

Hope Lutheran Church
Ladysmith, Wisconsin



*“Love
each other
as I have
loved you.”*

JOHN 15:12, NIV



Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 5, 2024 – 9:00am

Prelude

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...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...in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

Gathering Song: "Blessed Assurance" #638

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Hymn of Praise: "Glory Be to God in Heaven" p. 204

Prayer of the Day

P: O God, all good things can come from you alone; generously consider then our humble prayers. Inspire us to consider what is true, and direct us to accomplish what is right; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. He lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

First Reading: Acts 10:34-48

Responsive Reading: Psalm 98

L: Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

C: With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

L: The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

C: He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

L: Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

C: Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

L: With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the king, the LORD.

C: Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who dwell therein.

L: Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

C: In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

Second Reading: 1 John 5:1-8

Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

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Holy Gospel: John 15:9-17

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 15th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Children's Sermon/Sermon

Pastor Christopher Martin

Hymn of the Day: "Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus"

#802

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 whom 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 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. Who 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.

Prayers of Intercession/Sharing of the Peace p. 206

Offertory #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 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 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.

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The Lord's Prayer p. 208

Distribution of Holy Communion: "Lamb of God" p. 208

Hymns: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" - #631

"What Wondrous Love Is This" - #666

Post-Communion Prayer

Blessing

Sending Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #742

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

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Jerry & Pat McEathron; Lector-Bonnie Billings; Communion Asst – Chris Holtebeck; Acolyte: Sophia Kammerud.

Livestream Sponsor: The livestream of our worship service this morning is sponsored by Aileen Tauchen in honor of her children and grandchildren.

Bible Study: The Bible study on the book of will take place this morning at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

Thank You: The Parish Education Committee would like to help everyone who helped in any way with Sunday School or Wednesday School this past school year. These programs wouldn't have been possible without you!

Wednesday School: The last day for Wednesday School will be this Wednesday, May 8.

Graduate Recognition Sunday: We will be honoring our graduating high school seniors on Sunday, May 19 at the 9:00am worship service. If you have a graduating senior and did not receive a letter, please contact the church office.

Spring Cleaning: Volunteers are needed to help with spring cleaning both inside and outside the church building. This will take place on Thursday, May 16 beginning at 3:30pm. If you have questions, please contact Brian Johnson or a member of the Property Committee.

Committee Meetings this Week: Monday, May 6 – 4:00pm Parish Education; Tuesday, May 7 – 6:00pm Worship & Music. Wednesday, May 8 – 3:30pm Congregational Care & Outreach.

Feed My People Delivery: Volunteers are needed on Monday, May 6 at 9:15am to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

Vacation Bible School: VBS will be held Monday, July 22 through Wednesday, July 24 from 5:00-7:30pm. A light supper will be served each evening. The Parish Education Committee is seeking volunteers to help with this event. If you have questions or would like to help, please contact Laura Johnson (715-579-9363).

Livestream Sponsorship: Our worship service is livestreamed to the church's YouTube channel each Sunday. If you would like to sponsor a broadcast, please sign up on the bulletin board in the narthex. The suggested donation is \$50. Proceeds go towards keeping the technology needed for this ministry up-to-date.

Prayer Requests: If you would like to have someone placed on the prayer chain and/or the prayer list in the Sunday bulletin, please contact the church office (hlcladysmith@gmail.com or 715-532-7739). If you have asked to have someone listed in the prayers, please give periodic updates so that we can keep the list up-to-date.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study
Monday	9:15am Feed My People delivery 4:00pm Parish Education
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School 3:30pm Congregational Care & Outreach 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm Confirmation
Thursday	5:30pm Fellowship Hall Reserved
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study