



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 prophet Jeremiah speaks of the incurable wound of his suffering yet finds in God's words the delight of his heart. When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.



Today we will hold in our prayers:

*Brian S.; Caron C.; Joanne H.; Christian W.;
the family of Pastor Garnet Leach; and the family of Don and
Shirley Schoffer.*

SERVING TODAY

Lay Minister:	Brenda Waller
Accompanist:	Maegan Kuziej
Reader:	Lauren Conley
Usher:	Marianne Astle & Steve Medhurst

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

TODAY'S SERVICE

14th Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

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

Welcome

Gathering Song: **For the Beauty of the Earth ELW 879**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day (WOV pp. 46-47)

WORD

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

First Reading: **Jeremiah 15:15-21**

Psalms: **Psalms 26:1-8**

Second Reading: **Romans 12:9-21**

Gospel Acclamation (**WOV p. 48**)

Gospel: **Matthew 16:21-28**

Sermon: Brenda Waller

Hymn of the Day: **Will You Come and Follow Me ELW 798**

Response to the Word: Creed and Confession (**WOV p. 49**)

Peace (**WOV p. 50**)

Offering (**WOV p. 50**)

Offering Song: **Season after Pentecost Offertory (WOV p. 51)**

Offering Prayer

Prayers of Intercession (Gracious God, hear our prayer.)

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: **The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve ELW 551**

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:	8:30am Men's Breakfast
SUNDAY:	Blessing of the Backpacks 11:30am Dim Sum Lunch

COMING UP AT HOPE

CAMP SUNDAY TODAY at Advent Lutheran Church. *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

The **FUNERAL FOR PASTOR GARNET LEACH** will be held Saturday, September 5, 2026, in Strathmore. Please watch for further details which will be shared as they become available.

MEN'S BREAKFAST – 8:30am on the first Saturday of each month, Cora's in Brentwood. Join for breakfast and conversation. Next event is September 5.

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – Sunday, September 6. We invite children and youth to bring their backpacks to receive a blessing as they start a new school year.

HOPE FAMILIES Softball game - September 13, 4pm at the Brentwood Community Centre ball diamond. All ages welcome! Contact Kim Harding: 403-826-7298 or kdhab@hotmail.com. Sign up on the Nurturing Connections Board.

Highwood Lutheran Church special 70th Anniversary celebration Worship Service - Sunday, 13 September 2026, at 10:30 AM. Join as they look back on seven decades of

history with a display of photos and memorabilia, followed by a reception after the Service. Please spread the word & bring a friend!

SALSA PARTY - Friday, Sept 18. We will be making salsa for our Christmas market. There are two time slots: 9:00-11:30am and 1:00-3:30pm. Please sign up on the Nurturing Connections board to assist with one or both! Hot plates needed. *Donations of half-litre jars would be appreciated!*

MID-AUTUMN SING & BELONG TOGETHER – Saturday, Sept. 26, 7:00-8:30pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Join us for an evening of Chinese music, friendship, refreshments, and encouragement, featuring the Calgary Chinese Oratorio Society. Everyone is welcome—Hong Kongers, non-Hong Kongers, church members, and the wider community!

HOPE & HOLLY CHRISTMAS MARKET - Saturday, Nov. 28, 10am-2pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Handmade locally sourced crafts, baking, preserves, seasonal goods, & more! Become a vendor! Member price: \$25/table, non-member price: \$40/table. Register today! Contact: Deborah Leung at 403-282-6033 or manager@hopelutheran

Meals on Wheels – we are looking for one or two more volunteers to join our Wednesday Hope delivery team. Contact Zena.

Dim Sum on Sundays! Join our Chinese members for Dim Sum lunch after worship. at 11:30am at Edgemont Palace. Contact Deborah 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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