

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



Reformation/Confirmation
October 27, 2024
9:00am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Temple Talk

Dave Borman

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: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. (*silence for reflection and self-examination*)

P: Most merciful God,

C: we confess that we are in bondage 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: Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, 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.

Hymn: "Built On a Rock"

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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: O Lord God, heavenly Father, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your grace and truth, protect and comfort them in all temptation, defend them against all enemies of your Word, and bestow upon the Church your saving peace; 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: Revelation 14:6-7

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 46

L: God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

C: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains be toppled into the depths of the sea;

L: Though its waters rage and foam, and though the mountains tremble at its tumult.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High.

C: God is in the midst of her; she shall not be overthrown; God shall help her at the break of day.

L: The nations make much ado, and the kingdoms are shaken; God has spoken, and the earth shall melt away.

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

L: Come now and look upon the works of the LORD, what awesome things he has done on earth.

C: It is he who makes war to cease in all the world; he breaks the bow, and shatters the spear, and burns the shields with fire.

L: "Be still, then, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth."

C: The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

Second Reading: Romans 3:19-28

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

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

Holy Gospel: John 8:31-36

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. John the 8th 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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Rite of Confirmation

Presentation of the Offering

♪ Offertory

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 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. Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who come in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

P: Blessed are you, Lord of heaven and earth...as he comes to us in his holy supper.

C: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

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

#732 – “Borning Cry”

#632 – “O God, Our Help in Ages Past”

♪ Post-Communion Canticle

**Thank the Lord and sing his praise; tell ev'ryone what he has
done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear his
name. He recalls his promises and leads his people forth in
joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Post-Communion Prayer

P: We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in

your mercy you would 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

L: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor, and give you peace.

C: Amen.

♪ Sending Hymn: “Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word” #632

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 – Merrilee Anhalt, Austin Boehm, Gina Cooley, Wayne Crozier, Meghan Diller, Aiden Dohr, Emma Dohr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Brittany Haag, Fred Hemm, Pr. Amy Little, Irwin Martin, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Mike Preston, Grant Rydlund, Michelle Whittenberger, Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; Those affected by natural disasters; Grieving: family and friends of Arnie Olson and James Stanton.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Rosemary Johnson; Lector - Rosemary Johnson; Communion Asst – Rosemary Johnson; Acolytes – Addison Hulle, Nolan Kammerud, Blake Nyhagen.

Reception for Confirmands: A reception in honor of our confirmands will take place in the fellowship hall following the worship service this morning.

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

Duty & Delight Study: The Duty & Delight Bible study will not meet on Friday, November 1 at 1:00pm in the fellowship hall.

Quilting: The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, October 29 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the whole day, please bring a sack lunch.

MANNA Meal: The October MANNA Meal will take place on Thursday, October 31 with serving from 5:00-6:00pm. This is a free meal providing both food and fellowship to those in need of either. This month's meal is sponsored by Faith United Methodist Church.

All Saints Sunday: Next Sunday, November 3 is All Saints Sunday, a day set aside to remember our Christian brothers and sisters who have been laid to rest. On that day we will be especially remembering those from our church family who have died since last All Saints Sunday by lighting a candle in memory of each of these saints. Members of the congregation will also have an opportunity to light a candle in memory of loved ones.

Personal Care Item Collection: The Service & Fellowship Committee will be collecting personal care items to help ease the financial burden of local families in need during this holiday season. Items needed are soap, deodorant, shampoo/conditioner, lotions, feminine products, laundry soap, toothbrush/toothpaste and other similar items. Items can be placed in the totes in the narthex and the multipurpose room through December 1. These will be distributed during food pantry hours in December. Monetary donations to purchase items will also be accepted (checks should be made payable to Hope Lutheran Church with "care items" in the memo line).

Operation Christmas Child: Youth in grades 6-12 will again be packing boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 3 following the 9:00am worship service. Lunch will be provided. Friends are always welcome. If you have questions about any youth ministry events, please contact Julie Kammerud.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Bible study
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting
Wednesday	3:30pm Wednesday School
	5:30pm Choirchimes
	6:00pm GriefShare
Sunday	6:30pm 7 th Grade Confirmation
	9:00am Worship
	10:00am Fellowship
	10:15am Sunday School
	10:30am Bible Study

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.

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

Tanner Davis, Sophia Kammerud, and Isabelle Solberg have completed Confirmation instruction and will affirm the faith of their baptisms this morning.

Pastor: Beloved in the Lord, we rejoice that on this day, you desire to make a public profession of your faith in Christ and assume greater responsibility in the life of this congregation and its mission in the world. Our Lord Jesus Christ said to His apostles: "All authority has been given to me in heaven and on earth. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." (Matt. 28:18b-20, NKJV) You have been baptized and catechized in the Christian faith according to our Lord's bidding. Jesus said "Whoever confesses Me before men, I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. But whoever denies Me before men, I will also deny before My Father who is in heaven." (Matt. 10:32-33, NKVJ alt.) Lift up your hearts, therefore, to the God of all grace and joyfully give answer to what I now ask you in the name of the Lord.

Do you this day in the presence of God and of this congregation, renounce the devil and all his works and all his ways?

Confirmands: Yes, I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God, the Father Almighty?

Congregation: Yes, I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord?

C: Yes, I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by 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 and is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

C: Yes, 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.

P: Do you hold all the prophetic and apostolic Scriptures to be the inspired Word of God?

Confirmands: I do.

P: Do you confess the doctrine of the Lutheran Church, drawn from the Scriptures, as you have learned to know it from the Small Catechism, to be faithful and true?

C: I do.

P: Do you intend to hear the Word of God and receive the Lord's Supper faithfully?

C: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death?

C: I do, by the grace of God.

P: Do you intend to continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it?

C: I do, by the grace of God.

P: We rejoice with thankful hearts that you have been baptized and received the teaching of the Lord. You have confessed the faith and been absolved of your sins. As you continue to hear the Lord's Word and receive His blessed Sacrament, He who has begun a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

C: Amen.

Parents and baptismal sponsors are invited forward at this time.

P: (*Tanner Davis, Sophia Kammerud, Isabelle Solberg*), the Almighty God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given you the new birth of water and of the Spirit and has forgiven you all your sins, strengthen you with his grace to life everlasting.

C: Amen.

Congregation stands.

P: Let us pray for our newly confirmed. Lord God, heavenly Father, we thank and praise You for Your great goodness in bringing Tanner, Sophia, and Isabelle to the knowledge of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and enabling them both with the heart to believe and with the mouth to confess His saving name. Grant that, bringing forth the fruits of faith, they may continue steadfast and victorious to the day when all who have fought the good fight of faith shall receive the crown of righteousness, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Congregation: Amen.

P: Peace be with you. **C: Amen.**