

Worship Outline

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Music to Prepare Us for Worship
Gathering Songs
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No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Greeting

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Sermon/Construction Time

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Confession
Assurance of Forgiveness
Prayers of the People/Under
Construction Prayers
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Offering Song
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Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

April 9, 2017

River of HOPE

LUTHERAN CHURCH
We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.



Lent 2017

It's Palm Sunday - the start of Holy Week when our cries of praise turn to cries of betrayal. Jesus weeps that we do not recognize the things that make for peace.

Welcome. We are so glad you are in worship at River of Hope today.

Come as you are. Well, you're already here. We don't care what clothes you wear or what kind of shape your spiritual life is in. God meets you and loves you where you are.

Where everybody knows your name? We all wear name tags each week - not just the visitors. Even when we think we know everyone at River of Hope, it's simply not true. These name tags are our awkwardly friendly way to help us stick out our hand, say, "hello, you're new to me" and practice being the friendly church everyone swears we are. If we practice this awkward move here, we've got a shot at actually doing it in our everyday lives.

We like kids. No kidding. We think kids are leaders in worship and lives of faith. Just look around you.

Nursery care. Weeping and gnashing of teeth? There is a "cry room" available outside the worship area. The "Pray Ground," located in the worship space, is for those younger than kindergarten age.

Communion. You are welcome, without exception. If you are hungry and thirsty for unbounded grace, mercy, and forgiveness through Jesus Christ, you are welcome at Christ's table.

Connection Cards. For visitors and regulars to communicate. We won't use your info to bother you. We promise.

Worship Style. We are an intentional intergenerational community. "Sunday School" happens within worship! We sing hymns, we sing songs. We pray ancient words and words that are new to us. We actively practice faith during worship. Sometimes it's beautiful. Sometimes it's awkward. Sometimes it's both. It always "counts" as worship. Then we try it again next week. We are a pro-participation, anti-excellence community.

April River Guide:

Ruth Hamlow

April 16th Scripture:

Luke 24:1-12

To find daily readings go to <http://clergystuff.com/category/daily-devotions/>

April 16th Singers: Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Renstrom, Terry Kempfert

Gathering Songs: "Victory Chant" & "Jesus Loves Me"

"Let the Walls Fall Down"

"The Name Of The Lord"

"You Are Mine"

Offering Song: "Build Your Kingdom Here"

"The Great Thanksgiving"

Communion: "Lamb of God" & "Prepare the Royal Highway"

MILESTONES: "My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less"

Sending Song: "Lamb Of God"



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River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

It is Holy Week, the week that gets our faces pointed toward the cross even though we'd rather look away. Every time I read this story of Jesus' betrayal and trial, his beating and his crucifixion, I am always begging him to speak up, to defend himself, to get himself saved for crying out loud! I'm so glad the story never changes, because this is it. This is the truth of the savior we follow. The cross happens not because we are bad but because this was the way God could show us the depth of God's love for us - to suffer as we suffer, to meet us in our absolute despair. God's glory through Jesus Christ comes through suffering, death, and resurrection. It's the story that subverts what the world tells you: *Make yourself better. Try harder to earn God's love. Having faith makes life easy.* The cross undoes all of that. The cross tells you that God will meet you in the shattered pieces of your life. The cross tells you that there is nothing you can do to make God love you any more than God already does.

So don't miss out on this story.

You are invited to worship and experience the 3 days that must come before Easter:

Maunder-Thuesday: (Jesus teaches us what it looks like to love) 7pm @ downtown office location (16 Washington Ave)

Good Friday: 7pm at Bethlehem United Methodist Church (665 Miller Ave SW, Hutchinson)

Holy Saturday: Read Luke 22 through the crucifixion of Jesus.

Easter Sunday: Worship at River of Hope at 8:30 or 10:30am!

The love God has for you is simply overwhelming.

Come and share that in community with River of Hope.

Pastor Laura



G.I.F.T. Worship

GENERATIONS IN FAITH TOGETHER.



River of Hope practices worship together with all generations, believing that faith and life are connected in a meaningful way when we worship together.

G.I.F.T. Worship is River of Hope's version of Sunday School for all ages. And it prepares us to go out into our lives, knowing Jesus Christ is transforming us and the world.

Invite

Beer & Hymns is at Main Street Sports Bar, on Tuesday April 25 from 6-8 pm.

Lenten Yoga Last night! 7 pm at Historic Jorgensen Hotel Lobby. Please bring a yoga mat or beach towel. No experience necessary. Contact Chanda Kropp if you have questions chandakropp@hotmail.com.

Holy Week Worship Services

Maundy Thursday: Apr. 13, 7 pm, Jorgenson Hotel Lobby, 16 Washington Ave. W

Good Friday: Apr. 14, 7 pm, Bethlehem UMC, 665 Miller Ave. SW

Easter Sunday - Hope Rebuilt: 8:30 & 10:30 am, Hutchinson Event Center

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 4/2/2017

Worship attendance:	102
In-Worship Offering:	\$672.00
Laundry Love:	\$180.44
Auto Deposits:	\$445.00
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services total to date	\$2,266.00
March average attendance	79

Disciple

Keep Your Pants On! National speaker Molly Sanborn talks S-E-X. By Hutchinson Area Youth, Wed. Apr. 19, 7 pm, Peace Lutheran. Fliers on Connect Table.

Spring Gathering Crow River Conf. Women of the ELCA, Sat. Apr. 29, Gethsemane Lutheran, Dassel. More info on the Connect Table. Questions? Talk to Betty Brandt, 320-587-9655.

