



## **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**

The mystery of God's ways is sometimes hidden from the wise and intelligent. Jesus associates with those often excluded from the religious community. Like Paul, we struggle with our own selfish desires and seek God's mercy and forgiveness. We gather to be refreshed by Christ's invitation:



"Come to me, all you that are weary." Gathered around word, water, and meal, we find rest for our souls.

**Today we will hold in our prayers:**

*Marian Poulsen*

## **SERVING TODAY**

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Accompanist:	Joyce McKenny
Reader:	Kyle Baxx
Ushers:	Steve Medhurst & Marianne Astle

**Thanks to all who helped serve today! Flowers today are given by Murray & Mari-Anna McCargar**

# **TODAY'S SERVICE**

**6th Sunday after Pentecost**

**WOV Setting #5**

## **GATHERING**

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

Welcome & Call to Confession

Gathering Song: **Seek Ye First The Kingdom of God WOV 783**

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: **Zechariah 9:9-12**

Psalms: **Psalms 145:8-14**

Second Reading: **Romans 7:15-25a**

Gospel: **Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30**

Children's Message: Pastor Greg Smith

**Sermon:** Pastor Greg Smith, "Renewed Through Rest"

Hymn of the Day: **Day By Day WOV 746**

Apostles' Creed (WOV p. 33)

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

Peace (WOV p. 34)

Offering

Offering Song: **Accept, O Lord, The Gifts We Bring ELW 691**

Offertory Prayer

Communion Hymns

**Lamb of God WOV p. 39**

**One Bread, One Body WOV 710**

**Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling WOV 734**

**I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say ELW 611**

Post-Communion Prayer (WOV p. 41)

## **SENDING**

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

Announcements & commissioning of home visitation team

Blessing

Sending Song: **This is My Song ELW 887**

Dismissal

## **WEEK AT A GLANCE**

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

MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	<b>10:00 am Stitching for Hope</b>
WEDNESDAY:	<b>Bible study on pause until September 16</b>
THURSDAY:	
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	<b>8:30 am Stampede Breakfast</b> <b>10:00 am Worship &amp; Sacrament</b>

## **COMING UP AT HOPE**

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**Our annual Stampede Breakfast is Sunday, July 12th.** Music begins at 8:00am, and breakfast is served from 8:30am - 9:30am. Mark your calendars and don your cowboy boots. Yeehaw! Please stay after for our regular worship service at 10:00am, and children's programming.

**Join us for Splash Week (VBS) at Advent, July 13–17, 2026!** Children, youth, adults, and families are invited for a week of faith, fun, service, and community centered on God's living water. Registration and details coming soon at [adventlutheran.ca/splash](http://adventlutheran.ca/splash). **We need volunteers!** Please reach out to Kim Harding or Deborah Leung if you'd like to help.

**“Conversation Cafe”:** Sunday, July 19th after worship (approx. 11:30am) in the Fireside room. Come and talk with us directly about our new 3-5 years journey to integrate a multicultural lens into our vision. Help us build a vibrant, joyful, dynamic, and creative community; a spiritual home built on faith and grace as the foundation, where belonging is the promise and compassion is our way of life. Members may also place written feedback in the collection box by the sanctuary entrance.

**Upcoming Camp Sunday Dates:** July 26 and August 30, all held at Advent Lutheran Church. Calling all children and youth to join for a morning of worshiping together, activities and lunch! We hope you can attend! Please register here: [www.adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday](http://www.adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday)

**Notice the green in the sanctuary?** It is a reminder that this season in the church year focuses on our spiritual growth. It is a reminder that Jesus continues his ministry through us. The colours are changed by our Altar Guild. It is an important ministry of sharing the gospel through visual arts. We are always looking for more participants for this service. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Greg.

**Volunteers Still Needed: Paraments & Linens**

We're still looking for those few helping hands to care for the worship cloths (altar, pulpit, and lectern). This includes changing the seasonal colours and keeping the linens tidy. Training provided. If you enjoy quiet, behind-the-scenes service, we'd love your help. Contact Margaret K. or Pastor Greg.

There are still spaces on the **coffee sign up sheet!** We know many of you appreciate the coffee on Sunday mornings so if you could help one time, that would be wonderful!

**Altar Flowers** - would you like to sponsor an Altar bouquet in August? The cost is \$50/ Sunday, and it can be included in your offering envelope or e-transfer. (please mark "for altar flowers"). The sponsor gets to take the bouquet home with them that Sunday after worship. There is currently lots of availability! Please contact the office to sign up for a date.

**Dim Sum Lunch on Sundays!** Everyone is welcome to join our Chinese members for Dim Sum Sundays after worship. This group leaves Hope at 11:30am and goes to **Edgemont Palace Restaurant** – 45 Edenwold Dr NW, #209. The cost each week is split by those attending. Speak with Deborah for more information!

**Men's Breakfast** – did you know that a group of gents meet the first Saturday of each month, 8:30am at Cora's in Brentwood? Feel free to join them for breakfast and conversation. Their next event is August 1. Contact Robert for details.

*We respectfully acknowledge that we worship on the traditional territories of the Blackfoot Confederacy (Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, the Tsuut'ina, the Iyaxe Nakoda Nations and Metis Nation (Region 3)).*

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