

Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin



Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
July 13, 2025 - 9:00am

Welcome & Announcements/Temple Talk

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: "We Are Marching in the Light of God"

#866

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.

♪ 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: Let us pray.

C: Richly inspire us, O Lord, to consider and accomplish what you see is good. For we know that we cannot live without you, but that with you, we shall prevail. And so, 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.

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

#512

First Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 41

L: Happy are they who consider the poor and needy! The LORD will deliver them in the time of trouble.

C: The LORD preserves them and keeps them alive, so that they may be happy in the land; he does not hand them over to the will of their enemies.

L: The LORD sustains them on their sickbed and ministers to them in their illness.

C: I said, "LORD, be merciful to me; heal me, for I have sinned against you."

L: My enemies are saying wicked things about me: "When will he die, and his name perish?"

C: Even if they come to see me, they speak empty words; their heart collects false rumors; they go outside and spread them.

L: All my enemies whisper together about me and devise evil against me.

C: "A deadly thing," they say, "has fastened on him; he has taken to his bed and will never get up again."

L: Even my best friend, whom I trusted, who broke bread with me, has lifted up his heel and turned against me.

C: But you, O LORD, be merciful to me and raise me up, and I shall repay them.

L: By this I know you are pleased with me, that my enemy does not triumph over me.

C: In my integrity you hold me fast, and shall set me before your face forever.

L: Blessed be the LORD God of Israel, from age to age. Amen.
Amen.

Second Reading: Colossians 1:1-14

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: Luke 10:25-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke the 10th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Elden Simonson

♪ Hymn of the Day: "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light" #815

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 the 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 the life everlasting. 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" #186

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.

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Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God" p. 146

Hymns: "This Little Light of Mine" - #677

"Let Us Break Bread Together" - #471

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: "I'm So Glad Jesus Lifted Me" #860

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Karen Tappon

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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, Darlene Brunk, Wayne Crozier, Fred Hemm, Brian Michaelson, Colby Overhagen, Ken Parejko, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Michael Sanderson, Marge Scott, Jeanette Van Ert; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by recent storms; our church and other congregations currently in the call process.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Jeff & Rosemary Johnson; Lector – Rosemary Johnson; Communion Assistant – Vinnie Jacobs; Acolyte – Violet Craker.

Bible Study: A study on the scripture texts for the week is held most Sundays at 10:30am in the Fireside Room. Everyone is welcome.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, July 15 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. Quilt squares are also available to be sewn at home. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

OneFest: Youth in grades 6-12 will be attending OneFest Christian music festival in Cadott on August 2. The lineup includes Tauren Wells, Big Daddy Weave, and Katy Nichole. If you would like to participate in this event, please contact Eric Hillan (715-403-0198 or ruskrose96@gmail.com).



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Vacation Bible School will take place July 21-23 from 4:30-7:30pm each evening. The theme for this year's VBS is "True North: Trusting Jesus in a Wild World". VBS is for children PK-5th grades (2025-26 school year). There will be amazing experiments, creative games, super-fun snacks, surprising adventures, incredible music, and a chance to meet new friends. It's not too late to join in the fun! Registration forms can be found on the Parish Education bulletin board, the church website, or by contacting the church office.

Church Council Meeting: The Council will meet on Tuesday, July 15 at 6:30pm.

HLCW: The Hope Lutheran Church Women will hold their July meeting on Thursday, July 17 at 10:00am. The Summer Potluck Salad Luncheon will take place at 12:00noon that day. All women of Hope are welcome.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet next Sunday, July 20 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room. The book for July is One Last Chance by Susan Mae Warren.

Volunteers Needed: The Worship & Music Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as lectors, ushers, Communion assistants, to work on the projection and livestreaming, and to prepare the slides for projection. Training can be provided. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Dave Borman or Lisa Borman.

Health Kits: The Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW) continue to collect items for NALC Disaster Response health kits. Items needed are bath towels, wash cloths, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, and 2-gallon size Ziploc bags. Items can be dropped off at the church during office hours or placed in the bins in the narthex.

Call Committee: The Call Committee will meet on Sunday, July 20 at 6:30pm at Glen Flora Lutheran Church.

2025 Adventure Camp: Adventure Camp is coming! Youth going into grades 6-9 will be camping at Josie Creek Campground Sunday, July 27 thru Tuesday, July 29. More information can be found on the church's website under the Youth tab or by contacting Julie Vollendorf (715-403-0519).

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Council Meeting
Thursday	10:00am HLCW Meeting 12:00noon HLCW Potluck Salad Luncheon
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Book Discussion 6:30pm Call Committee Meeting