

**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 with meetings until Dec 9<sup>th</sup>, 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](http://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** will meet on October 7th at 3:30pm. Registration forms are located in the hallway on Youth Education bulletin board, on the HLC website, or by contacting the church office. Children can ride the bus #9 from LES. All are welcome.

### **A Week of Hope**

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| Today     | <b>8:30am Early Risers</b> – All are welcome to join us prior to Worship, for coffee, donuts & conversation. Building friendship & community!<br><b>9:00am Sunday Worship with Pastor Glenn Sokolowski</b> |
| Monday    | 12:00pm-3:00pm Food Pantry                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| Wednesday | 3:30pm-4:30pm WOW/Wednesday School<br>6:00pm-7:30pm GriefShare                                                                                                                                             |
| Thursday  | 11:30am Meal of the Month at Timber Lodge on County M in Holcombe                                                                                                                                          |
| Friday    | 9:30am-12:30pm Food Pantry                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| REMINDER  | **Bulletin content is due before 9:00am Wednesday's**                                                                                                                                                      |

## *Hope Lutheran Church*

### *Ladysmith, Wisconsin*



Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
October 4th, 2026 – 9am Service

Prelude: *"Holy Ground"*

Lisa Borman

## 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: *"Lord, Let My Heart Be Good Soil"* (sing x 2) # 512

### 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** – Wanda Kramer, Jim Stewart, 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— Pat & Jer McEathron;  
Lector— Aileen Tauchen; Communion Assistant— Jer McEathron;  
AV Technical Assistant— Vinnie Jacobs; Music— Lisa Borman;  
Acolytes—Leighton Vollendorf



**HLC Prayer Chain** is being reestablished. Want to be a HLC Prayer Partner? Sign up with an email request to the Church Office at [hclcladysmith@gmail.com](mailto:hclcladysmith@gmail.com) Notifications for prayer will be sent via email.

**Upcoming HLC Confirmation is scheduled** on the following Wednesdays from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, please mark your calendar: October 14<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>, November 11<sup>th</sup>, November 25<sup>th</sup>—no class, December 9<sup>th</sup>, December 30<sup>th</sup>—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!

**An Invitation to our ladies at Hope.** Camp Forest Springs in Westboro is having their annual Ladies Day on Friday, October 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:30-3:30PM. Speaker for the day is Shannon Popkin, author and bible teacher who incorporates humor and biblical truth in her messages. Activities, lunch and fellowship included for \$39.00. To register, go online to [registration@forestsprings.us](mailto:registration@forestsprings.us) or call [715.436.7378](tel:715.436.7378). Questions? Ride Share? Ask Jan Hyde or Kathy Ducommun.

Distribution of Holy Communion:

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

Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together” # 471  
“Holy Ground” on screen

❖ 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: “Praise and Thanksgiving” # 689

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord

**C: Thanks be to God**

Postlude Lisa Borman

Hymn of Praise: “We Praise You, O God”

# 870

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

**C: And also with you**

P: Let us pray.

**C: Generously pardon and give peace to your faithful people, O Lord, that being cleansed from every sin, we may be free and glad to serve; 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 5:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 80:7-19

L: Restore us, God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.

**C: You transplanted a vine from Egypt; you drove out the nations and planted it.**

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**C: You cleared the ground for it, and it took root and filled the land.**

L: The mountains were covered with its shade, the mighty cedars with its branches.

**C: Its branches reached as far as the Sea, its shoots as far as the River.**

L: Why have you broken down its walls so that all who pass by pick its grapes?

**C: Boars from the forest ravage it, and insects from the fields feed on it.**

L: Return to us, God Almighty! Look down from heaven and see!

**C: Watch over this vine, the root your right hand has planted, the son you have raised up for yourself.**

L: Your vine is cut down, it is burned with fire; at your rebuke your people perish.

**C: Let your hand rest on the man at your right hand, the son of man you have raised up for yourself.**

**L:** Then we will not turn away from you; revive us, and we will call on your name.

**C: Restore us, LORD God Almighty; make your face shine on us, that we may be saved.**

Second Reading: Philippians 3:4b-14

**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 21:33-46

Sermon Pastor Glenn Sokolowski

❖ Please rise for the hymn

Hymn of the Day: "Children of the Heavenly Father" # 781

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.**

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.**