



Sunday, September 6, 2026
15th Sunday after Pentecost

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

Conflict is a part of relationships and life in community. Jesus' words in today's gospel are often used in situations having to do with church discipline. The prophet Ezekiel tells of warning the wicked to turn from their ways, and Paul reminds us that love is the fulfilling of the law. We gather in the name of Christ, assured that he is present among us with gifts of peace and reconciliation.



Today we will hold in our prayers:

*Keal K; Brian S.; Caron C.; Joanne H.; Christian W.; Ute L,
Hal S.*

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Bishop Trish Schmermund
Accompanist:	Joyce McKenny
Reader:	Heidi Bova
Ushers:	Lonnie & Louise Benson

Thanks to all who helped serve today! Flowers today are given by Murray and Mari-Anna McCargar in honour of their 59th marriage anniversary

TODAY'S SERVICE

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GATHERING

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

Invocation & Welcome

Confession & Forgiveness

Gathering Song: **Shine Jesus Shine ELW 671**

Greeting and Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

First Reading: **Ezekiel 33:7-11**

Psalms: **Psalms 119:33-40**

Second Reading: **Romans 13:8-14**

Gospel Acclamation: **Goodness is Stronger Than Evil ELW 721**

Gospel: **Matthew 18:15-20**

Blessing of the Backpacks

Sermon: Bishop Trish Schmermund

Hymn of the Day: **Christ Be Our Light ELW 715**

Creed

Prayers of Intercession (Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.)

Peace

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

Offering Prayer

Communion

Lord's Prayer

Songs During Communion:

What a Friend We Have in Jesus ELW 742

Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises ELW 535

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying ELW 752

SENDING

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

Announcements

Blessing

Sending Song: **We Are Marching in the Light ELW 866**

Dismissal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9am – 12pm

CLOSED FRIDAYS

MONDAY:	OFFICE CLOSED FOR LABOUR DAY
TUESDAY:	10:00 am Stitching for Hope
WEDNESDAY:	Bible study resumes September 16
THURSDAY:	
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	11:30am Dim Sum Lunch 4:00pm Hope Families Softball game

COMING UP AT HOPE

BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS – TODAY. 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@hotmailcom. 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!

CAMP SUNDAY - September 27 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

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

MEN'S BREAKFAST – 8:30am on the first Saturday of each month, Cora's in Brentwood. Join for breakfast and conversation. Next event is October 3.

CONFIRMATION – If you have a child in grades 6-9 who has not yet been Confirmed and would like to join Confirmation this year, please share their name and your family's contact information with the church office.

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'ina, the Iyaxe Nakoda Nations and Metis Nation (Region 3).

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