



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



As Solomon prays for wisdom, we seek to more deeply know the treasures of faith. In today's gospel Jesus offers everyday images that reveal to us the reign of God: a tree that becomes a sheltering home, yeast that penetrates and expands, a treasured pearl, a net that gains a great catch. Even as we seek the riches of God's reign, the great surprise is that God's grace finds us first!

Today we will hold in our prayers:

Christian W., Gladys, Adelene S.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:

Pastor Zoe Liu Nga-Yee

Worship Assistant:

Joyce McKenny

Accompanist:

Anne Harding

Reader:

Heidi Bova

Ushers:

Lonnie & Louise Benson

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

Flowers today have been offered by Joanne Seminuk.

GATHERING

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

Welcome

Gathering Song: **Come, All You People ELW 819**

Greeting **ELW p. 175**

Thanksgiving for Baptism **ELW p. 97**

Kyrie **ELW p. 175**

Canticle of Praise **ELW p. 176**

Prayer of the Day **ELW p. 178**

WORD

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

First Reading: **1 Kings 3:5-12**

Psalms: **Psalms 119:129-136**

Second Reading: **Romans 8:26-39**

Gospel Acclamation (ELW p.179)

Gospel: **Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52**

Sermon: Pastor Zoe

Hymn of the Day: **Neither Death Nor Life ELW 622**

Apostles' Creed

Peace

Offering Song: **The Peace of the Lord ELW 646**

Prayers of Intercession

Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: **May This Church Be Like a Tree ACS 1042**

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:	11:30am Dim Sum Lunch

COMING UP AT HOPE

Pastor Greg is on vacation from July 22-29. Please contact the office or Zena for pastoral emergencies.

Camp Sunday Dates: THIS SUNDAY, July 26 - 9:30am-1pm at Advent Lutheran. We will have a Splash Week celebration to revisit all of the great things we enjoyed. The next Camp Sunday will be held **August 30**, also at Advent. *Camp Sundays offer lively worship, camp-style activities, lunch and time together with other children and youth.* Please register here: www.adventlutheran.ca/camp-sunday

Hope Lutheran Church is seeking a **part-time Children & Youth Ministry Leader** to join our vibrant and caring community. If you or someone you know has a heart for nurturing faith, building relationships, and supporting young people in their spiritual growth, we warmly invite you to explore this opportunity. *Please view our website for a full job description or speak with Deborah. There are also copies of the job description at the usher's table.*

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 - the cost to sponsor altar flowers is \$50 - contact the office for details.

The green in the sanctuary reflects 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.

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.

Upcoming Pickle Party.....Would you be able to help make pickles for our upcoming Christmas Fair? The work bee will be a Thursday/ Friday in August. Please contact Joanne S. if you would like to be on the list/ learn more. There is a sign up sheet on the Nurturing Connections board.

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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