

## Worship Outline

### GATHERING

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

### STORY

Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24  
Sermon  
Song after Sermon  
Prayers of the People

### 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 12, 2017



*Go Seek!*

**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 19th Scripture:** Isaiah 9:1-7

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

**November 19th Singers:** Brian Pollmann, Jennifer Hauser, Katie Weisenberger, Rachel Stearns

**Gathering Songs:** Where Justice Rolls Down, Did You Feel the Mountains Tremble

**Song After Sermon:** Canticle of the Turning

**Offering Song:** Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful

**Communion Songs:** Seek Ye First, Let Justice Roll Like a River

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

**Sending Song:** The River is Here



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## River Conditions

Dear Hopeful Ones,

"It's the wild west - who knows how this will go?" Another pastor I met this past week said this in passing after another day of presentations around the state of the Church. Not his church or my church but the Christian Church in North America. From what I can tell about his context, they're having some fun and they're out in un-chartered territory as a congregation, doing new things.

And, of course, I wondered about how many at River of Hope would think "the church in America is in trouble." I mean, there were pastors in the room at this conference I attended where this was NEWS. They were getting 'woke, so to speak. So if pastors are in denial, I wondered if you, dear reader, have been able to see the writing on the wall either? (Just so you don't miss my point - I am disappointed in pastors who are just opening their eyes to this reality. I don't think the majority of church has eyes open to this trend yet.)

I read Seth Godin's daily blog and was intrigued by a post a few weeks back. It made me think about Church in Hutchinson and Church beyond Hutchinson and what we think the reality is. Here is the post:

[Look around](#)

Proximity matters a great deal.

Detroit car executives in the 1970s and 1980s consistently failed to respond to the threat from Japanese imports. They weren't merely arrogant—they were blinded by proximity. Everyone in their neighborhood, everyone on their commute, everyone in their parking lot was driving an American car. How could there be a problem?

We define the universe around us as normal. It's one of the only ways to stay sane—we assume that the noise in our head is in the head of other people, that what we yearn for or buy is what others do as well. And we look to the world around us for confirmation.

This truth can take us to two insights:

1. If you want to understand what part of the world is really like, you should make special efforts to surround yourself with that world. If you market to bodegas, consider taking an apartment upstairs from a bodega.
2. There's a huge bonus to being famous to the family. If you can be locally dominant, the locals will instinctively decide that you are globally dominant. Having 100 customers in one neighborhood (virtual or real) is worth much much more than having one customer in each of 100 neighborhoods.

Here are my questions that this blog post stirs up in me:

Look around, what do you see around you? What new place should you go so that you see new people, new situations, new stories? Is what is happening locally happening nationally? And hey, what is happening locally anyway? What's your experience of church (River of Hope or otherwise)? What do you think the future of the church is? How are you part of that future?

Stay tuned. I'm going to keep writing about this. Join me in the wild west, won't you?

## 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 next Sunday! 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 next Sun., Nov. 19, 4 pm at 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.

**Beer & Hymns:** Tues. Nov. 28, 6-8 pm, Main Street Sports Bar.

## Connect

**Financial Giving to River of Hope:** 11/5/2017

<b>Worship attendance:</b>	228
<b>In-Worship Offering:</b>	\$1,398.10
<b>Laundry Love:</b>	\$5.72
<b>Auto Deposits:</b>	\$2,210.00
<b>October average attendance</b>	84

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

## Disciple

**Senior High Youth Group**, grades 9-12, will meet tonight at 7 pm at Caribou. We'll have a celebration of the confirmands. Talk to Ron Johnson if you have questions.

**55+ Diners:** Thur. Nov. 16, 5:30 pm, McCormicks. Sign up at Connect Table or contact Carol Larsen at 320-587-5999.

**Women of Hope:** Wed. Dec. 6, 9:30 am, Andy Koenig's home, 885 Otter St. SW, Hutchinson, 320-587-9052, andreaskoenig46@gmail.com

**Men's Bible Study:** Wed. Nov. 15, 9 am, Dunn Bros. Contact Dave Pedersen, 507-328-9911, dlpeders@msn.com

**Confirmation Camp Meeting:** Wed. Dec. 6, 7:30 pm, Event Center, for all Confirmation kids & parents.

**Homelessness Task Force** A task force to address homelessness in McLeod County has been hard at work. How can River of Hope participate in this critical issue of housing in our community & country? Check out the new HOMES website: <https://www.homesmcleod.org>.

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

**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.

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

**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](http://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, sbenson@hutchtel.net

**Vision Table:** Mon. Nov. 27, 7 pm, Allen Gislason's home, 320-403-7004, alleng747@hotmail.com

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

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

**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](http://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](mailto:alleng747@hotmail.com).

**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!



# 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
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 Sing-a-long 10 am Woodstone River Table 7 pm	17	18
19 Worship 10:30 am Riverpalooza	20 Staff Meeting noon	21 Laundry Love	22	Happy Thanksgiving	24	25

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### Worship

Sundays at 10:30am  
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