



**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**

Called to contemplate the cost of discipleship, we might be helped by translating Paul's request to Philemon into our prayer of the day: Refresh my heart in Christ. Strengthened by the company and forgiveness of Christ in holy communion and recalling God's grace in remembrance of baptism, we can be strengthened in this hour to "choose life"—to choose life in God as our own.



**Today we will remember in our prayers:**

*Tim H, Janette K, Robert K, Keal K,  
Erika K, Haydn, Sophie L, Murray M.*

## **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Assisting Minister:	Brenda Waller
Accompanist:	Ming Yan
Reader:	Heidi Bova
Ushers:	Nathan & Elijah Gingrich

***Thanks to all who helped serve today!***

*The flowers today are given by Murray & Mari-Anna McCargar  
celebrating their 58<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary!*

## **TODAY'S SERVICE – Setting 7**

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### **GATHERING**

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

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

**Gathering Songs: All Are Welcome ELW 641**

Greeting

Kyrie (ELW p. 175) - Lord, have mercy on us

Canticle of Praise (ELW p. 176)

Prayer of the Day

### **WORD**

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

First Reading: **Deuteronomy 30:15-20**

Psalms: **Psalms 1**

Second Reading: **Philemon 1-21**

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 179) Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Gospel: **Luke 14:25-33**

SERMON

**Hymn of the Day: Let us Now Go to the Banquet ELW 523**

The Apostles' Creed ELW p. 105

Prayers of Intercession (*God of grace, receive our prayer.*)

Peace

### **MEAL**

*God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.*

Offering

**Offering Song: As the Grains of Wheat ELW 465**

Offering Prayer

Communion

Songs During Communion:

Now We Join in Celebration ELW 462

Will you let me be your servant ELW 659

Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with your love ELW 708

### **SENDING**

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

Announcements

Blessing

**Sending Song: You Servants of God ELW 825**

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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### ***Back to Regular Office Hours***

***Monday - Thursday ~ 9am to 3pm & CLOSED FRIDAYS***

**Tuesdays: 10am – Stitchers**

**5:30pm - Council Meeting**

**Wednesdays: 10am - Bible Study - *starts back up this week***

**1:15pm – Worship at Varsity**

## **COMING UP AT HOPE**

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Do you have program suggestions or event ideas for the fall – contact Zena.

### **USHERS ARE NEEDED!**

The slate is empty all the way to Christmas!

Please sign up for a Sunday or two.

### **COFFEE SIGN UP SHEET**

Coffee sign up has many empty spaces as well! Don't know what to do or want help?

Just ask!

Any help you can give is so appreciated!



**Sunday baking is always welcome!**

### **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/>*

## **CARROT PUDDING - WORK BEE - Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>**

Carrot Pudding Making Work Bee is on Saturday, Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. We are hoping to share the "how to" of this delicious tradition! The jars of pudding will be sold at our fall fair on Saturday, Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>. *Contact Zena if you can help with this work bee.*

## **TAIZÉ SERVICE – Sunday, September 21 - 7:30 pm**

An evening of prayer, singing, and silence. All are welcome. Held at St. Laurence Anglican Church 5940 Lakeview Dr. SW.

## **FALL FAIR AT HOPE - Saturday, October 18<sup>th</sup> 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. This event is all about community outreach, fellowship and skill development! Contact the office to find out how you can get involved!



## **NEW MEMBER SUNDAY – OCTOBER 26**

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

**THANK  
YOU**

Thank you to Mark, Marianne, Steve, Marcia & Peter for making HOPE's yard look so good over the summer! We HOPE you know how much you are appreciated!

Thank you to Maria, Rick & family for hosting a young family BBQ this weekend!

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

[www.hopelutheran.ca](http://www.hopelutheran.ca)

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