay attention to what was said by Paul. ¹⁵And after she was baptized, and her household as well, she urged us, saying, “If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay.” And she prevailed upon us.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:9-14, 21-27

⁹Then came one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues and spoke to me, saying, “Come, I will show you the Bride, the wife of the Lamb.” ¹⁰And he carried me away in the Spirit to a great, high mountain, and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God, ¹¹having the glory of God, its radiance like a most rare jewel, like a jasper, clear as crystal. ¹²It had a great, high wall, with twelve gates, and at the gates twelve angels, and on the gates the names of the twelve tribes of the sons of Israel were inscribed — ¹³on the east three gates, on the north three gates, on the south three gates, and on the west three gates. ¹⁴And the wall of the city had twelve foundations, and on them were the twelve names of the twelve apostles of the Lamb. ²¹And the twelve gates were twelve pearls, each of the gates made of a single pearl, and the street of the city was pure gold, like transparent glass. ²²And I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. ²³And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and its lamp is the Lamb. ²⁴By its light will the nations walk, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it, ²⁵and its gates will never be shut by day — and there will be no night there. ²⁶They will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. ²⁷But nothing unclean will ever enter it, nor anyone who does what is detestable or false, but only those who are written in the Lamb’s book of life.

Gospel: John 16:23-33

²³{Jesus said to his disciples,} “In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. ²⁴Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full. ²⁵I have said these things to you in figures of speech. The hour is coming when I will no longer speak to you in figures of speech but will tell you plainly about the Father. ²⁶In that day you will ask in my name, and I do not say to you that I will ask the Father on your behalf; ²⁷for the Father himself loves you, because you have loved me and have believed that I came from God. ²⁸I came from the Father and have come into the world, and now I am leaving the world and going to the Father.” ²⁹His disciples said, “Ah, now you are speaking plainly and not using figurative speech! ³⁰Now we know that you know all things and do not need anyone to question you; this is why we believe that you came from God.” ³¹Jesus answered them, “Do you now believe? ³²Behold, the hour is coming, indeed it has come, when you will be scattered, each to his own home, and will leave me alone. Yet I am not alone, for the Father is with me. ³³I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world.”