HOPE Lutheran
SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday, November 8, 2026
24th 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



Today the prophet Amos calls for justice to roll down like waters. Paul urges us to encourage one another with the promised coming of the Lord. Jesus tells the parable of the wise and foolish bridesmaids. Surrounded by the faithful of every time and place, we celebrate Christ's coming in our midst in the word of life and the feast of victory—the marriage feast of the Lamb.

Today we will hold in our prayers:

Hal S, Clarence, Keith C, Haydn, Gladys, Brian S, Ute, Pat C.

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Ben Lukenchuk
Accompanist:	Hope Worship Band
Reader:	Debbie Watson
Ushers:	Marianne Astle & Steve Medhurst

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

Flowers today are from Brigitte Wilhelm & family in loving memory of her husband Victor

TODAY'S SERVICE

GATHERING

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

Prelude: **Abide With Me ELW 629**
Welcome
Call to worship
Gathering Song: **Faithful One Hope Songbook #2**
Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

Children's message
First Reading: **Amos 5:18-24**
Psalm: **Psalm 70**
Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**
Pre-Gospel Song: **Give Thanks Hope Songbook #33**
Gospel: **Matthew 25:1-13**
Sermon: Ben Lukenchuk
Hymn of the Day: **How Great Thou Art ELW 856**
Peace
Offering Song: **Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396**
Offering Prayer
Prayers of Intercession (**Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.**)
Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Announcements
Sending prayer and blessing
Sending Song: **Dear Christians One and All Rejoice ELW 594**
Dismissal
Postlude reprise: **Spirit of Gentleness ELW 396**

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	**10:00 am Stitching for Hope**
WEDNESDAY:	**Office closed for Remembrance Day** **No Bible study** **No Mindful Movements**
THURSDAY:	**10:00 am Work of Art**
FRIDAY:	
SATURDAY:	
SUNDAY:	**11:30 am Confirmation class at Advent**

COMING UP AT HOPE

Our **Charity of Choice** for November and December is Canadian Lutheran World Relief. Please consider making a contribution to this charity. The **Gifts from the Heart 2026 Christmas catalogue is now available.** Grab your copy in the fellowship hall.

HOPE KIDS ON SUNDAY! We gather together for worship, then after the children's chat we will enjoy some fun activities!

Mindful Movements on Wednesdays!! Led by physiotherapist Tonia Wood. Strength and stretch class with standing and seated exercises for all abilities! Contact Tonia for registration and payment tonia.physioactive@gmail.com

CONFIRMATION CLASS - Class today is at Advent at 11:30am, and includes lunch. Next class is on November 15.

TREE TRIMMING NIGHT AT HOPE - Monday, November 23, 2026, 7:00 - 8:30 pm. Join us for an evening of tree trimming and fellowship. We will be putting up and decorating two large trees in the Sactuary and the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy hot chocolate and cookies while you admire your work! "Hope Kids" and confirmation students, please bring your parents along - we will need some tall, strong helpers to get those trees together!

NOVEMBER FAMILY EVENT - Friday November 27th 6:00-9:00pm. Mark your calendars and join us for an evening

excursion to the Calgary Zoo lights! Sign up will begin mid-November.

HOPE & HOLLY CHRISTMAS MARKET - Saturday, Nov. 28, 10am-2pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Handmade locally sourced crafts, baking, preserves, seasonal goods, & more! See you there! Vendor tables still available - contact: Deborah at 403-282-6033 or manager@hopelutheran.ca

OPEN HOUSE! Saturday November 28, 10:00am – 2:00pm The preschool in the building here at Hope has rebranded as "Wayfinders Child Care". They offer full-day child care for ages 3-6: a play-based, child-centered program that nurtures curiosity, independence, and a lifelong love of learning. Come learn more.

CHRISTMAS SHOEBOX - We have "Operation Christmas Child" shoeboxes outside the Sanctuary for members to fill this holiday season if they so choose. Drop-offs can be done at different locations in and around Calgary. To find one closest to you, please check out www.samaritanspurse.ca

MEN'S BREAKFAST – 8:30am on the first Saturday of each month, Cora's in Brentwood. The next event is on Dec. 5.

Dim Sum on Sundays! Dim Sum lunch after worship. at 11:30am at Edgemont Palace

BAKING FOR SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP We love cookies with our coffee on Sundays and we are grateful when folks bring them! This isn't a committee and you don't have to sign up - bring any time! Please provide in a ziploc bag or a container you don't need returned (or clearly label your container).

A recent security breach is a reminder for our members and building users: On Sundays, we ask that ushers and/or coffee clean up people do a thorough check of all exterior doors and windows (including garage doors that lead to the garbage bins, Fireside Room, etc.) before they leave to ensure they are locked.

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 Métis Nation within Alberta (Battle River Territory).

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