

Sunday, August 24, 2025 11th Sunday after Pentecost Service of Word and Prayer

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; THANKSGIVING as we give thanks for the Word and all God's gifts; 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

Remember the sabbath day. Call the sabbath a delight. This is the Lord's day, and the Lord will do for us what the Lord does: feed us, forgive us, help and heal us. Rejoice at all the wonderful things God is doing.



Today we will remember in our prayers: Tim H, Janette K, Robert K, Keal K, Anne M, Erika K, Haydn, Sophie L, Murray M.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:
Accompanist:
Reader:
Ushers:
Ushers:
Special Music:
Pastor Greg Smith
Ming Yan
Gretchen Albers
Joanne Seminuk
Paige - Flute Solo

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

TODAY (Sunday, August 24th) IS POTLUCK!

Please join us for potluck and fellowship after the service.

We have a little something during the Potluck that you won't want to miss. All are welcome to stay.

TODAY'S SERVICE - SOW & Prayer

GATHERING

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

Welcome

Special Music: Paige Flute Solo

Greeting WOV p.46

Gathering Song:

Praise My Soul the God of Heaven ELW 864

Prayer of the Day: WOV p.47

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

Scripture Song: Open Your Ears O Faithful People ELW 519

First Reading: Isaiah 58:9b-14

Psalm: **Psalm 103:1-8** (responsively by sides of church left and right)

Second Reading: Hebrews 12:18-29

Gospel Acclamation: Word of life, Jesus Christ WOV p. 48

Gospel: **Luke 13:10-17**

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Just as I Am, without one plea ELW 592

Response to the Word: Creed and Confession WOV p. 49

Peace

Offertory

Offering Song: The Peace of the Lord ELW 646

Prayers of Intercession (Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.)

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song:

All People that on Earth Do Dwell ELW 883 (vs. 1, 2 & 5)

The flowers today are given by Jan Geggie.

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

Tuesdays at 10 am - Stitchers

COMING UP AT HOPE

SEPTEMBER ANCHOR

There will be no September Anchor. However, in next week's Weekly Newsletter, the September Daily Readings & September Birthdays will be attached. For those who do not receive the weekly newsletter a printed copy will be available in the office.

CONFIRMATION

If you have a youth, gr. 7+, please speak with Pastor Greg about the confirmation program beginning in September.

BIBLE STUDY

Bible Study will start back up on Wednesday, September 10th at 10 am. **Varsity Worship** will also be starting up the same day at 1:15pm.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – OCTOBER 19, 2025

If you are interested in becoming a Hope Lutheran member, please contact Pastor Greg.

FALL FAIR AT HOPE

Saturday, October 18th 9am – 1pm.

Calling all crafters and bakers! Book your own table or join one of the Hope tables. We will need help with set up and take down, café help, and more! If you have jars, bring them in to the church – we have members canning and preserving....and we hope to have a carrot pudding work bee in Sept. This event is all about community outreach, fellowship and skill development! Contact the office to find out how you can get involved! Do you have program suggestions or event ideas for the fall – contact Zena.

LOFT - Living Our Faith Together - Sept. 12-14

Formerly called "Retreat Of Our Own" at Camp Kuriakos

A time for theological reflection, inspiration, community, conversation, music, worship and laughter... living our faith together gathered in the beauty of creation.

The goal of this retreat is to provide engaging keynote speakers, theologians who are passionate about their calling to encourage lay people in their faith journey, so that all might be challenged, and encouraged "to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God." Micah 6:8... as we strive to LIVE OUR FAITH TOGETHER.

For more information and to register: https://loftretreat.ca/

2025 Theme - Guest speaker: Rev. Erik Parker Listen, God is calling: Luther on our shared Baptismal Call.

OUR CHARITY OF CHOICE FOR JULY & AUGUST

For our Charity of Choice for July and August, we've decided to collect school supplies and financial donations to help support one of the schools in our neighbourhood - **Captain John Palliser School** which is an Elementary School.

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

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