

Sunday, August 3, 2025 8th Sunday after Pentecost Service of Word and Sacrament

Welcome to worship at Hope!

Our service follows a four-fold pattern of GATHERING as the Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God; WORD as God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song; in the MEAL as God feeds us with the presence of Christ and SENDING as God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world. Texts you need for worship are projected; hymns and scripture readings for today are printed below.

THEMES OF WORSHIP TODAY

Today's texts offer instruction and encouragement for all who are occasionally overwhelmed by the "unhappy business" of life. Jesus urges us to take care and be on guard against all kinds of greed.

We who have died with Christ in holy baptism have also been raised with him and are encouraged to elevate our thinking, seeking the "things that are above." To that end we seek the sustenance of the Lord's supper and the encouragement of God's word.

Today we will remember in our prayers:

Cheryl, Haydn, Sophie, Murray M, Kay, Gerry, Connie, Debbie K, Arlene, Wyatt, and Kathryn Jamieson's family & friends as they mourn her loss.

Kathryn Jamieson's memorial will be held at Hope Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 4th at 1pm.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:
Assisting Minister:
Accompanist:
Reader:
Pastor Greg Smith
Rachel Schmidt
Joyce McKenny
Hal Schult

Ushers: Jim & Kathy Lee

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

TODAY'S SERVICE

GATHFRING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Welcome

Brief order of Confession and Forgiveness WOV p. 10

GATHERING SONG: Lift High the Cross ELW 660 (vs 1 & 2)

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song. Let My Heart be Good Soil ELW 512 (instead of the Psalm)

First Reading: Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23

Second Reading: Colossians 3:1-11

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Alleluia WOV 671 (vr. 1 & refrain only)

Gospel: Luke 12:13-21

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742

Apostles' Creed WOV p. 33

Prayers of Intercession (Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**)
Peace

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MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Song: Praise and Thanksgiving ELW 689 (vs 1 & 2)

Offering Prayer

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Songs During Communion:

The Old Rugged Cross

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling ELW 631

Piano instrumental

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: Lift High the Cross ELW 660 (vrs 3 & 4)

The flowers today are given by Ringo Tam from the Calgary Unity Lutheran Church.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Summer Office Hours Monday - Thursday ~ 9am to noon & CLOSED FRIDAYS

OFFICE will be CLOSED on Monday, August 4th Heritage Day

Mary will be on holidays from July 30th and back in the office on Monday, August 11th. Please let Zena know if you have any questions.

Tuesdays at 10 am - Stitchers

COMING UP AT HOPE

RESULTS of the Special Congregational Meeting

All members of Hope Lutheran were invited to a Special Congregational Meeting on Sunday, July 27th at Hope Lutheran Church. As per Synod requirements, a representative of the Bishop, Pastor Margaret Koizumi (Assistant to the Bishop) chaired the meeting. The sole purpose of this meeting was to consider, discuss, and vote on the motion to approve a call to Pastor Greg.

All 66 members in attendance voted unanimously in favour. Now we wait for up to 30 days for Pastor Greg to respond. Please continue to pray for Pastor Greg, Jocelyn, Keltie & Seth during this decision time.

Questions about the Proposed Development Sign at the front of the church have come up – PreKindergarten Educational Services (the preschool program that leases space at Hope) wants to extend their program to include kinder-care. This needs approval from the city but it does not impact Hope Lutheran in any way.

August 24th – Congregational Potluck after worship.

Please sign up to help with coffee over the summer! Fresh baking is always appreciated on Sunday mornings!

Camp Firelight VBS - A Hope-Advent collaboration!



DATE: August 11 - 15th

TIME: 9am – 1 pm AGES: 4-11

LOCATION: ADVENT LUTHERAN CHURCH

11 Scenic Acres Gate NW

Sign your kids and grandkids up for this fun week of crafts, games, music and adventure as we learn how we can "Trust God" each and every day! Invite your friends!

Cost is only \$50 for the week and it includes snacks and lunch each day AND a camp t-shirt! Youth and adults, there's space for you to join us as well! We're looking for volunteers - can you join us for a morning or the week?

Contact Zena with questions. Scan the QR code for more information and to register. The Adventure begins now!



Vacation Bible Camp August 11-15

Scan the QR code or register online at adventlutheran.ca

OUR CHARITY OF CHOICE FOR JULY & AUGUST

We are collecting school supplies and financial donations to help support an elementary school in our neighbourhood - **Captain John Palliser School**.

Check the Anchor and website for more information on news, reflections, and events.

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