

Hope Lutheran Church Ladysmith, Wisconsin



14th Sunday after Pentecost
September 14, 2025 - 9:00am

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Confession and 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 and 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: "We Are the Church"

W&P #135

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: Let us pray.

C: Gracious God, grant that we who celebrate the forgiveness of our sins through Jesus Christ may live in the joy and peace which comes from knowing Your great love for us. We ask this through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

♪ Hymn: "Thy Word"

W&P #143

First Reading: Ezekiel 34:11-24

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Responsive Reading: Psalm 119:169-176

L: Let my cry come before you, O LORD; give me understanding, according to your word.

C: Let my supplication come before you; deliver me, according to your promise.

L: My lips shall pour forth your praise, when you teach me your statutes.

C: My tongue shall sing of your promise, for all your commandments are righteous.

L: Let your hand be ready to help me, for I have chosen your commandments.

C: I long for your salvation, O LORD, and your law is my delight.

L: Let me live, and I will praise you, and let your judgments help me.

C: I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; search for your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

♪ Gospel Acclamation: “Alleluia”

W&P #6

Holy Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

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

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Pastor Elden Simonson

♪ Hymn of the Day: “You Are Mine”

W&P #158

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.

The Prayers

P: ...Lord, in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

Sharing of the Peace

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

C: And also with you.

♪ Presentation of the Offering: “We Are an Offering”

W&P #146

Offertory Prayer

P: 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 Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in 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

Hymns: "Lamb of God" – W&P #82

"As the Deer" – W&P #9

"As the Grains of Wheat" – W&P #10

Post-Communion Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

C: Amen.

Post-Communion Prayer

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life. In your mercy, 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

♪ Hymn: "We Are Called"

W&P #147

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, John Bohun, Darlene Brunk, Wayne Crozier, Fred Hemm, Brian Michaelson, Colby Overhagen, Justin Robinson, Grant Rydlund, Jeanette van Ert; Homebound Members and Nursing Home Residents; our church and other congregations currently in the call process; Grieving: Mike Rausch & family in the death of his mother.

Worship Assistants: Ushers – Aileen Tauchen, Kathy Ducommun; Lector – Bonnie Billings; Communion Assistant – Dave Borman; Acolyte – Addison Hulle.

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

Wednesday School: Wednesday School will resume on Wednesday, September 17 from 3:00-4:30pm. Wednesday school is for children PK thru 6th grade. All children are welcome! Children can ride the bus from LES and will learn Bible stories, sing songs, play games, and have a snack. Registration forms can be found on the church website (hlcladysmith.org/education) or by contacting the church office. If you have questions about Wednesday School, please contact Laura Johnson.

HLCW: The Hope Lutheran Church Women will hold their monthly meeting on Thursday, September 18 at 9:30am. Hostesses are Josi Hamilton and Noreen Kurth. All women of Hope are welcome.

Health Kits: The Hope Lutheran Church Women (HLCW) continue to collect items for NALC Disaster Response health kits. Items needed are bath towels, wash cloths, shampoo, toothpaste, combs, deodorant, and 2-gallon size Ziploc bags. Items can be dropped off at the church during office hours or placed in the bins in the narthex. Monetary donations are also being accepted to help purchase items. If you have questions about this project, please contact Kathy Peterson.

Walk for Life: Choices Health Network (formerly the CareNet Pregnancy Resource Center) will hold their annual "Walk for Life" Fundraiser on Saturday, September 20 from 9:00-11:00am at Memorial Park. If you would like to walk or sponsor a member of Hope's Walk team, please contact Rosemary Johnson.

Volunteers Needed: The Worship & Music Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as worship assistants during the months of October and November. If you are willing and able to help, please contact Dave Borman or Lisa Borman. Training can be provided if needed.

Confirmation: Confirmation classes for students in 7th & 8th grade will begin on Wednesday, September 24 at 6:00pm. Pastor Hailey Halmstad will be teaching this class. If you have a student who would like to participate and have not been contacted, please contact the church office.

GriefShare: GriefShare is a non-denominational, faith-based grief support group that meets here at Hope Lutheran each Wednesday through December 3 from 6:00-7:30pm. If you are someone you know would like to participate, please contact the church office.

Book Discussion: The book group will meet on Sunday, September 21 to discuss One Last Stand by Susan Mae Warren. The book group meets at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

Bible Study: A study of the book of John meets most Sundays at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

Council Meeting: The Church Council will hold their monthly meeting on Tuesday, September 16 at 6:30pm.

A Week of Hope

Today	10:00am Dally Day Celebration
Monday	9:15am Feed My People Delivery
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	6:00pm GriefShare 7:30pm 9 th Grade Confirmation
Thursday	9:30am HLCW 12:00noon Feed My People Meeting
Sunday	8:30am Fellowship 9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Book Discussion