



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



Baptism is sometimes called enlightenment. The gospel for this Sunday is the story of the man born blind healed by Christ. "I was blind, now I see," declares the man. In baptism God opens our eyes to see the truth of who we are: God's beloved children. As David was anointed king of Israel, in baptism God anoints our head with oil, and calls us to bear witness to the light of Christ in our daily lives.

Today we will remember in our prayers:

Brigette W., Norma K.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:

Presider at communion:

Accompanist:

Reader:

Ushers:

Pastor Greg Smith

Bishop Trish Schmermund

Joyce McKenny

Berna Frattaroli

Cam Runka

GATHERING

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

Welcome and Invocation

Call to Worship

Gathering Song: Dearest Jesus, At Your Word ELW 520

Greeting (ELW p. 147)

Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

First Reading: **1 Samuel 16:1-13**

Psalm: **Psalm 23**

Second Reading: **Ephesians 5:8-14**

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p. 151)

Gospel **John 9:1-41**

Children's Message

SERMON

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

Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Meal

Offering

Offering Song: We Place Upon Your Table Lord ELW 467

Offering Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Communion

Songs During Communion:

Lamb of God (ELW p. 154)

Be Still and Know that I am God (Psalm 46:10) from Carl Schalk's "Four Psalm Motets" - Amicus Singers

Heilig Heilig Heilig by Franz Schubert - Amicus Singers

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

Beneath the Cross of Jesus ELW 338

SENDING

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

Announcements

Installation of Council Members

Blessing

Sending Song: Be Thou My Vision ELW 793

Dismissal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY:	9:00am Soup-making
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:	4:00 pm New Worship Experience Rehearsal
SUNDAY:	10:00 am Worship and Sacrament <ul style="list-style-type: none">• New Worship Experience

COMING UP AT HOPE

Bishop Trish Schmermund and **The Amicus Singers** join us today for worship. Please stay for coffee and fellowship and introduce yourself to Bishop Trish.

Today we will install our 2026 church council. We ask you to keep them in your prayers throughout their time of service.

Chair - Anne Harding; **Vice Chair** - Marianne Astle; **Secretary** - Brenda Waller; **Treasurer** – vacant; **Finance Committee** - Steve Medhurst; **Facilities Committee** - Gretchan Albers, Marianne Astle; **Personnel Committee** - Anne Harding; **Community Care** - Joanne Seminuk, Anni Adams, Marcia Nerbas; **Children and Family** - Kim Harding; **Worship and Music** - Joyce McKenny; **Chinese Ministry Transition** - Unity member to be named at a later date

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 - Wednesdays throughout Lent. Join us at 5:30pm for supper. A short Lenten service will follow at 6:30pm. *Note: The last Gathering Table is March 25th. Holden Evening Prayer will be the service on March 25.* Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board to bring soup or bread.

KITCHEN PARTY... for soup makers!

Monday, March 16 at 9:00am, Joanne will be making pots of soup at the church, to be used for The Gathering Table. Join in the chopping or just come for a visit!

CAMP KURIAKOS NEWS

You are invited to attend our annual 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. There will be an online silent auction you can support if you can't attend the event in person.

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>

Family Camp at Kuriakos July 12 – 17, 2026. Some Hope families are planning to attend this family camp. We “hope” you can join us!

KIDS CAMP SUNDAY will be held Sunday March 29 at Advent Lutheran. Mark your calendar!

FYI - Water Restrictions in effect as of March 9th. The City of Calgary is reinstating temporary Stage 4 Outdoor Water Restrictions. Work is expected to be completed by the 1st week in April. Visit www.calgary.ca for further information.

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