HOPE Lutheran
SUNDAY BULLETIN

Sunday, November 15, 2026
25th Sunday after Pentecost
ELW Service of the Word

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

Our readings during November speak of the end times. Zephaniah proclaims that the coming day of the Lord will be filled with wrath and distress. Paul says it will come like a thief in the night and urges us to be awake and sober. Jesus tells the parable of the talents, calling us to use our gifts, while we still have time, for the greater and common good. In a world filled with violence and despair, we gather around signs of hope—word, water, bread, and wine—eager to welcome the good news of Christ's coming among us.



Today we will hold in our prayers:

Raini S, Hal S, Clarence, Keith C, Pat C, Haydn, Brian S, Ute, Loey H

SERVING TODAY

Presiding:	Brenda Waller (sermon from Pastor Aaron Schnell)
Accompanist:	Anne Harding
Cantor:	Georgia LaPlante
Reader:	Sig Zoller
Ushers:	Marcia Nerbas and Peter Massier

Thanks to all who helped serve today!

Flowers today are from Eleanor Wilson in loving memory of her husband Bob

TODAY'S SERVICE ELW Service of the Word

GATHERING

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

Thanksgiving for Baptism
Gathering Song: **Gather Us In ELW 532**
Greeting
Kyrie & Canticle of Praise (p. 213)
Prayer of the Day

WORD

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

Children's dismissal for Hope Kids
First Reading: **Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18**
Psalm: **Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12**
Second Reading: **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**
Gospel Acclamation (p. 216)
Gospel: **Matthew 25:14-30**
Sermon: Provided by Pastor Aaron Schnell, read by Brenda Waller
Hymn of the Day: **God Whose Giving Knows No Ending ELW 678**
Apostles' Creed
Prayers of Intercession (**God, in your mercy, hear our prayer.**)
Special Music: Georgia LaPlante - **What wondrous love is this**
Peace
Offering Song: **Light dawns in a weary world ELW 726**
Offering Prayer
Thanksgiving for the Word (p. 220)
Lord's Prayer

SENDING

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

Announcements
Blessing
Closing Hymn: **Out of the depths I cry to you ELW 600**

Dismissal

WEEK AT A GLANCE

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

MONDAY:	
TUESDAY:	**10:00 am Stitching for Hope** **6:45 pm Church Council Meeting**
WEDNESDAY:	**10:00 am Bible study** **11:30 am Mindful Movements**
THURSDAY:	**10:00 am Work of Art**
FRIDAY:	**Confirmation Retreat at Camp Kuriakos**
SATURDAY:	**Confirmation Retreat at Camp Kuriakos**
SUNDAY:	**10:00 am Worship** **Confirmation Retreat at Camp Kuriakos**

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 RETREAT: November 20 - 22 at Kuriakos. Pre-registration is required. Use the code HOPE, which will reduce the fee to $75/ participant. Hope will pay for the other half of the fee. www.kuriakos.ab.ca 587-468-2267 (CAMP)

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 Sanctuary 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. Join us for an evening excursion to Calgary Zoo lights! Sign up will begin mid-November.

HOPE & HOLLY CHRISTMAS MARKET - Saturday, Nov. 28, 10am-2pm at Hope Lutheran Church. Crafts, baking, jams, seasonal goods, & more! Vendor tables still available - contact: Deborah at 403-282-6033 or manager@hopelutheran.ca

OPEN HOUSE! Saturday November 28, 10:00am – 2:00pm The daycare 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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