



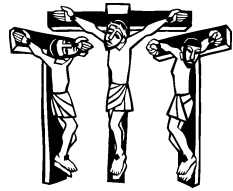
Sunday, November 23, 2025
Christ the King Sunday
New Worship Experience

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

Jeremiah's promise of the execution of "justice and righteousness in the land" finds ironic fulfillment in the execution of Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews. It appears utterly contradictory that a king should be crucified with a criminal. This victory appears for all the world as humiliating defeat. Yet through the gate of death Jesus opens the door to paradise.



Today we will remember in our prayers:

*Joan P. and family as they mourn the loss of Ted, and Brigitte W
and family as they mourn the loss of Victor.*

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Accompanist:	Anne Harding
Reader:	Cam Runka
Usher:	Brenda Kurtz

The flowers today are given by Ada Lo.

TODAY'S SERVICE

Prelude: Goodness of God (Genesis Worship Team)

Welcome

Prayer of Forgiveness, Gratitude and a Call to Worship

Gathering Song: Mary Did You Know

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: **Jeremiah 23:1-6**

Psalm: **Psalm 146**

Song: Christ Be My Light

Second Reading: **Colossians 1:11-20**

Gospel: **Luke 23:33-43**

Children's Message

SERMON

Post Sermon Song: Goodness of God

Apostles Creed (ELW p. 105)

Peace

Offering

Prayers of Intercession

The Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending Prayer and Blessing

Sending Song: Pass It On

Postlude: Pass It On (reprised)

WEEK AT A GLANCE

MONDAY: 6:30 pm Tree Trimming Night
TUESDAY: 10:00 am Stitchers
WEDNESDAY: 10:00 am Bible Study
11:30 am Mindful Movements
THURSDAY: 10:00 am Work of Art
SATURDAY: 7:00 pm Master's Singers Christmas
Hymns

COMING UP HOPE

Our confirmation students are at a Confirmation Retreat at Kuriakos this weekend. We pray that they have a wonderful time together and are safe in their travels.

The visitation training scheduled for Sunday, Nov. 23 has been cancelled.

We hope to offer this again in 2026. Please use the next few months to prayerfully consider how you might wish to become involved with member care.

TREE TRIMMING NIGHT AT HOPE - Monday, November 24th at 6:30pm

inviting elves of all ages and sizes to join us for our annual tree decorating. We will make ornaments to add to the trees and we will also enjoy hot chocolate and cookies.

Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board.

TANNENBAUM LIGHTING FESTIVAL - Saturday, November 29th 5:00pm

St. Matthew Lutheran Church (66 7th St. NE) The Masters Singers have invited us for an evening of Christmas hymns and songs to celebrate the beginning of the Christmas season with the 5th Annual Tannenbaum Lighting festival.

THE MASTER'S SINGERS CHRISTMAS HYMNS & SONGS

Saturday, November 29th 7:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Please join us for this wonderful concert. A free-will offering will be collected.

GATHERING TABLE

Wednesdays, December 3, 10 & 17 - 5:30pm at Hope Lutheran Church. The Gathering Table offers a simple supper, fellowship

and a short service time. We invite all to join us! We will ask different people to bring soup each week - ***contact Joanne S. if you would like to be on the list.***

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS

December 7th, 7:00pm at Highwood Lutheran Church

Food bank donations gratefully accepted.

Sunday, December 7th - 2:30pm at Hope Lutheran Church.

Calgary Unity Lutheran Community would like to invite you to come and enjoy an afternoon of Christmas music. There will be performances by a children's choir, handbells and more!

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

Sunday, December 14th -10:00am - We will have our annual Christmas pageant and potluck lunch. Please plan to attend and bring a dish or two to share!

HOPE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAFE!

Thursday, December 18th, 12:00pm: Please sign up to attend. Lunch will be provided. Bring a plate of baking to share.

We have 3 automatic hand sanitizer stands that are not working - looking for someone who can come and take a look/ try to fix them, especially through flu/ cold season. Contact the office for details.

Please wear your nametags on Sundays! This is so helpful for visitors.

Can you find a friend and sign up to make coffee one Sunday before Christmas? When we share the workload, we prevent volunteer burnout.

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