

Introduction to the Day

Jesus wades through grief and mourning - including his own - to raise Lazarus from the dead. Jesus said "unbind him and let him go." So are we freed from the powers of sin, death and evil in the world, and sent to join God's work of liberation and resurrection in the world.

GATHERING

Welcome to Worship **ELW Holy Communion Setting 3**
First Sunday in Lent

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

C: Amen.

Response: (7x)

L: Gracious God,

C: have mercy on us according to your steadfast love.

L: ... and gives you life and peace.

C: Amen.

PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

♪ **Gathering Song**

"Shout to the Lord" (2x)

ELW 821

Apostolic Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

♪ **Kyrie** (ELW p. 138)

Prayer of the Day:

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. O Lord God, our strength and our shield,

C: Many are grieving, both here and around the world. Comfort us in our grief. As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, so restore and renew our hope in your promises. Give us faith that we may join your work in

the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

WORD

Gospel Acclamation

"Return to the Lord" (ELW p. 142)

L: The holy gospel according to St. John.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 11:1-44

L: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON: Pastor Aaron Schnell

♪ Hymn of the Day

"God's Work, Our Hands"

ACS 1000

Apostles' Creed (ELW p. 105)

Children's Message

Prayers of the People

L: Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

MEAL

Offering (*Offerings may be submitted by PAR, a cheque mailed or delivered to Advent, or by e-transfer to giving@adventlutheran.ca.*)

♪ Offertory Song

"Rise Us From Our Slumber, Lord" (2x)

Raise Us From Our Slumber, Lord J. L. Salt(er)

Raise us from our slumber, Lord. Show us how to love
Til your kingdom comes to earth, down from heaven above.
Lazarus was dead four days. Life would Jesus give.
"Just believe in me and live." Wash us with your love, O Lord.

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Offering Prayer

🎵 GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

🎵 Holy, Holy, Holy (ELW p. 144)

Thanksgiving at the Table

Lord's Prayer

🎵 Communion Song

"Lamb of God" (ELW p. 146)

🎵 Communion Hymns:

"Christ Is the Life"

"Bless Now, O God, the Journey"

"Jesus Is a Rock in a Weary Land"

"The Glory of These Forty Days"

ACS 927

ELW 326

ELW 333

ELW 320

Communion Blessing

Prayer after Communion

SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

♪ Sending Song

“Surely God Is My Salvation”

ACS 926

Dismissal:

A: Go in peace. Believe the good news.

C: Thanks be to God.

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Worship Statistics

Sunday, February 15th, 10:00 am Attendance:

In Person~80, Online~22, Sunday School~5

Wednesday, February 18th, 7:00 pm Attendance:

In Person~33, Online~11, Sunday School~ N/A

Prayers for the Wider Church

- for the National Church Council and national committee members
- for Rev. Matt Lyseng, for the rostered ministers, and people of the West Central Area
- for national and synodical archivists and those who keep available the work of church history and leaders of the past
- for Trinity Lutheran, Calgary, and Bethel Lutheran, Camrose
- for Strong Castle Congregation, Barrio Codito, Bogota, Colombia
- for all who work toward building interfaith relationships
- for the bishop, rostered leaders and people of the German Evangelical Lutheran Church of Ukraine

- for The Moravian Church in Canada, its pastors, leaders, and people
- for the bishops, priests, and people of the Roman Catholic Church in Canada

ACC: The Most Rev. David Edwards, Archbishop, and the clergy and people of the Diocese of Fredericton

ELCIC: The dean, council, and congregations of the Grand River and Thames Areas of the Eastern Synod

MORAVIAN: The anniversary of the founding of the Unitas Fratrum (or Unity of the Brethren) on March 1, 1457, in Bohemia.

TOGETHER: An end to human trafficking and modern slavery

Weekly Announcements

2025 Tax Receipts: Advent's 2025 tax receipts are now in your mailbox and available for pickup. Thanks to our Financial Secretary Team for looking after them!

Ladies' Potluck: There will be a potluck lunch for the ladies beginning at noon on February 23rd. Please join us for fellowship with fine people and fine food.

The next **Gospel of Mark Bible study** will be held on Monday, February 23rd at 7:00 pm on Zoom. Join us Monday at 7:00 P.M. on Advent's Zoom site

<https://zoom.us/j/4835977957> Code 569693. (Click on the zoom site and enter the code.) No preparation is needed as we continue to study the gospel of Mark. We are presently looking at the Passion of Jesus with various people leading the study. The upcoming schedule will be March 9 and 23.

Lenten Suppers: Please join us for a soup and bun supper (from 6 to 7 pm) before our Wednesday Lenten services. Volunteers are needed to bring pots of soup and to set up and clean up. Buns and butter will be provided by the church. A sign-up sheet is posted in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Services: Holden Evening Prayer will be held at 7:00 pm on the 5 Wednesdays of Lent, ending on March 25th.

