



Show me your ways, O Lord,
teach me your paths.

Psalms 25:4, NIV

First Sunday in Lent
February 18, 2024 – 9:00am

Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin

Prelude: "Hosea"

Lisa Borman

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.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*silence for reflection & 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: "Oh, That the Lord Would Guide My Ways"

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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!

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray. Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; 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: Genesis 22:1-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 25:1-10

L: To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

C: O my God, in you I trust; let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies exult over me.

L: Indeed, none who wait for you shall be put to shame; they shall be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

C: Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths.

L: Lead me in your truth and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all the day long.

C: Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.

L: Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;

according to your steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord!

C: Good and upright is the Lord; therefore he instructs sinners in the way.

L: He leads the humble in what is right, and teaches the humble his way.

C: All the paths of the Lord are steadfast love and faithfulness, for those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

Second Reading: James 1:12-18

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation

We are turning, Lord, to hear you; you are merciful and kind—slow to anger, rich in blessing, and with love to us inclined.

Holy Gospel: Mark 1:9-15

P: The holy gospel according to Mark the first 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: "A Mighty Fortress"

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Apostles' Creed

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. 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.

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

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

Passing of the Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Presentation of the Offering

♪ Offertory

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within 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: 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.

♪ 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 him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father,

through Christ our Lord. Sharing our life, he lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to his own brilliant light. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, 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

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"

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, grant us peace.

♪ Hymns During Communion

"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross" – ELW #335

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" – ELW #733

"Our Father, We Have Wandered" – ELW #606

Post-Communion Blessing & Prayer

Blessing

♪ Hymn: "O Lord, Throughout These Forty Days" ELW #319

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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Offering: Offering can be placed in the offering box in the narthex. Offerings can also be mailed to the church (PO Box 184, Ladysmith, WI 54848), given through your bank’s bill pay option, through the church’s website (hlcladysmith.org) or through our Simply Giving program.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Kathy Peterson, Irene Titera; Lector – Irene Titera; Communion Assistant – Gordie Dukerschein; Acolyte – Nolan Kammerud.

Prayer Concerns: Health Concerns - Merrilee Anhalt, Siri Basham, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Fred Hemm, Brian Johnson, Bob Langland, Pat McEathron, Craig Roberts, Howard Schreiber, Joe Smith, Sherm Toufar, Michelle Whittenberger, Willow, Tom Zambori; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by the closing of HSHS/Prevea hospitals and clinics; Grieving: Bonnie Billings & family in the death of her aunt, Jane Roberts.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet this morning at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss Someone Like You by Karen Kingsbury.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, February 20 at 6:30pm.

Feed My People Delivery: Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, February 20 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

Food Pantry: The Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, February 19 but instead will be open on Tuesday, February 20 from 1:00-3:00pm.

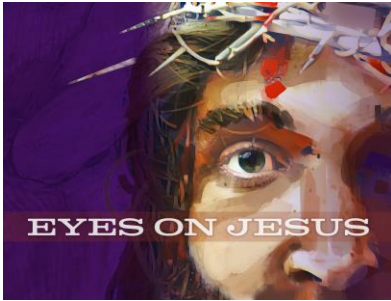
Donuts & Devotions: Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for donuts & devotions next Sunday, February 25 at 10:15am.

Lenten Devotional: The NALC Lenten Devotional for 2024 is entitled “The Eternal King”. A downloadable copy is available on the NALC website at nalc.org.

Path Forward Committee: The Path Forward Committee will meet on Thursday, February 22 at 5:30pm.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Book Discussion
	6:30pm Marriage Enrichment Group
Tuesday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
	1:00pm Food Pantry
	3:45pm Parish Education Committee
Wednesday	6:30pm Church Council Meeting
	3:15pm Wednesday School
	5:00pm Soup Supper
	5:30pm Choirchimes
	6:15pm Hymn Sing
Thursday	6:30pm Lenten Worship
	5:30pm Path Forward Committee
Sunday	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:15am Donuts & Devotions
	10:30am Bible Study



MIDWEEK LENTEN WORSHIP “EYES ON JESUS”

When the characters in the Passion narrative look at Jesus, what do they see? This year, our theme for our midweek Lenten worship services is “Eyes on Jesus.” As we make our way through Mark’s passion account, we will examine how the various people around Jesus viewed Him—and how we should view Him today. In these special services, we will be “fixing our eyes on Jesus” and what He has done to save us from our sins by His suffering, death, and resurrection.

Once again, we will be uniting as a parish family for the Wednesday services, rotating which church will host that week’s supper and service. Soup suppers will be served beginning at 5:00pm on February 21 & 28, and March 6, 13, & 20. Each church will have its own services on Ash Wednesday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter.

February 21 - “Betraying Eyes” 6:30pm at Hope

February 28 - “Sleepy Eyes” 6:30pm at Glen Flora

March 6 - “Denying Eyes” 6:30pm at Hope

March 13 - “Murderous Eyes” 6:30pm at Glen Flora

March 20 - “Worldly Eyes” 6:30pm at Hope

Maundy Thursday, March 28
5:00pm at Glen Flora; 6:30pm at Hope

Good Friday, March 29
6:30pm at Hope; 8:00pm at Glen Flora

Easter Sunday, March 31
7:00am & 10:00am at Hope; 8:30am at Glen Flora