

HOPE LUTHERAN CHURCH

Ladysmith, Wisconsin

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HE WHO IS MIGHTIER
THAN I IS COMING,
THE STRAP OF WHOSE
SANDALS I AM NOT
WORTHY TO UNTIE.

LUKE 3:16, ESV

January 12, 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.

♪ Entrance Hymn: "Chief of Sinners, Though I Be"

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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.

♪ Kyrie

**Have mercy on us, Lord, and hear our solemn prayer.
We come to hear your living word; it saves us from despair.**

**Have mercy on us, Christ, and wash away our sin.
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may
begin.**

**Have mercy on us, Lord, make sin and shame depart.
Renew us with your saving pow'r; create in us new hearts!**

♪ Hymn of Praise

**Glory be to God in heaven; peace, goodwill to all the earth.
Mighty God of all creation, Father of surpassing worth:
we exalt you, we adore you, we lift high our thanks and
praise. Saints and angels bow before you; here on earth our
songs we raise.**

**Glory be to Christ forever, Lamb of God and Lord of love.
Son of God and gracious Savior, you have come from heav'n
above; on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at
God's right hand. Hear our prayer; restore, forgive us; in your
promise firm we stand.**

**Holy One we now acclaim you; Lord alone, to you we call;
Holy One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:
Jesus Christ, with God the Spirit, in the Father's splendor
bright. For the peace that we inherit, glory be to God on high!**

P: The Lord be with you.

C: **And also with you.**

P: Heavenly Father, in Jesus' baptism you declared him to be your beloved Son and set him apart as your agent of grace for your creation. May we who are baptized into his life also be sent as agents of grace in your world; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 43:1-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 29

L: Ascribe to the LORD, you gods, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

C: **Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his Name; worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.**

L: The voice of the LORD is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the LORD is upon the mighty waters.

C: The voice of the LORD is a powerful voice; the voice of the LORD is a voice of splendor.

L: The voice of the LORD breaks the cedar trees; the LORD breaks the cedars of Lebanon;

C: He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Mount Hermon like a young wild ox.

L: The voice of the LORD splits the flames of fire; the voice of the LORD shakes the wilderness; the LORD shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.

C: The voice of the LORD makes the oak trees writhe and strips the forests bare.

L: And in the temple of the LORD all are crying, "Glory!"

C: The LORD sits enthroned above the flood; the LORD sits enthroned as King forevermore.

L: The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Second Reading: Romans 6:1-11

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation

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.

Holy Gospel: Luke 3:15-22

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Martin

♪ Hymn of the Day: "Shall We Gather at the River"

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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 him 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 in glory 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. 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.

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

♪ Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful" - #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 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

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, our duty and our joy...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

♩C: 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.

Distribution of Holy Communion

♩ "Lamb of God"

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you suffered death our lives to save: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; you set us free from guilt and grave: have mercy now, we pray.

O Lamb of God, you bear the sin of all the world away; eternal peace with God you made: give us your peace, we pray.

♩ Communion Hymns

#608 – "Softly and Tenderly"

#613 – "Thy Holy Wings"

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

Recessional Hymn: "Lord, Take My Hand and Lead Me" #767

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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, Kada Baeher, Austin Boehm, Gina Cooley, Wayne Crozier, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Brittany Haag, Fred Hemm, Karen Langland, Pr. Amy Little, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Jameson Schultz, Marge Scott, Marion Weinert, Michelle Whittenberger, Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; Military Deployment: Kionte Peterson; Grieving: Pastor Martin & family in the death of his uncle, Terry Preston.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Rosemary Johnson, Irene Titera; Lector – Irene Titera; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Acolyte – Nolan Kammerud.

Special Congregational Meeting: A special meeting of the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church will be held immediately following the worship service this morning.

Youth Game Day: Youth in grades 6-12 will be having a game day following the worship service this morning. Lunch will be provided.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

The annual meeting of the congregation of Hope Lutheran Church will be on Sunday, January 26 at 10:15am. Voting members are those who have been confirmed and have communed and made a donation of record in the current or preceding year.

HLCW: The HLCW will hold their postponed Christmas party on Thursday, January 16 at 9:30am. All women of Hope are welcome.

Meal of the Month: The next Meal of the Month will be held at Casa Mexicana on Friday, January 17 at 11:30am. This is an opportunity for members of Hope to enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting a local business.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:15am Special Meeting 10:15am Youth Game Day
Tuesday	5:30pm Stewardship & Finance
Thursday	9:30am HLCW
Friday	11:30am Meal of the Month
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship

Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

Vision Statement

The Hope Lutheran Church family seeks to form disciples of Jesus in our daily relationships with Christ through weekly worship, daily prayer, and empowering them to develop their spiritual gifts to serve God and others.