The Gathering Table at Hope Lutheran Church: The Gathering Table will return throughout the Lenten season. This

weekly gathering will take place WEDNESDAYS 5:30-7:00 pm, February 25th – March 25th inclusive (5 Wednesdays). The evening will begin with a simple supper at 5:30 pm, where we'll share a meal together, followed by a worship service at 6:30 pm. The Gathering Table will be a time to make new connections, nurture existing ones and renew past relationships among our community members. Whether you are visiting or have been part of our congregation for years, we invite you to join us for this time of nourishment for both body and soul. Please contact Hope Lutheran Church 403-282-6033 or coordinator@hopelutheran.ca for more information.

Kids' Camp Sunday: Kids and youth, please join us for our next Kids' Camp Sunday at Hope Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 1st from 9:30 am to 1:00 pm. Please register at the following link: [Registration Form](#). If you have previously registered, you can just indicate your child/youth's attendance on this form: [Attendance List](#). Here is the link to sign up for service roles: [Service Roles](#). Please speak to Amaris or Ruth if you have any questions.

Food Bank Sunday: The first Sunday of every month (March 1st) is Advent's designated Food Bank Sunday. Please make a financial donation or a non-perishable food-item donation. During this time of escalating food prices, many Calgarians are experiencing food insecurity. Every little bit helps. THANKS!

An Invitation from Calgary-Area Churches to Disc-ipleship Nextdoor: Take a break from work on **Thursdays at noon** during Lent. Join other Lutherans from around Calgary for a devotion time led by one of our Area Lutheran Pastors:

February 26: **Rev. Phil Holck** (First, Calgary)

March 5: **Rev. Laura Holck** (Emmanuel/All Saints, Calgary)

March 12: **Rev. Tim Wray** (Church of the Master, Airdrie)

March 19: **Rev. Aaron Schnell** (Advent, Calgary)

March 26: **Rev. Mike Wellman** (Highwood, Calgary)

The Zoom gatherings start at noon and wind up by 1:00 pm.

[Here is the Zoom link](#)

Note: Control and Click on all these blue links.

ADVENTure Deadline: The deadline for submissions to the next *ADVENTure* is February 23rd. If you would like to send in an anecdote or article, a story, devotion, or photo, please send it to Connie or to the church office. Thank you for sharing!

The **JOY Group** will be meeting for lunch at Chianti's Restaurant in Crowfoot on the following date: February 26, at 12:00 noon. Everyone is welcome for a time of visiting, sharing, laughing and getting to know each other. Please RSVP to Gwen or Marv at mtrout@telus.net so we can advise the restaurant of numbers. Hope to see you there.

World Day of Prayer: On March 6th at 3:00 pm, Shepherd of the Hills will be hosting a special event for World Day of Prayer and they invite us all to attend.

Flowers: If you are able to donate cut flowers for the altar, please sign up beside the Coffee Sign-up sheet by the kitchen. A new flower sign-up sheet for the next two months has been posted. Please do not bring lilies as some congregation members have severe allergies. Thank you!

Coffee Fellowship Ministry Sign Up: Hosts are needed for the Coffee Fellowship ministry. Please sign up beside the kitchen or contact the church for further information. This involves preparing coffee, tea and cold drinks, plus setting and cleaning up. Treats are always appreciated but not necessary. No experience needed! On-the-job training is provided.

Financial Giving: *Thank you to everyone for faithfully continuing to contribute and keeping Advent thriving, whether by weekly or monthly giving through cash, cheques or PAR and e-transfer. Instructions for both the PAR program and e-transfers are under ONLINE GIVING on our website (www.adventlutheran.ca).*

Sunday Service Online Links: If you are only able to join us by **phone**, please call [1.855.703.8985](tel:18557038985). Then press [483 597 7957](tel:4835977957) followed by the pound key (#). Password: **569693**. If you are joining us by **computer**, here is the link: <https://zoom.us/j/4835977957>. Password: **569693**

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New Here? Want to visit the pastor? Have info to share? Address change?
Weekly email sign-up? Scan the QR Code or contact the office to connect with us!

Serving Soon	Feb. 22, 2026	March 1, 2026
Worship Presider	Pastor Aaron S.	Pastor Aaron S.
Assisting Minister	Isabelle S.	John M.
Communion Asst.	Wendy B.	Evelyn S.
Altar Guild	Melodie M.	Mike H.
Lector	Mark H.	Ann H.
Ushers	Mike H. & Ken M.	Harold & Connie Z.
Greeters	Tom & Wendy B.	Kirsten B.
Sound/Zoom	Paul M. & Garry Y.	Greg W. & Geoff W.
Musician	Sorena C.	Sorena C.
Offering Counters	Ron, Geoff & Deana	Lindsay & Bryce
Coffee Fellowship	Bruce & Susan M.	
Flowers	Greenery	Greenery

We give thanks to Jesus, the Creator who sets free, who has gifted us with this land that we are blessed to share and care for together. We acknowledge that the land we gather on, Mohkinstsis, is the ancestral territory of the Siksik-aitsitapi: the Siksika, Kainai, Piikani, and Amskapi Pikuni. We acknowledge all the Treaty 7 signatories, including the Tsuut'ina people, as well as the Iyarhe Nakoda Nations: Bearspaw, Chiniki, and Wesley. This land is also the home of Métis Nation Region 3 and all other people who make their home here.