



Sunday, January 25, 2026

3rd 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

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross—as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be “caught” in the net of God’s grace and mercy.



The flowers today are from Sharon Alcock with thanks and love for her parents, Lee and Ruth Johnson.

*Today we pray for:
Mary S., Wendy, the family of Ralph Jorgensen*

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:

Pastor Greg Smith

Accompanist:

Anne Harding

Reader:

Sharon Alcock

Usher:

Steve Medhurst

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

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

TODAY'S SERVICE – New Worship Experience

Prelude

Song – Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

Welcome

Prayer of Forgiveness, Gratitude and a Call to Worship

Gathering Song: Holy Holy Holy

Prayer of the Day

First Reading: **Isaiah 9:1-4**

Psalm: **Psalm 27: 1, 4-9**

Second Reading: **1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

Song – Ancient Words

Gospel: **Matthew 4:12-23**

Children's Message

SERMON

Post-Sermon Song – Christ Be Our Light ELW 715

Peace

Offering

Offering Song – Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

Announcements

Sending Prayer and Blessing

Sending Song: Blessed Assurance ELW 638

Postlude: Reprise Ancient Words

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

COMING UP AT HOPE

SUNDAY:	10:00 am New Worship Experience 10:00am Kids Camp at Advent Lutheran
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:	Confirmation Retreat at Kuriakos
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	10:00 am Worship and Communion 11:00am Naming Our Core Values and Congregational Lunch

The funeral for Ralph Jorgensen will be held on Monday, January 26th, 10:00am at Hope Lutheran Church.

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).

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 – TODAY at Advent Lutheran Church.

CONFIRMATION RETREAT: January 30 – February 1 at Kuriakos. Please pray for the safe travels of the pastors and confirmands who will be attending this event.

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.

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

The Gathering Table will be starting up again on Wednesdays beginning February 25th. Please see the sign up sheet on the Nurturing Connections board!

Retrouvaille Marriage Counselling

Is your marriage going down the right road . . . or is it a little off track? Life can be difficult, and so can the challenges you face in marriage. Join us Feb 27-Mar 1, 2026 to bring a great change into your life. Does the distance between you seem wide? Are you already separated? Looking for a better way? Retrouvaille can help and offers hope for a better relationship. Retrouvaille is a peer ministry of volunteer couples that can help you learn the tools of healthy communication, build intimacy and heal, just as they have done in their own marriages. Retrouvaille is Christian-based, and Catholic in origin, but welcomes couples of all faiths as well as non-religious couples. Retrouvaille can help get your relationship back on track. For more information about an upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program for couples, contact registration team: **Ken & Isabelle @ 403-276-4547** or visit our website: **HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com**