



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

It is an age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and from the Lord's table we go forth to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.



Today we will hold in our prayers:

Those who continue to work and serve while others are on vacation.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Pastor Greg Smith
Assisting Minister:	Shelly Mueller
Accompanist:	Maegan Kuziej
Special Music:	Hannah Isinghood
Reader:	Janet Loewen
Ushers:	Zena & Mark Kuziej

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

Flowers today are given by Deborah and Fung in honour of their marriage anniversary.

TODAY'S SERVICE

8th Sunday after Pentecost

WOV Setting #5

GATHERING

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

Welcome & Call to Confession

Gathering Song: **God Is Here WOV 719**

Greeting, Hymn of Praise, and Prayer of the Day (WOV p. 29)

WORD

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

First Reading: **Isaiah 44:6-8**

Psalms: **Psalms 86:11-17**

Second Reading: **Romans 8:12-25**

Gospel Acclamation (WOV p. 31)

Gospel: **Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43**

Children's Message: Pastor Greg Smith

Sermon: Pastor Greg Smith

Hymn of the Day: **Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast ELW 516**

Apostles' Creed (WOV p. 33)

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

Peace (WOV p. 34)

Offering

Offering Song: **Touch The Earth Lightly ELW 739**

Offertory Prayer (WOV p. 35)

Communion Hymns

Bread Of Life From Heaven ELW 474

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart ELW 484

Let Us Break Bread Together ELW 471

Post-Communion Prayer (WOV p. 41)

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: **What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine ELW 774**

Dismissal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Stitching for Hope
WEDNESDAY:	Bible study on pause until September 16
THURSDAY:	
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	9:30 am Camp Sunday at Advent Lutheran 10:00 am New Worship Experience

COMING UP AT HOPE

“Conversation Cafe”: **TODAY** 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: NEXT WEEK (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

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.

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. 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 meets at Edgemont Palace - 45 Edenwold Dr. NW. 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'inna, the Iyaxe Nakoda Nations and Metis Nation (Region 3).

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