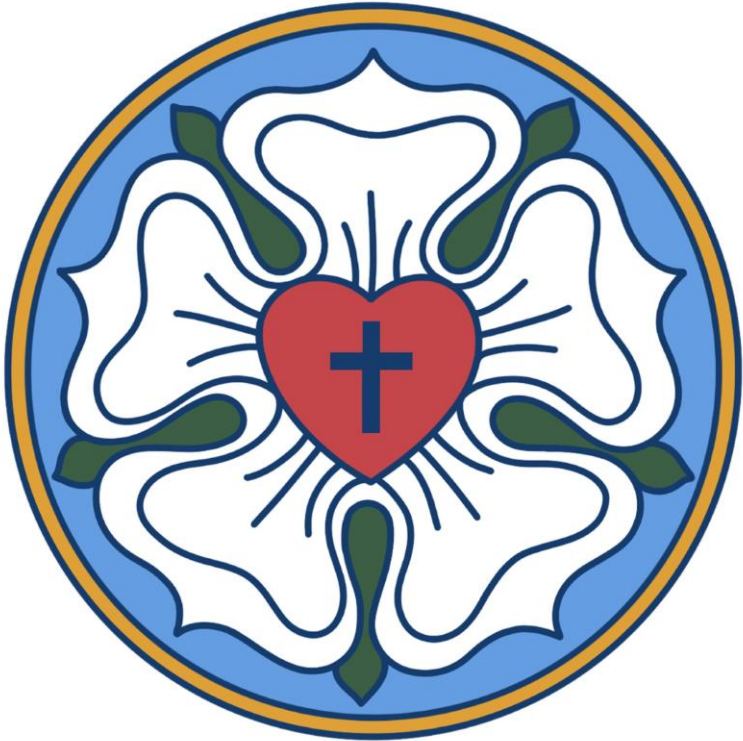


Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



Reformation Sunday
Confirmation
October 26, 2025 - 9:00am

Prelude

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: "A Mighty Fortress"

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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.

Prayer of the Day

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

C: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Revelation 14:6-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength,

C: a very present help in trouble.

L: Therefore we will not fear though the earth be moved,

C: and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

L: though its waters rage and foam,

C: and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

C: the holy habitation of the Most High.

L: God is present in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown;

C: God shall help her at the break of day.

L: The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken;

C: God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: Come now and look upon the works of the Lord,

C: what awesome things he has done on earth.

L: It is he who makes war to cease in all the world;

C: he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

L: "Be still, then, and know that I am God;

C: I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

L: The Lord of hosts is with us;

C: the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Tom Reiff

♪ Hymn of the Day: "Take My Life That I May Be"

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Rite of Confirmation

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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 Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

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Our Father, who art in 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God"

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Hymns: "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" - #857 (2x)

"On Eagles Wings" - #787

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: "Jesus Loves Me"

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Lisa Borman

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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 – Myles, Merrilee Anhalt, Chuck Beesley, Darlene Brunk, Wayne Crozier, Fred Hemm, Brian Michaelson, Stanley Nelson, Colby Overhagen, Janet Peterson, Justin Robinson, Jeanette van Ert; Homebound members and nursing home residents.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Jer & Pat McEathron; Lector – Jana Nyhagen; Communion Asst – Jer McEathron; Acolytes – Tucker Hulle, Cole Vollendorf.

“Seventy Times Seven”: A new Bible study will begin on Sunday, November 2 at 10:30am and will be led by Jack Pederson. There is a cost of \$10/participant's guide. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex by October 19.

GriefShare: GriefShare is a non-denominational, faith-based grief support group that meets here at Hope Lutheran each Wednesday through December 3 from 6:00-7:30pm. If you are someone you know would like to participate, please contact the church office.

Wednesday School: Wednesday School meets each Wednesday from 3:30-4:30pm. Wednesday school is for children PK thru 6th grade. All children are welcome! Children can ride the bus from LES.

Fellowship: A time of fellowship is held both before and after our worship service each Sunday. The “early risers” group meets in the multi-purpose room beginning at 8:30am. After the worship service the fellowship time is held in the fellowship hall.

Call Committee: The Call Committee will meet on Wednesday, October 29 at 5:30pm here at Hope Lutheran.

October MANNA Meal: The October MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, October 30 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 Faith United Methodist Church.

All Saints' Sunday: Next Sunday, November 2 is All Saints' Sunday. This is a day set aside to remember our brothers and sisters in Christ who have been laid to rest. On that day we will be especially remembering those from our church family who have died this past year by lighting a candle in memory of each of these saints. Members of the congregation will also have the opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship/Reception for Confirmands
Wednesday	3:30pm Wednesday School
	5:30pm Call Committee
	6:00pm GriefShare
Thursday	5:00pm MANNA Meal
Sunday	8:30am Fellowship
	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship
	10:30am Bible Study



CONFIRMATION



Four of our youth have completed Confirmation instruction and will affirm the faith of their baptisms this morning.

Violet Alice Craker
Daughter of Kyle & Erin Craker
Sponsors: Kari & Neil Bowe
Bible Verse: Psalm 56:3

Addison Ann Hulle
Daughter of Kim Hulle & Blane Hulle
Sponsors: Kris Stephenson & Shane Hulle
Bible Verse: Jeremiah 29:11

Nolan Randy Kammerud
Son of Chris & Julie Kammerud
Sponsors: Randy & Tracey Kummerfeldt
Bible Verse: Philippians 4:13

Blake Charles Nyhagen
Son of Randy & Jana Nyhagen
Sponsors: Cody & Rachel Nyhagen
Bible Verse: Proverbs 27:2

A reception in honor of the Confirmands will take place in the fellowship hall immediately following the worship service.

Thank you to Jana Nyhagen for leading Confirmation instruction for these students this fall.



SERVICE OF AFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

Pastor: These persons have been instructed in the Christian faith and desire to make public affirmation of their Baptism: *Violet Alice Craker, Addison Ann Hulle, Nolan Randy Kammerud, Blake Charles Nyhagen.*

Dear brothers and sisters, we rejoice that you now desire to make public profession of your faith and assume greater responsibility in the life of our Christian community and its mission in the world. In Holy Baptism our Lord Jesus Christ received you and made you members of his Church. In the community of God's people, through God's Word, you have learned his loving purpose for you and all creation. You have been nourished at God's holy table and called to be witnesses to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Now, therefore, I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the Church, the faith in which we baptize.

Do you renounce all forces of evil, the devil, and all his empty promises?

Confirmands: **I do.**

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

Congregation: I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: 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.

P: As young adults, you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in Holy Baptism?

to live among God's faithful people,

to hear his Word and share in his Supper,

to proclaim the Good News of God in Christ through word and deed,

to serve all people, following the example of our Lord Jesus,

and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?

Confirmands: **I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.**

P: Let us pray.

Gracious Lord, through water and the Spirit you have made these young adults your own. You forgave them all their sins and brought them to newness of life. Continue to strengthen them with the Holy Spirit, and daily increase in them your gifts of grace: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord, the spirit of joy in your presence; through Jesus Christ, your Son, Our Lord.

C: Amen.

Statements of Faith by Confirmands

Parents, sponsors, mentors may come forward for the prayer.

P: Father in Heaven, for Jesus' sake, stir up in (*Violet, Addison, Nolan, Blake*) the gift of your Holy Spirit; confirm his/her faith, guide his/her life, empower him/her in his/her serving, give him/her patience in suffering, and bring him/her to everlasting life.

Each confirmand responds: **Amen.**