



Sunday, February 22, 2026

1st Sunday in Lent

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 tells of Jesus' temptation in the desert. His forty-day fast becomes the basis of our Lenten pilgrimage. In the early church Lent was a time of intense preparation for those to be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This catechetical focus on the meaning of faith is at the heart of our Lenten journey to the baptismal waters of Easter. Hungry for

God's mercy, we receive the bread of life to nourish us for the days ahead.

Today we will remember in our prayers:

Patty and family, and the family of Murray Seminuk

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Accompanist:	Anne Harding
Reader:	Mark Kuziej
Ushers:	Kim, Emily & Hailey Harding; Joanne Seminuk

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TODAY'S SERVICE

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GATHERING

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

Prelude: Power of the Cross - Hope Song Book #21

Welcome

Prayer of Forgiveness

Gathering Song: Trisagion – Hope Song Book #25

Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

First Reading: **Joel 2:1-2,12-17**

Psalm: **Psalms 51:1-17**

Second Reading: **2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10**

Song: Be Thou My Vision – Hope Song Book #14

Gospel: **Matthew 6:1-6; 16-21**

Song: Jesus Loves Me ELW 595

Children's Message

SERMON

Song: Power of the Cross - Hope Song Book #21

Peace

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Intercession (*Hear us, O God, **your mercy is great.***)

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Songs During Communion:

Let Us Break Bread Together - Hope Song Book #8

Wonderful Merciful Saviour – Hope Song Book #30

Pass it On – Hope Song Book #31

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: Across the Land – Hope Song Book #19

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Stitching for Hope 11:30 am Mindful Movements
WEDNESDAY:	10:00 am Bible Study 5:30 pm The Gathering Table
THURSDAY:	10:00 am Work of Art
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	10:00 am Kids Camp Sunday at Hope 11:30 am Confirmation at Hope

COMING UP AT HOPE

HOPE'S ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING – TODAY, FEB. 22

Please stretch your legs, enjoy coffee and a snack, then join us for our AGM. Your participation is important!

TAX RECEIPTS – Please pick up your tax receipt from church.

MINDFUL MOVEMENTS - NEW SESSION

Tuesdays 11:30-12:30 February 24 to March 24.

\$40, physiotherapy receipt provided. (No charge for nonagenarians). Contact toniawood10@icloud.com to try a class.

THE GATHERING TABLE will be held Wednesdays beginning February 25th – March 25th. 5:30pm supper followed by a short Lenten service. Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board to bring soup or bread.

KIDS CAMP SUNDAY AT HOPE – MARCH 1

We will not have communion on this day. Please register online to attend.

STITCHING FOR HOPE – YARN DONATIONS WANTED!

We will gladly take acrylic yarn off your hands! Bring to the office.

HOPE IS HIRING: MANAGER OF OPERATIONS

Please help us spread the word and find the person who will be our new Manager of Operations at Hope. This is a new role that will serve in a collaborative leadership model with Pastor Greg and Council, helping ensure that management and administration of our facilities, rentals, personnel, compliance, financial systems, communications, technology, and volunteer engagement are well tended to so our existing and emerging ministries can thrive. The posting is available on Hope's website under "News".

WHY ARE WE HIRING A MANAGER OF OPERATIONS?

We recently announced that Hope is seeking a Manager of Operations. This is a new role for our staffing structure at Hope, and its announcement has evoked questions and some confusion about the need for such a role and how we arrived at this place of hiring new staff. For those who are interested, Council has created a background document to share the journey of how we got here, with excitement for where we are going next. The document is available on Hope's website under "News".

CAMP KURIAKOS FUNDRAISER

April 25, 2026, at the Nexsource Centre in Sylvan Lake. May it be a meaningful time of community, renewal, and seeing what God continues to do through Kuriakos.

SUMMER JOBS AT CAMP KURIAKOS & CAMP REGISTRATION

If you're looking for a summer job, Camp Kuriakos is now hiring for positions! See their website for more information <https://kuriakos.ab.ca/about/careers>. Registration for camps can be found here: <https://kuriakos.ab.ca/programs/summer-camps>

Not willing to let go of your marriage? Many couples continue to struggle in a marriage, but are not willing to give up on each other. There is hope. Join us Feb 27-Mar 1 2026 to bring a great change into your life.

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](https://www.HelpOurMarriageCalgary.com)