

**“Be opened.”
And immediately his
ears were opened,
his tongue was released ...**

Mark 7:34-35, NRSV



**16th Sunday after Pentecost
September 8, 2024
9:00am**

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

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, 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.

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, 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.

♪ Gathering Hymn: "He Leadeth Me"

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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.

♪ 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 God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *refrain*

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, 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

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Let us pray.

All: O Lord, always lead and follow us with your grace, that we may be still more intent on doing good. Grant this, we pray, through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Isaiah 35:4-7a

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 146

L: Hallelujah! Praise the LORD, O my soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being.

C: Put not your trust in rulers, nor in any child of earth, for there is no help in them.

L: When they breathe their last, they return to earth, and in that day their thoughts perish.

C: Happy are they who have the God of Jacob for their help, whose hope is in the LORD their God;

L: Who made heaven and earth, the seas, and all that is in them;

who keeps his promise forever;

C: Who gives justice to those who are oppressed, and food to those who hunger.

L: The LORD sets the prisoners free; the LORD opens the eyes of the blind; the LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;

C: The LORD loves the righteous; the LORD cares for the stranger; he sustains the orphan and widow, but frustrates the way of the wicked.

L: The LORD shall reign forever, your God, O Zion, throughout all generations. Hallelujah!

Second Reading: James 2:1-10, 14-18

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: "Alleluia"

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

Alleluia. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Holy Gospel: Mark 7:31-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the seventh 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: "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" #886

Confession of Faith: 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 the Church/Sharing of the Peace

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

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

#484 – “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

#614 – “There is a Balm in Gilead”

♪ Post-Communion Cantic

Thankful hearts and voices raise; tell ev’ryone what God has done. Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and bear Christ’s holy name. Send us with your promises, O God, and lead us forth in joy with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

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: “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Postlude

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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, Brian Michaelson, Ken Parejko, Mike Preston, Kay Thompson, Michelle Whittenberger, Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; those affected by the closing of Jeld-Wen.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Charlie & Chris Holtebeck; Communion Asst – Irene Titera; Lector – Charlie Holtebeck; Acolyte – Izzy Solberg.

Livestream Sponsorship: The livestream of our worship service this morning is sponsored by Bob & Karen Langland in celebration of their wedding anniversary.

Bible Study: The study on Romans will meet at 10:30am today.

Committee Meetings this Week: Tuesday, September 10 – 4:00pm Social Ministries, 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance, 6:00pm Property; Thursday, September 12 – 6:00pm Executive Committee.

Meal of the Month: The next Meal of the Month will take place on Thursday, September 12 at 11:30am at Cedar Lodge. The Meal of the Month is an opportunity for members of Hope to enjoy a meal and fellowship while supporting a local business.

GriefShare: A new cycle of the GriefShare support group has begun. Weekly meetings will be held Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm through December 11. If you would like to register or need more information, please contact the church office. You can also register online at griefshare.org and clicking on “find a group”.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Bible Study
Tuesday	4:00pm Social Ministries 5:30pm Stewardship & Finance 6:00pm Property
Wednesday	9:30am Prayer Group 4:00pm Parish Education 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm 7 th & 8 th Grade Confirmation 7:30pm 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday	11:30am Meal of the Month 1:30pm Home Communion Meeting 6:00pm Executive Committee
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Rally Day Celebration 6:30pm Marriage Enrichment

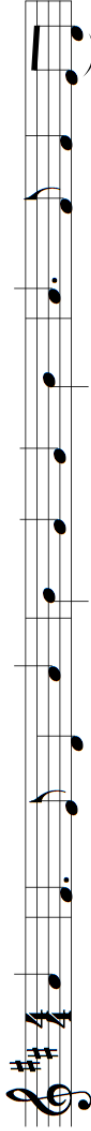
Mission Statement

Hope Lutheran Church is commissioned to make disciples, commanded to love God and others, and committed to serve.

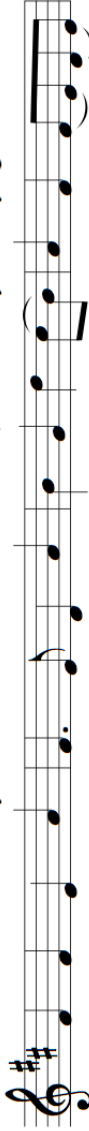
Vision Statement

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.

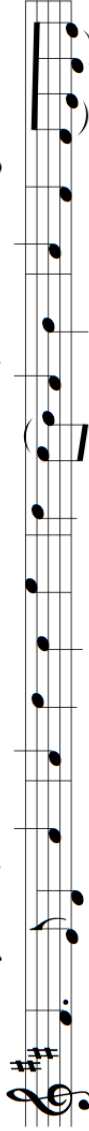
He Leadeth Me



He lead - eth me: oh, bless - ed thought! Oh, words with heav'n - ly —
Some - times mid scenes of deep - est gloom, Some - times where E - den's
Lord, I would clasp thy hand in mine, Nor ev - er mur - mur
And when my task on earth is done, When by thy grace the —



com - fort fraught! What - e'er I do, wher - e'er I be, Still 'tis God's hand that
bow - ers bloom, By wat - ers calm o'er trou-bles sea, Still 'tis God's hand that
nor re - pine; Con - tent, what - ev - er lot I see, Since 'tis God's hand that
vic - t'ry's won, E'en death's cold wave I will not flee, Since Godthrough Jor - dan



lead - eth me. He lead - eth me, he lead - eth me, By his own hand he —
lead - eth me.
lead - eth me.
lead - eth me.



lead-eth me. His faith-ful fol-l'wer I would be, For by his hand he lead - eth me.



Rally Day Celebration

We'll be kicking off our fall programming with a Rally Day celebration on Sunday, September 15. A hymn-sing will be held prior to the 9:00am worship service (beginning at approximately 8:45am). Following the worship service, we will gather on the church lawn for refreshments, games, crafts and a time of fellowship. The theme for this year's Rally Day is "Looking for Jesus". You are encouraged to keep your eyes open, as you never know where you may find Jesus! Everyone is welcome!

Wednesday School: Wednesday School is for children PK-6th grade. The first Wednesday School will meet at Memorial Park on September 18. Children can take Bus 3 from LES to the park. Parents are asked to pick up their children at the park at 4:30pm. Regular Wednesday School will begin on September 25 and will run from 3:15-4:45pm. Children can take Bus 9 from LES to the church. Parents will need to send a note to school giving their child permission to ride the bus.

Sunday School: Sunday School classes will begin on Sunday, September 22. Classes are for children 3 years old through 6th grade and are held each week from 10:15-11:00am in the education wing. If you have a child in this age range and did not receive a letter in the mail, please contact the church office.

The registration forms for Sunday School and Wednesday School can be found on the church website (hlcladysmith.org) or by contacting the church office (hlcladysmith@gmail.com or 715-532-7739).