

Worship Outline

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Gathering Songs
Welcome, 101, Connection Cards
No Longer Strangers Prayer
Meet Someone New
Confession and Forgiveness
Greeting
Prayer of the Day

STORY

Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60
Children's Sermon
Sermon
Prayers of the People
Offering
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Setting the Table
Thanksgiving at the Table
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Blessing
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Music to Send You Out

April 30, 2017

River of HOPE

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

Rebuilding



Stephen sets a gruesome standard as the "First Christian Martyr." Hear this Good News: There are other ways to follow Jesus. Can I get an AMEN!?

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

May 7th Scripture:

Acts 8:26-39

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

May 7th Singers: Sara Pollmann, Sara Shorter, Eliza Johnson, Jill Renstrom, Terry Kempfert

Gathering Songs: Shall We Gather At The River & Did You Feel The Mountains Tremble

Kyrie

Halle Halle Halle

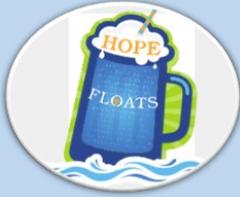
Alleluia

Offering Song: Everybody's Got Something To Offer It's the Same Grain

Communion: Given and Shed for You & For All the Saints

MILESTONES: Glorious Day

Sending Song: Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



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Dear Hopeful People,

Happy Easter! The Easter season continues and we live into the promise of new life each and every day. What a gift this is to live into and share with others. How is it you are finding new life? What surprising places is it happening? Keep your eyes opened for new opportunities. God is creative in how God shows up in our lives. It can knock you off balance and it can comfort all at the same time.

I have found myself continuing to lean into preaching in a new way. I know it can be uncomfortable for those who want to slip into worship and leave unscathed, so to speak! To want to receive something in worship instead of participate. Those are two different things, aren't they? Certainly, the Holy Spirit will work in all kinds of ways and my prayer is that you leave worship changed. However, the word *Liturgy*, which is the fancy Greek word for worship, means *the work of the people*. So together we sing. Together we pray. Together we experience scripture. Together we wrestle with what it might mean. It's all liturgy. It's all the work of the people.

It totally frees me (and knocks me off balance, most certainly) to invite your questions and curiosity during this time of making meaning of how this scripture speaks to us. No one will be proved wrong. No one will be put on the spot. No one will be required to speak publicly. I am treating it as a place and as a way to encourage your curiosity of the scripture after Sunday and into your daily lives. It's yet another way to equip you to be a questioning, curious, thoughtful, faithful person who simply can't have all the answers.

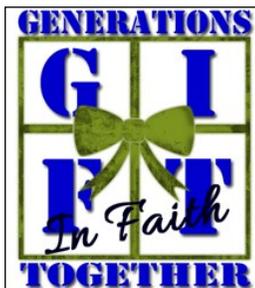
I enjoy (in that painful, nagging kind of way) writing sermons and will continue to write sermons, but I will continue to make room for the questions and thoughts of the community. Sometimes it will be longer than others. Sometimes it will be shorter. But know that you are invited into making meaning of this story. Together, we will connect with this Good News. What a privilege to share this with you! Let me know what your questions are - I'd love to talk about it with you. It's one of my favorite things.

In hope and love,

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

2017 Senior Send Off May 14 Come celebrate & help us send the seniors into the next part of life. River of Hope's graduating seniors are: Mikenna Becker, Max Caya, Jamie DeBruyckere, Isabelle Gasser, Jack Hauser, Ryan Houseman, Bradee Isbell, Isaiah Nelson, Erika Tillmann, Loraina Tillmann, Fletcher Vilt.

Beer & Hymns is Tues. May 30, at Main Street Sports Bar, from 6-8 pm.

Play Tai Chi each Wednesday, 8 am at Anytime Fitness.

Sunday Evening Yoga is returning this week. Meets every Sunday through May 21 at 7 pm at the RoH office lobby. No experience necessary. Bring a friend!

Check out all the opportunities for small groups under the Disciple category & invite a new or old friend to come along.

5K Walk/Run for Common Cup The 8th Annual Common Cup 5K walk/Run will be Sat. May 13 at Masonic West River Park in Hutchinson. Registration forms are at www.common-cup.org, at the Common Cup office in Hutchinson or Glencoe or Faith Lutheran Church in Hutchinson. Questions? Call the Common Cup office at 320-587-2213.

Small Groups

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

Women of Hope: Wed. May 3, 9:30 am, Kathy Berg's home, 20245 205th Drive, Hutchinson. Meets 1st Wed. of the month.

55+ Diners: Next date TBA

What's the Word?: Cancelled

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.]

Parish Personnel: Meets 2nd Mon. of the month at 3 pm at Flagship. Next meeting is May 8.

Financial Stewardship: Wed. May 24, 6 pm, Sue Benson's home. sbenson@hutchtel.net.

Vision Table: Mon. May 22, 6:30 pm, King's Wok.

River Table: Wed. May 10, 6 pm, MSSB. Email President Mike Weisenberger with questions at weisenberger@mchsi.com.

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:

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

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.

Connect

Financial Giving to River of Hope: 4/23/2017

Worship attendance:	72
In-Worship Offering:	\$785.00
Laundry Love:	\$4.00
Auto Deposits:	\$4,592.50
Lutheran Immigration & Refugee Services total to date	\$3,691.00
March average attendance	79

Will you be the One for April? The Financial Stewardship Table has set a goal of one additional household signing up for Simply Giving each month. 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.



We Go Out



laundry love

Laundry Love is the perfect "We Go Out!" opportunity to put on your calendar the 3rd Tues. of every month. The next time is May 16. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & 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 sing-a-longs at Woodstone on May 4 & 25 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!

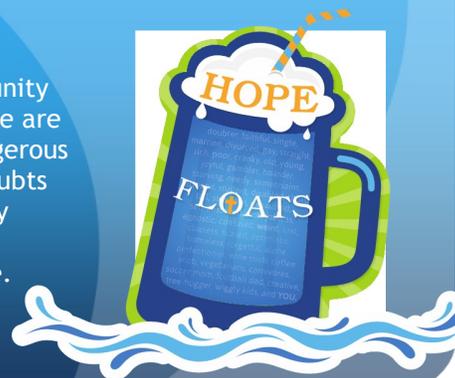
Disciple

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



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.

May 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
30 Worship 10:30 am	1 Staff Meeting noon	2	3 Men's Bible Study 9 am Women of Hope 9:30 am Confirmation 6 pm	4 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone	5	6
7 Worship 10:30 am Voices of Hope	8 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3 pm Flagship	9	10 River Table 6 pm Main Street Sports Bar	11	12	13

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



Worship

Sundays at 10:30am
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