



**"WHOEVER WANTS TO**

**BE MY DISCIPLE MUST**

**DENY THEMSELVES**

**AND TAKE UP THEIR**

**CROSS AND FOLLOW ME."**

**MATTHEW 16:24, NIV**

14<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 3, 2023 - 9:00am

Hope Lutheran Church  
Ladysmith, Wisconsin  
Church Office: 715-532-7739  
Pastor: Rev. Christopher Martin

Prelude

The Gathering

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, ...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... (*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*) 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: In the mercy of almighty God, in the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

Entrance Hymn: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

ELW #656

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.**

Hymn of Praise: "Glory to God"

*Refrain*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest;  
glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord, God, Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks we praise you for your glory. Refrain**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father; receive our prayer. Refrain**

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy spirit, in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

*Final Refrain*

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest; glory to God, glory to God, and peace to God's people on earth, and peace to God's people on earth.**

**Prayer of the Day: O Lord, mercifully continue to purify and defend your Church. Since she cannot stand firmly without your power, govern her always by your grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

### The Word

First Reading: Jeremiah 15:15-21

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 26

L: Give judgment for me, O LORD, for I have lived with integrity; I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.

**C: Test me, O LORD, and try me; examine my heart and my mind.**

L: For your love is before my eyes; I have walked faithfully with you.

**C: I have not sat with the worthless, nor do I consort with the deceitful.**

L: I have hated the company of evildoers; I will not sit down with the wicked.

**C: I will wash my hands in innocence, O LORD, that I may go in procession round your altar,**

L: Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving and recounting all your wonderful deeds.

**C: LORD, I love the house in which you dwell and the**

**place where your glory abides.**

L: Do not sweep me away with sinners, nor my life with those who thirst for blood,

**C: Whose hands are full of evil plots, and their right hand full of bribes.**

L: As for me, I will live with integrity; redeem me, O LORD, and have pity on me.

**C: My foot stands on level ground; in the full assembly I will bless the LORD.**

Second Reading: Romans 12:9-21

Gospel Acclamation

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

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

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Reading: Matthew 16:21-28

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew.

**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: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" ELW #803

Apostles' Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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**

Sharing of the Peace

## The Offering

Presentation of the Offering

Offertory: "Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful"

ELW #182

Offertory Prayer

## The Meal

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 in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

The Word 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"

**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

"Lord, Whose Love in Humble Service" – ELW #712

"How Firm a Foundation" – ELW #796

Post-Communion Blessing

Prayer

## The Sending

### Benediction

P: 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, in the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen.**

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

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### Postlude

Lisa Borman

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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](http://hlcladysmith.org)) or through our Simply Giving program.

**Prayer Concerns:** Health Concerns: Merrilee Anhalt, Kathleen Chicken, Jeanne Dukerschein, Anna Durr, Pr. Phil Gagnon, Joe Kesan, Phil King, Pat McEathron, Sue Molstad, Pat Morgan, Patsy Peterson, Scott Peterson, Gary Purgett, Jean Raymond, Jane Roberts, Jeff Rosolowski, Stan & Rosemary Schmitt, Karen Swada, Sherm Toufar; Homebound Members & Nursing Home Residents. Grieving: Josi Hamilton and the Lehman family in the death of Corky Lehman.

**Worship Assistants:** Ushers – Dave Borman; Lector – Jana Nyhagen; Communion Assistant – Bradon Martin.

**Livestream Sponsors:** The livestream of our worship service is sponsored by Kathy Peterson in memory of Sam Milazzo.



# Rally Day Celebration

We will be kicking off our fall programming with our Rally Day Celebration on Sunday, September 10. Following the worship service there will be a potluck brunch and games for children of all ages. Dining areas will be set up both inside and outside. Please bring a dish to pass and outdoor chairs if you have them.

As we resume our normal schedule of activities, you are encouraged to invite your unchurched friends and neighbors to join us for worship, Sunday School and other events.

Sunday School begins on Sunday, September 17 from 10:15-11:00am. Sunday School is for children 3-years old through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please contact Heidi Jo Sovacool if you have questions.

Wednesday School will begin on Wednesday, September 20 and will run from 3:30-4:45pm. This is for students in PK-6<sup>th</sup> grades. Elementary students can ride Bus 9 from LES to the church but will need a bus pass signed by a parent or guardian. Please contact Laurie Lemke if your 6<sup>th</sup> grader will need transportation.

Registration forms for Sunday School and Wednesday School can be found on the education bulletin board, the church website ([hlcladysmith.org](http://hlcladysmith.org)) or by contacting the church office.

**Bible Study:** The study on the book of Revelation will meet TODAY at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

**Church Soffit Project:** Repairs to the soffit on the church are scheduled to begin in September. At the annual meeting, the congregation voted to use \$6,000 from the Wuerth Fund towards this project with the remaining balance coming from specified contributions. The Stewardship & Finance Committee asks that your prayerfully consider a donation towards these much-needed repairs to the church building.

**Fellowship:** Volunteers are needed to supply treats for our Sunday fellowship time. Volunteers are also needed to serve and clean up. There is a sign-up sheet on the counter in the fellowship hall. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Zielke.

**Feed My People Delivery:** Volunteers are needed on Tuesday, September 5 to help unload the Feed My People delivery and stock food pantry shelves.

**Choirchimes:** The Choirchimes of Hope will resume rehearsals on Wednesday, September 13 at 5:30pm. This group is for adults and youth 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and older. There are no prerequisites to play other than a love of worshipping our Lord through music. If you have questions, please contact Heidi Jo Sovacool.

**Labor Day:** The Church Office and Food Pantry will be closed on Monday, September 4 in observance of the Labor Day holiday. The Food Pantry will be open on Tuesday, September 5 from 1:00-3:00pm and Friday, September 8 from 9:30-11:30am. Regular pantry hours will resume next week.

### A Week of Hope

Today	10:15am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study
Tuesday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Wednesday	9:30am Service & Fellowship Committee 6:30pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation 7:30pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Orientation
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:15am Rally Day Celebration