

Sunday, August 31, 2025 12th 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

Invited and inviting—that is the nature of the church. By God's grace in holy baptism we have a place at Christ's banquet table. When, by the power of that same Spirit, humility and mutual love continue among us, the church can be more inviting still.



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:

Assisting Minister:

Accompanist:

Reader:

Ushers:

Pastor Greg Smith

Brenda Waller

Joyce McKenny

Debbie Watson

THIS COULD BE YOU!

Thanks to all who helped serve today!



The office will be closed on Monday, September 1.
Back to regular office hours on Tuesday.



TODAY'S SERVICE - Setting 5 - WOV

GATHERING

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

Invocation & Welcome

Gathering Song: Love Has Brought Us Here Together ACS 1040

Greeting

Hymn of Praise: Glory to God WOV p. 29

Greeting & Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

First Reading: Proverbs 25:6-7a

Psalm: Psalm 112

Second Reading: **Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16** Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, WOV p. 31

Gospel: Luke 14:1, 7-14

SERMON

Hymn of the Day: God's Work, Our Hands ACS 1000

Apostles' Creed WOV p. 33

Prayers of Intercession: "Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great."

Peace

MFAI

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Prayer

The Great Thanksgiving

Communion

Songs During Communion:

Lamb of God WOV p. 39

Sweet Hour of Prayer

One Bread, One Body WOV 710

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing of School Supplies and Backpacks

Blessing

Sending Song: This Little Light of Mine ELW 677

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Back to Regular Office Hours Monday - Thursday ~ 9am to 3pm & CLOSED FRIDAYS

Tuesdays at 10 am - Stitchers

COMING UP AT HOPE

SEPTEMBER ANCHOR

There will be no September Anchor. Check your Weekly Newsletter, for the September Daily Readings & September Birthdays. For those who do not receive the weekly newsletter, a printed copy will be available in the office.

RETROUVAILLE WEEKEND - MARRIED COUPLES

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Join us <u>September 5-7, 2025</u> to bring a great change into your life.

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: 403-276-4547 Isabelle **@** or visit our website: HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com

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 - TBD

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 ------- 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

2025 Theme - Guest speaker: Rev. Erik Parker

Listen, God is calling: Luther on our shared Baptismal Call.

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/

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

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