

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

Music to Prepare Us for Worship  
Gathering Songs  
Welcome, 101, Connection Cards  
No Longer Strangers Prayer  
Meet Someone New  
Confession and Forgiveness  
Greeting  
Prayer of the Day

### STORY

All Saints' Day Litany  
1 Kings 19:1-18  
Sermon  
Affirmation of Baptism  
Song/Hymn

### MEAL

Offering  
Offering Song  
Setting the Table  
Thanksgiving for Gifts  
The Lord's Prayer  
Invitation to the Meal  
Communion  
Communion Songs  
Blessing and Prayer after Communion

### SEND

Purpose  
MILESTONES  
Blessing  
Sending Song  
Music to Send You Out

*We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.*



November 5, 2017



*Confirmation Sunday - God's continued blessings on the 12 youth affirming their baptism today!*

**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.

## We Prepare For Worship

## Today's Music:

### November River Guide:

Ruth Hamlow

**November 12th Scripture:** Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24

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

**November 12th Singers:** Sara Nelson, Ruth Hamlow, Mike Weisenberger, Thayne Johnson

**Gathering Songs:** Trading My Sorrows & You Are Holy (Prince of Peace)

**All Saints' Day Song:** Borning Cry

**Song After Affirmation of Baptism:** Let the River Flow

**Offering Song:** We Are An Offering

**Communion Songs:** Down to the River to Pray, You Are Mine & Blest Are They

**MILESTONES:** Precious Lord, Take My Hand

**Sending Song:** Days Of Elijah



### River Team Schedule

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## River Conditions



Hello Hopeful People,

I've just had dinner with leaders from the River and Vision tables. We've met a handful of times together this year on purpose - to see how these two tables relate and what they need to communicate. But I think the most valuable thing that comes from these meetings is the sharing of our lives, talking about scripture, and how we see God working in all of it. It's the most important part of our meetings. If we didn't spend this time together in prayer and sharing our lives together, we'd miss the heart of the church, the heart of why we gather together, the reason we're River of Hope.

And what a timely thing to consider especially as we observe the 500th anniversary of the reformation. It's when Martin Luther began to offer public critique of the Catholic church, not because he didn't like it but because he loved God and loved the church. He was watching people get tricked into thinking they had to buy their way out of Purgatory so that the church could renovate the basilica. The Good News is this, folks: you can't earn God's grace. You can't buy it. You can't take it away from anybody else. God stirs up the gift of faith in your life. God gives you grace. It can't be hemmed in by anyone's rules or buildings or white-knuckled fists. God's grace is far more powerful and creative than our ways of control and good order.

Isn't that about The Best News you've heard?

Thanks be to God!  
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

**Riverpalooza** is Sunday Nov. 19. Come & celebrate with River of Hope what God is doing with us. Potluck to follow.

**Coming Together in Song**, the fall fundraiser for Common Cup Ministries is Sun. Nov. 19, 4 pm, Christ the King. The Beer & Hymns Band will be playing! All River of Hope members are invited to be part of the mass choir. Talk to Jim Nelson if interested. Poster on Connect Table.

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope: 10/29/2017**

Worship attendance:	87
In-Worship Offering:	\$34.00
Laundry Love:	\$32.39
Auto Deposits:	\$795.00
September average attendance	84

Check out River of Hope's 3rd Quarter Report, available at the Connect Table.

## Disciple

**Thank you** to every one of you that helped me celebrate my birthday. Your kindness was so generous - cake, flowers, gift card - you guys mean more to me than you'll ever know. I'm so blessed to have all of you in my life on Sundays and always. I look forward to working on Sunday because of you all & I hope to be here at "your service" for years to come, as your friendships are forever. Thank you & God bless. Love, Wanda

**Thank you** to all who contribute quarters, especially to the 55+ Diners, who so generously donate to Laundry Love.

**Women of Hope:** Wed. Dec. 6, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Nov. 15, 9 am, Dunn Bros.

**Voices of Hope Choir** will be singing in worship on Dec. 17.

**Confirmation Camp Meeting:** Wed. Dec. 4, 7:30 pm, Event Center, for all Confirmation kids & parents.

**2018 Equipping Congregations Day**, Feb. 10, 2018, Vinje & Bethel Lutheran Churches, Willmar. Speaker: Presiding Bishop Elizabeth Eaton.

**Discipleship groups** have started, but it's not too late to sign up! Small groups will meet 7 times throughout the 2017-2018 school year. You will read Rob Bell's "What is the Bible?" which ultimately get you reading the Bible and asking questions. No experience or expertise necessary. Sign up at Connect Table or let Pam in the office know at office@riverofhopehutchinson.org or 320-587-4414.

**River of Hope does not have any more copies of the book.** Purchase the book on Amazon or find it at Barnes & Noble. There is no wrong way to read this book - you may also purchase it for your e-reader or an audio version.

**From Seeds of Hope:** Thank you for your warm welcome. River of Hope members now sponsor 8 students in El Salvador thanks to 2 new sponsors. Support is still needed for 2 students. Visit familyofchristonline.com or call Mark & Janice Laven at 952-451-4561.

Please consider joining us on the Mission Trip to El Salvador July 12-21, 2018. See Chanda Kropp for more info. Check out <https://seedsofhopeschools.wixsite.com/foc2017>

**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:** Mon. Nov. 13, 3 pm, RoH Office

**Financial Stewardship:** Tues. Nov. 14, 6:30 pm, Sue Benson's home

**Vision Table:** Mon. Nov. 27, 7 pm, Allen Gislason's home

**River Table:** Mon. Nov. 16, 7 pm, Tokyo Grill

**Vision Table & River Table:** Tues. Jan. 23, 6 pm, Main Street Sports Bar

Ben Becker

Ethan Beffert

Connor Drahos

Clara Dobratz

Ciana Froemming

Jack Jaeger

Addie Plath

Ben Riewer

Andrew Sandquist

Morgan Schofield

Ragan Vilt

Owen Weisenberger

**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** - Chef Boyardee 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.

## 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 November 21. We're partnering with Vineyard United Methodist Church to help people afford to do their laundry. Introverts, extroverts & quarters needed. Two people per shift, 9:00-noon; noon-3:30; 3:30-6:30. Find the SignUp Genius link in our Facebook group or contact Allen Gislason at 320-403-7004 or alleng747@hotmail.com.

**Did you know?** In August, 45 families were served & \$679.00 was spent. We had 7 new families. The numbers are increasing each month!

**Jim Nelson will be leading a sing-a-long** at Woodstone on Nov. 16 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!

# Congratulations Confirmands

# 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.



## 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.*



**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.**

November 2017						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
5 Disc Group 9a m Worship 10:30 am Confirmation Disc Group 12 pm	6 Staff Meeting 9 am	7	8 Disc Groups 7 pm	9 Disc Group 7 pm	10	11
12 Worship 10:30 am	13 Staff Meeting noon Parish Personnel 3 pm	14 Financial Stewardship 6:30 pm	15 Men's Bible Study 9 am	16 River Table 7 pm	17	18

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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