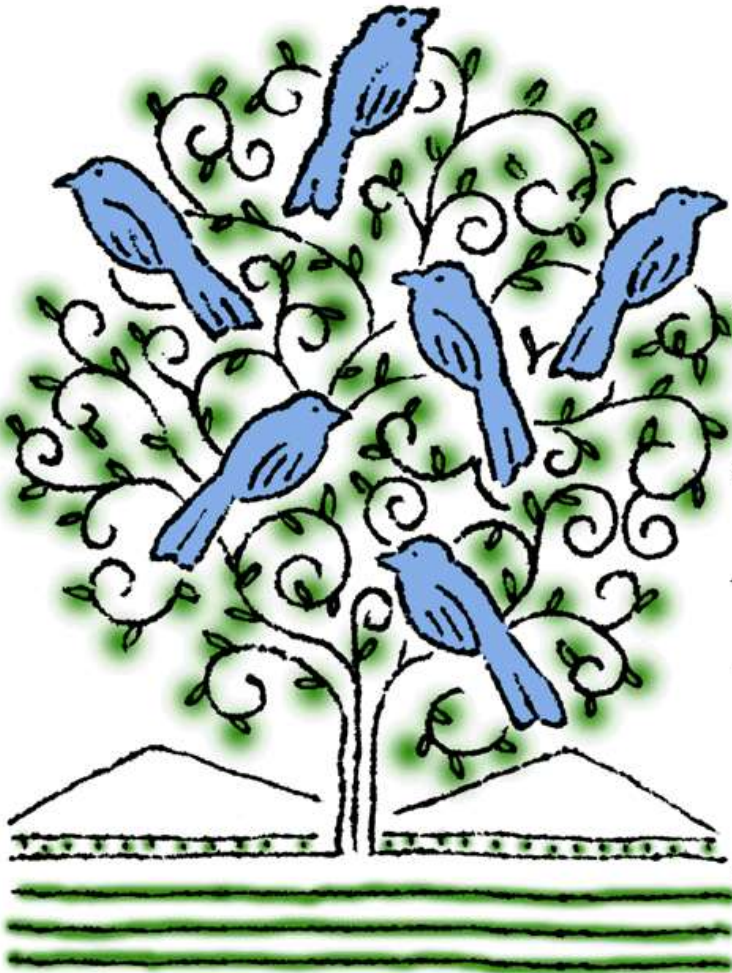


you plant in the ground. Yet when planted, it grows

The kingdom of God... is like a mustard seed, which is the smallest seed



and becomes the largest of all garden plants, with such big branches

that the birds of the air can perch in its shade.

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**Fourth Sunday after Pentecost
June 16, 2024 – 9:00am**

Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Church Office: 715-532-7739
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin

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, 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.

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, 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: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

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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.

♪ Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God"

refrain **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. *refrain*

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

final refrain **Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.**

Prayer of the Day

P: O Lord, our God, arrange the course of this world that peace may come and your tranquil Church rejoice through greater service. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Word

First Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 1

L: Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

C: Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and they meditate

on his law day and night.

L: They are like trees planted by streams of water, bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

C: It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff which the wind blows away.

L: Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of the righteous.

C: For the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked is doomed.

Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 5:1-10

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 4:26-34

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the fourth 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: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

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Confession of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

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.

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.

Prayers of Intercession

Sharing of the Peace

Presentation of the Offering

♪ Offertory

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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 God,

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 Meal

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.

P: It is indeed right and salutary...and join their unending hymn:

♪ **C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven 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.**

The 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.

♪ Distribution of Holy Communion

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

♪ Hymns during Communion

#542 – “O Living Bread from Heaven”

#685 – “Take My Life That I May Be”

♪ Post-Communion Canticle

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev'ryone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ's holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

C: Amen.

The Sending

Blessing

P: Almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

C: Amen.

♪ Sending Hymn: “My Faith Looks Up to Thee”

#759

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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

Worship Assistants: Aileen Tauchen, Rosemary Johnson; Acolyte – Blake Nyhagen.

Livestream Sponsor: The livestream of our worship service is sponsored by Jim & Diane Doke in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet on Sunday, June 16 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss The Bridge by Karen Kingsbury.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30pm.

Summer Luncheon: The HLCW will hold their annual Summer Luncheon on Thursday, June 20 at 12:00noon. All women of Hope and Glen Flora Lutheran Churches are welcome! If you did not receive an assigned item to bring, you are asked to bring fruit that will be turned into fruit kabobs. If you have questions about the luncheon or what to bring, please contact Kathy Peterson (715-492-6100).



Vacation Bible School will be held Monday, July 22 through Wednesday, July 24 from 5:00-7:30pm. The theme for this year's VBS is "Camp Firelight: A Summer Camp Adventure with God (based on Psalm 56:3). Vacation Bible School is for children who have recently completed PK thru 5th grade. A light supper will be served each evening. Registration forms can be found on the church's website (hlcladysmith.org), in the church office, or on the Parish Education bulletin board. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Laura Johnson (715-579-9363).

Feed My People Delivery: Volunteers are needed on Monday, June 17 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Book Discussion
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Tuesday	6:30pm Council Meeting
Thursday	12:00noon HLCW Summer Luncheon
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study 6:30pm Marriage Enrichment Group