



Sunday, February 8, 2026
5th Sunday after Epiphany
Service of Word and Thanksgiving

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; THANKSGIVING as we give thanks for the Word and all God's gifts; 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

Light shines in the darkness for the upright, the psalmist sings. Isaiah declares that when we loose the bonds of injustice and share our bread with the hungry, the light breaks forth like the dawn. In another passage from the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus, the light of the world, calls his followers to let the light of their good works shine before others. Through baptism we are sent into the world to shine with the light of Christ.



Today we will remember in our prayers:

Norma K., Tony T., Mary S., & Margaret.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:

Pastor Greg Smith

Accompanist:

Joyce McKenny

Readers:

Brenda Waller

Ushers:

Cam Runka

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

The flowers today are given by Julie Hauck in memory of Wayne.

TODAY'S SERVICE – SOW

GATHERING

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

Welcome

Greeting (WOV p. 46)

Gathering Song: Word of God Come Down on Earth WOV 716

Greeting & Prayer of the Day (WOV p. 47)

WORD

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

First Reading: Isaiah 58:1-9a [9b-12]

Psalm: Psalm 112:1-9 [10]

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 2:1-12 [13-16]

Gospel Acclamation: (WOV p. 48)

Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

Children's Message

New! Each Sunday after the children's message, the children will be invited to participate in children's programming in collaboration with Unity

Sermon

Hymn of the Day: Seek Ye First WOV 783

The Apostles Creed (WOV p. 49)

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

Peace

THANKSGIVING

We give thanks for the Word and all God's gifts.

Offering Song: Offertory (Advent to Transfiguration, pp. 50-51)

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: This Little Light of Mine ELW 677

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WEEK AT A GLANCE

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 12pm
CLOSED FRIDAYS

MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Stitchers 11:30 am Mindful Movements/Balance 7:00 pm Council Meeting
WEDNESDAY:	10:00 am Bible Study 1:15 pm Varsity Worship
THURSDAY:	10:00 am Work of Art
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	10:00 am Sunday Worship – Communion

COMING UP AT HOPE

Over the past several months, Hope Lutheran Church has been engaged in a congregational visioning process.

Following worship last Sunday, over 50 members of our community gathered for a celebration and conversation focused on what it means to be *unapologetically Lutheran and faithfully reforming*.

Using small-group conversation and congregational polling, four core values emerged clearly:

Belonging
Grace
Faithfulness
Compassion

These values reflect both who we already are and who we are continually becoming: a community grounded in God's grace, rooted in Lutheran tradition, and committed to caring for one another and the world God loves. This work will continue as we develop a five-year vision to guide our ministry and decision-making. We are deeply grateful to everyone who shared their voice, their stories, and their hopes, and we look forward to taking the next steps together.

WORSHIP AT VARSITY MANOR

Wednesday, February 11 at 1:15 pm. Please join us to help with singing. Varsity Manor - 5353 Crowchild Trail NW

NAME TAGS!

If you do not have a name tag please sign up on the list at the usher's table and we will order them. Please wear your nametags so new members and for those of us that are "bad with names"!

STITCHING FOR HOPE – YARN DONATIONS

If you have yarn hanging around and would like to have it put to good use, the Stitching group is looking for donations. Please drop it off at the office. Thank You!

TAX RECEIPTS ARE IN YOUR MAILBOXES

SHROVE TUESDAY PANCAKE SUPPER

February 17th – 5:30pm with a short service to follow at 6:30pm. All are welcome!

ASH WEDNESDAY SERVICE – 11:00AM

HOPE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING - FEBRUARY 22ND

We hope that all church members will plan to attend!

THE GATHERING TABLE will be starting up again on Wednesdays beginning February 25th. Please see the signup sheet on the Nurturing Connections board!

RETRouvaille – A Lifeline for Married Couples

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. At some point, did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Did your spouse? Join us Feb 27-Mar 1, 2026 to bring a great change into your life.

Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. You give your heart and soul to everything you do, between your work and your family. Are you giving your heart and soul to your marriage? Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. 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**