



Sunday, November 30, 2025
First Sunday of Advent
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

The new church year begins with a wake-up call: Christ is coming soon! In today's readings both Paul and Jesus challenge us to wake from sleep, for we know neither the day nor hour of the Lord's coming. Isaiah proclaims the day when God will gather all people on the holy mountain and there will be no more war or suffering. Though we vigilantly watch for the promised day of salvation, we wait for what we already have: Christ comes among us this day as the word and meal that strengthens our faith in the promises of God.



Today we will remember in our prayers:

Keltie S, and the Family of Pastor Richard Reimer as they mourn the passing of his wife Dana Rayment

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Worship Assistant:	Rachel Schmidt
Accompanist:	Joyce McKenny
Reader:	Mari-Anna McCargar
Ushers:	Cam Runka & Steve Medhurst

The flowers today are given by Carmen Lehmann in memory of her mom.

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

TODAY'S SERVICE – Setting 3

GATHERING

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

Prelude

Welcome

Lighting of the First Advent Candle: **Light one Candle ELW 240 v. 1**

Thanksgiving for Baptism (ELW p. 97)

Gathering Song: My Lord What a Morning ELW 438

Greeting

Kyrie and Canticle of Praise: This is the feast ELW p. 140

Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalms: Psalm 122

Second Reading: Romans 13:11-14

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia, Lord, to whom shall we go? p. 142

Gospel: Matthew 24:36-44

Children's Message

SERMON

Hymn of the Day O Lord, How Shall I Meet You ELW 241 v 1,2,3

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession: "God of grace, **hear our prayer**".

Peace

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offering Song: Come Now, O Prince of Peace ELW 247

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Songs During Communion:

Soli Deo Gloria ELW 878 verses 1,2,4

O Come, O Come Emmanuel ELW 257 verses 1,2,3

Wait for the Lord ELW 262

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers ELW 244 verses 1,4

WEEK AT A GLANCE

TUESDAY: 10:00 am Stitching for Hope
WEDNESDAY: No Bible Study this week
11:30 am Mindful Movements
5:30 pm The Gathering Table
THURSDAY: 10:00 am Work of Art
SATURDAY: Men's Breakfast at Cora Brentwood

COMING UP AT HOPE

Thank you to all of the elves who helped with the tree trimming! It was lots of fun! Hope the same energy comes back for tree take down in January!

BIBLE STUDY - We will offer a three weeks study on Visioning. We will be guided by the themes of Advent and what all of us in the congregation have discussed in the past few months. Come and join on Wednesdays at 10 am, December 3, 10 and 17.

THE GATHERING TABLE - Wednesdays December 3, 10 & 17 - 5:30pm at Hope Lutheran. The Gathering Table offers a simple supper, fellowship and a short service time. We invite all to join us! Contact Joanne S. to bring soup one of the days.

AN AFTERNOON OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC - Sunday, December 7th 2:30 - 4:30pm 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! All are welcome!

ADVENT SERVICE OF LESSONS & CAROLS - Sunday, December 7th 7:00pm at Highwood Lutheran Church. All are welcome to attend this wonderful tradition. Food bank donations gratefully accepted.

PAGEANT PRACTISE - Saturday, December 13th at 4:30pm with pizza supper.

HOPE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT - Sunday, December 14th at 10:00am at Hope Lutheran Church. Please invite friends and family along for our annual pageant and potluck lunch. Please bring a dish or two to share while we slow down and enjoy each other's company.

HOPE'S ANNUAL CHRISTMAS CAFE - Thursday, December 18th at 12:00pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board to attend. Lunch will be provided. Bring a plate of baking to share.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

December 24th - 4:30 & 7:00pm

December 25th - 11:00am

Note: the church office will be closed December 24 until Monday, January 5th. Please contact Pastor Greg for emergencies.

The December Anchor is here! Get your copy today and be sure to mark the upcoming events on your calendar! We will not have a January Anchor, so important January dates are also highlighted.

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. If you do not have a nametag and would like one, please contact the office.

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

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