

Hope Lutheran Church

Ladysmith, Wisconsin



November 2, 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: "For All the Saints" vs. 1-4

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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: Almighty God, you have knit together your people in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son, Christ, our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys which you have prepared for those who love you; 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 7:9-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 149

L: Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD a new song; sing his praise in the congregation of the faithful.

C: Let Israel rejoice in his Maker; let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.

L: Let them praise his name in the dance; let them sing praise to him with timbrel and harp.

C: For the LORD takes pleasure in his people and adorns the poor with victory.

L: Let the faithful rejoice in triumph; let them be joyful on their beds.

C: Let the praises of God be in their throat and a two-edged sword in their hand;

L: To wreak vengeance on the nations and punishment on the peoples;

C: To bind their kings in chains and their nobles with links of iron;

L: To inflict on them the judgment decreed; this is glory for all his faithful people. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

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

Holy Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 5th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Paul Reiff

♪ Hymn of the Day: "Blessed are They"

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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: "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 Great Thanksgiving

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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.

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: "In My Father's House" – back of bulletin

"Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" - #424

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.

Remembering the Saints

*After reading the names of those who have died this past year,
the congregation is invited to come forward
to light a candle in memory of loved ones.*

Hymns: "Shall We Gather at the River" - #423
"God Be With You Till We Meet Again" - #536

Benediction

♪ Hymn: "For All the Saints" vs. 5-7

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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 – Brian & Jackie Buchholz; Lector: Aileen Tauchen; Communion Asst – ; Acolytes – Tucker Hulle, Cole Vollendorf.

Bible Study: A new nine-session Bible study entitled “Seventy Times Seven” will begin this morning at 10:30am in the Fireside Room. This study is led by Jack Pederson and looks at what the Bible has to say about forgiveness.

Feed My People Delivery: Volunteers are needed on Monday, November 3 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

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.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Wednesday	3:30pm Wednesday School 6:00pm GriefShare
Sunday	8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

Joseph C. Smith
September 15, 1933 – April 27, 2025

Doris I. Marten
October 10, 1930 – June 19, 1925

Robin Jenson
July 22, 1952 – September 17, 1925

John G. Bohun
December 6, 1951 – September 17, 1925

In My Father's House

Do not let your heart be troubled;
trust in Him, trust in Him.
For I know He won't forget us
He's coming soon, He's coming soon.

In my Father's house there's room for me.
He has prepared for eternity.
In my Father's house I'll finally see
Heaven beyond my wildest dreams.

Do not let your heart be troubled;
trust in Him, trust in Him.
We are children of His kingdom
forever more, forever more.

In my Father's house there's room for me.
He has prepared for eternity.
In my Father's house I'll finally see
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