Enrich Your Marriage Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend, Apr. 28-30, Double Tree Hotel, Brooklyn Center. Pastor Linda & Dave Pedersen are a presenting couple. Call them at 320-328-9911 with questions. Apply at godlovesmarriage.org or contact Peter & Phyllis McMahon, mcmahonp@comcast.net or 763-561-1575.

Pancake Breakfast Sun. Apr. 23, 8:30 am-12:30 pm, Elks Lodge. Sponsored by Masons of Hutchinson. All proceeds plus matching funds benefit McLeod Alliance.

Small Groups

Men's Bible Study: Wed. Apr. 19, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Meets 1st & 3rd Wed. of the month.

Women of Hope: Wed. May 3, 9:30 am, location TBA. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

55+ Diners: Next date TBA

What's the Word?: Next date TBA

Voices of Hope Come and sing in our "instant choir"! Practice at 9:45 that morning to get ready to sing for worship! All vocal styles welcome. Next date is May 7.

Destination Reformation Sat. Apr. 29, St. John's Lutheran, Howard Lake. Register with brochure on Connect Table.

Table Updates [Tables are groups of people meeting around things they have passion to do for the purpose of River of Hope's going out to transform lives through Jesus Christ. Would you like to be part of one? You are invited. We need you.]

Worship & Music Table: Mon. Apr. 10, 7 pm, RoH Lobby.

Parish Personnel: Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 3 pm at Flagship. Next meeting is Apr. 10.

Financial Stewardship: Wed. Apr. 19, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home. sbenson@hutchtel.net.

Vision Table: Mon. Apr. 24, 6:30 pm, Tokyo Grill.

River Table: Next date TBA. Email President Mike Weisenberger with questions at weisenberger@mchsi.com.

The Financial Stewardship Table has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. **Will you be the One for April?** You can find forms for signing up at the Connect Table. If you have questions, talk to Treasurer Sue Benson (sbenson@hutchtel.net or 320-587-2907) or a member of the Financial Stewardship Table: Ruth Hamlow, Rob Hauser, Brian Tillmann, or Sue Peters.

Common Cup Thrift Shop is now open in Glencoe at 712 11th St. E, 320-864-1177. Donations welcome. Call Andy at 320-587-9052 with questions.

Financial Offering In addition to your Simply Giving or putting money in the plate (thank you!) consider these other ways to give back during worship:

Simply Giving To sign up or update your info, call Sue Benson at 320-587-2907, or go online to riverofhopehutchinson.org & click "give". New paper forms are on the Connect Table.

Did you know \$70 a month is paid for credit card fees through Simply Giving? Consider switching to your bank account so that \$70 can go to support Laundry Love and other "we go out" opportunities.

Watering can & laundry basket - collects quarters (or any other kind of money) for Laundry Love
Backpack - pudding cups for Backpack Program

We Go Out



March 21 was a record day at Laundry Love! 47 family units were served, which resulted in clean clothes for 140 people. There were 14 new people present. God is Good!

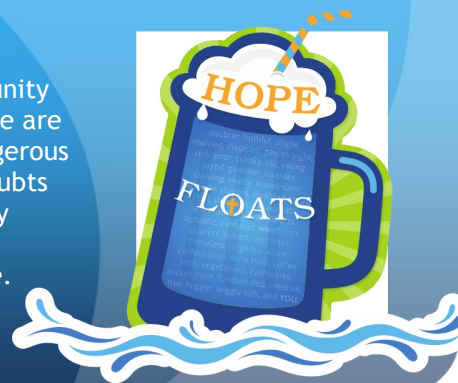
Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the **3rd Tues. of every month.** The next time is Apr. 18. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introvers, extrovers & quarters needed. 3 people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com for more info.

Jim Nelson will be leading a sing-along at Woodstone on Apr. 20 at 10 am. Might you be able to assist the residents in getting to the place where we are singing, help them find the music in the songbooks or pass out rhythm instruments? Please call Jim at 320-552-9734 with any questions or just show up & help!



River of Hope Lutheran Church

We are the ELCA church in town. We are a purposely intergenerational community who is following Jesus out of the building and into the world where we live. We are learners (disciples) and practice-ers. Worship is a safe place to practice a dangerous gospel. And, believe us, it takes practice. Your questions, critical thinking, doubts and imperfect lives are welcome here. In fact, no matter your status in society (divorced, never-been-to-church, gay, straight, old, young, cranky, liberal, conservative, questioning, allergic-to-church, snarky) you'll be welcomed here. Then you'll be sent out, to live your life, transformed by Jesus Christ. And we believe, through the love of Jesus, you'll help to transform other lives.



IF YOU KEEP UP WITH BRANDS,
THEN YOU SHOULD KNOW WE
ARE PART OF THE
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN
CHURCH IN AMERICA (ELCA).
WE'RE PRETTY PLEASED
ABOUT THIS.

Our purpose as a church:

We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Our Guiding Principles:

(Disciple = learner)

God is God and we are not.

We are called to grow together as disciples: to forgive, to teach, to love.

Disciples are inspired by the Holy Spirit to take risks.

Disciples seek God's justice.

Disciples serve with no strings attached.

Disciples invite and welcome through loving acceptance.

We meet you where you are.

April 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
9 Palm Sunday Worship 10:30 am Lenten Yoga 7 pm	10 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3 pm, Flagship/ WAM 7 pm ROH Lobby	11	12	13 Maundy Thursday Worship 7 pm, Jorgenson Hotel Lobby	14 Good Friday Worship 7 pm Bethlehem UMC	15
16 Easter Sunday Worship 8:30 & 10:30 am	17	18 Laundry Love	19 Staff Meeting 9 am Men's Bible Study 9 am Dunn Bros. Financial Stewardship 6 pm Sue Benson's home	20 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone	21	22

Scan this code to make your financial gift to River of Hope.



Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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