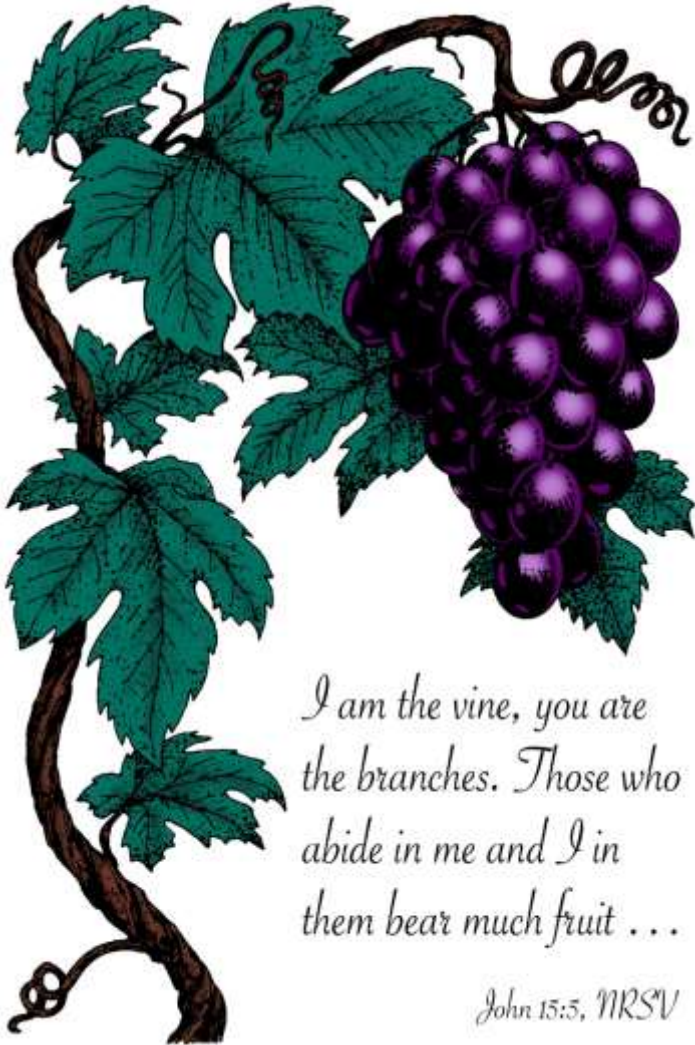


Hope Lutheran Church  
Ladysmith, Wisconsin



*I am the vine, you are  
the branches. Those who  
abide in me and I in  
them bear much fruit . . .*

*John 15:5, NRSV*

Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 28, 2024 – 9:00am

Prelude

The Gathering

Welcome & Announcements

Confession & 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...and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

*silence for reflection & self-examination*

P: 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...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Gathering Song: "Chief of Sinners Though I Be" #609

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Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God in Heaven" p. 204

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, you make the minds of the faithful to be of one will.

Grant that your people would love what you command and desire what you promise, that, among the manifold changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joys are to be found; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

First Reading: Acts 8:26-40

Responsive Reading: Psalm 150

L: Hallelujah! Praise God in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power.

**C: Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness.**

L: Praise him with the blast of the ram's horn; praise him with lyre and harp.

**C: Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe.**

L: Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals.

**C: Let everything that has breath praise the LORD. Hallelujah!**

Second Reading: 1 John 4:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: John 15:1-18

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15<sup>th</sup> chapter.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Pastor Martin

Hymn of the Day: "When Peace Like a River"

#785

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 whom 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 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. Who 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.**

Prayers of Intercession/Sharing of the Peace p. 206

Offertory #182

**Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of blessing. Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be fed with the bread of life. Gather the hopes and the dreams of all; unite them with the prayers we offer now. Grace our table with your presence, and give us a foretaste of the feast to come.**

Offertory Prayer

P: Let us pray. 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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The Lord's Prayer p. 208

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God" p. 208

Hymns: "Thine the Amen" - #826

"Beautiful Savior" - #838

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song: "On Our Way Rejoicing" #537

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**Prayer Concerns:** Health Concerns - Merrilee Anhalt, Don Bartig, Austin Boehm, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, John Fields, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Bob Langeland, Allen Nyhagen, Nancy Pestel, Mike Preston, Craig Roberts, Michelle Whittenberger; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by the closing of HSHS/Prevea hospitals and clinics and Jeld-Wen.

**Worship Assistants:** Ushers – Kathy Peterson, Irene Titera; Lector- Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Acolyte: Addison Hulle.

**Bible Study:** A new study on the book of Romans is beginning. There is no book to purchase, you are only asked to read through a chapter each week. This will be held on Sunday mornings (except for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month) at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

**Spring Cleaning:** Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning both inside and outside the church building. This will take place on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 3:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Brian Johnson or a member of the Property Committee.

**Livestream Sponsorship:** Our worship service is livestreamed to the church's YouTube channel each Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. The suggested donation is \$50. Proceeds go towards keeping the technology needed for this ministry up-to-date.

**Prayer Requests:** If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer chain and/or the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please contact the church office ([hlcladysmith@gmail.com](mailto:hlcladysmith@gmail.com) or 715-532-7739). If you have asked to have someone listed in the prayers, please give periodic updates so that we can keep the list up-to-date.

**National Day of Prayer:** The Rusk County National Day of Prayer observance will take place on Thursday, May 2 from 12:00-1:00pm at Memorial Park. The event will start at the flagpole and end at the Veteran's Pavilion. If you will need to sit, please bring a lawn chair.

**A Week of Hope**

Today	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Bible Study
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School
	6:00pm GriefShare
	6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	12:00pm National Day of Prayer Observance
Sunday	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship
	10:30am Bible Study