

Whoever wants to be

FIRST



must be

LAST



MARK 9:35. NRSV

of all and servant of all.

18<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost  
September 22, 2024 – 9:00am

**Hope Lutheran Church, NALC  
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: "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"

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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: Direct our hearts, O Lord, by your merciful reign, because without your help it is impossible to please you. 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: Jeremiah 11:18-20

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Responsive Reading: Psalm 54

L: Save me, O God, by your Name; in your might, defend my cause.

**C: Hear my prayer, O God; give ear to the words of my mouth.**

L: For the arrogant have risen up against me, and the ruthless have sought my life, those who have no regard for God.

**C: Behold, God is my helper; it is the LORD who sustains my life.**

L: Render evil to those who spy on me; in your faithfulness, destroy them.

**C: I will offer you a freewill sacrifice and praise your name, O LORD, for it is good.**

L: For you have rescued me from every trouble, and my eye has seen the ruin of my foes.

Second Reading: James 3:13-18

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 9:30-37

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the ninth 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: "Thy Holy Wings"

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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.**

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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

#656 – “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

#781 – “Children of the Heavenly Father”

♪ Post-Communion Canticle

**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: “You Servants of God”

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Dismissal

P: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

Terry Wedwick

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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.

**Worship Assistants:** Ushers – Jerry & Pat McEathron; Communion Asst – Rosemary Johnson; Lector – Aileen Tauchen; Acolyte – Nolan Kammerud.

**Book Discussion:** The book group will meet TODAY at 10:30am in the Fireside Room to discuss the book The Great Alone by Kristin Hannah.

**Bible Study:** The Bible study on the book of Romans will meet on Sunday, September 29 at 10:30am in the Fireside Room.

**Donuts & Devotions:** Youth in grades 6-12 are invited for Donuts & Devotions following the worship service this morning.

**Health Care Kits:** Youth in grades 6-12 will be assembling health care kits for NALC Disaster Response on Sunday, September 29 following the 9:00am worship service.

**Council Meeting:** The Church Council will meet on Tuesday, September 24 at 6:30pm.

**MANNA Meal:** The September MANNA Meal will be held on Thursday, September 26 with serving from 5:00-6:0pm. This month's meal is sponsored by the UCC Church.

**Quilting:** The quilting group will meet on Tuesday, September 24 beginning at 9:00am. There are jobs for all skill levels. If you can stay for the whole day, please bring a sack lunch. Questions? Contact Karen Skeels (715-452-5444).

**GriefShare:** The GriefShare support group meets weekly on Wednesdays from 6:00-7:30pm. If you would like to register or need more information, please contact the church office. You can also register online at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) and clicking on “find a group”.

**Glen Flora Lutheran Fall Festival:** Everyone is invited to Glen Flora Lutheran’s Fall Festival this coming Saturday, September 28 from 4:00–7:30pm. There will be free food and beverages served throughout the festival along with silent auction, pie auction, fall bouquet demonstrations, games for ALL ages, and a special celebrity contest. For more information, please see the GFLC Facebook page: [facebook.com/Glen Flora Lutheran Church](https://facebook.com/GlenFloraLutheranChurch).

### **A Week of Hope**

Today	10:00am Fellowship 10:15am Sunday School 10:15am Donuts & Devotions 10:30am Book Discussion
Tuesday	9:00am Quilting 6:30pm Council Meeting
Wednesday	3:15pm Wednesday School 6:00pm GriefShare 6:30pm 7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation 7:30pm 9 <sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation
Thursday	5:00pm MANNA Meal
Sunday	9:00am Worship 10:00am Fellowship 10:30am Book Discussion

### **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.*