



Sunday, January 18, 2026

2nd Sunday After Epiphany

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



Today's gospel opens with further reflections on Jesus' baptism. He is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world and the one anointed by the Spirit. In the liturgy we come and see Christ revealed among us in word and meal. We go forth to invite others to come and worship the Holy One and to receive the gifts of grace and peace made known among us.

Today we remember in our prayers our homebound members.

The flowers today are given by Janet Loewen in loving memory of her husband Keith.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:

Pastor Greg Smith

Accompanist:

Joyce McKenny

Reader:

Joanne Seminuk

Ushers:

Marcia Nerbas & Gretchen Albers

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

All are welcome to stay for coffee and fellowship after worship.

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TODAY'S SERVICE – Setting 5 - (WOV)

GATHERING

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

Welcome

Gathering Song: Arise Your Light Has Come ELW 314

Greeting, Hymn of Praise and Prayer of the Day (WOV p. 28)

WORD

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

First Reading: **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Psalm: **Psalm 40:1-11**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Gospel Acclamation (WOV p. 31)

Gospel: **John 1:29-42**

Children's Message

SERMON

Hymn of the Day:

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light ELW 815

Apostles' Creed

Prayers of Intercession (*Merciful God....receive our prayer*)

Peace

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Offering

Offertory Song: Let the Vineyards...(WOV p. 34)

Offering Prayer (WOV p. 35)

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Communion Hymns:

Lamb of God (WOV p. 39)

Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly ELW 461

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: We Are Marching in the Light of God ELW 866

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – noon
CLOSED FRIDAYS

COMING UP AT HOPE

SUNDAY:	10:00 am Sunday Worship with Communion
MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Stitchers 11:30 am Mindful Movements
WEDNESDAY:	10:00 am Bible Study
THURSDAY:	10:00 am Work of Art
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	10:00 am New Worship Experience 10:00am Kids Camp Sunday at Advent

MINDFUL MOVEMENTS EXERCISE CLASS

TUESDAYS, January 13 - February 10 at 11:30am. Only \$40
NO charge for nonagenarians. We will work on balance,
strength and flexibility in simple standing and seated
exercises. *No need to get down and up off the floor.* Email
Tonia for more information: toniawood10@icloud.com

KIDS' CAMP SUNDAY - January 25th

at Advent Lutheran Church – calling all children and youth!
We'll meet at 9:30am and then join the congregation for
worship. Following the service, we'll have a pizza lunch and
then an afternoon of bible stories, crafts, games and even a
service project! Everyone is welcome to the worship service.
Parents can then leave the church premises and return for pick
up at 1pm.

Children and youth can help with worship. Sign up
here: [Service Sign-Up](#)

Please **pre-register** using the following link: [Registration Form](#)
For confirmation students and children who have been
previously registered, please indicate your youth/child's
attendance on the following form: [Attendance List](#)

Naming Our Core Values & Celebrating Our Community

Everyone who sees themselves as part of the Hope community is invited to stay after worship on **Sunday, February 1** for an interactive congregational gathering.

Together, we'll reflect on what it means to be **unapologetically Lutheran**, lift up what makes the Hope community special, and help prioritize the **core values** that will guide our life and decisions in the years ahead. Your input will help shape a five-year vision that the congregation will be invited to vote on at the AGM on February 22.

A celebratory lunch (Chinese food) will be provided.

 Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board, or call the office to register to attend. We want to ensure we order enough food.

 Hope members, regular attendees and those from Unity exploring a future with Hope are encouraged to attend.

MEALS ON WHEELS

Hope Lutheran Church has supported **Meals on Wheels** for many years! We are down to only 2 volunteers from Hope. We are in search of 2 or more drivers to deliver on Wednesdays - food pick up is from Mennonite Church (Varsity) and delivery is in NW (currently Ranchlands, Hawkwood). Ideally, we get enough drivers so each driver would do only one Wednesday/month. What's it like to be a driver? You may want to ask Hal, who's been volunteering for over 20 years or Len who at the age of 93 just retired after 15 years of service.

CHARITY OF CHOICE for January and February 2026 – **Inn From the Cold**

Hope Lutheran has a long-standing relationship with this charity. For over 27 years, Inn from the Cold has supported families in finding stability during times of crisis. We empower independence and foster resilience, guided by our belief that every child and family should have a safe and stable place to call home.



HOPE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING **February 22nd**