



LUTHERAN CHURCH

Welcome! We are so glad you are here.

As followers of Jesus we have two very important resources that equip us to do "God's work with our hands" ; reading God's word and prayer.

Reading the stories in the Bible gives us a glimpse of what it means to be in relationship with God. Your story and God's story are connected. There is a flow of forgiveness, love and life between God and all of creation—including you.

Don't worry about the "right" understanding—God is with you as you read. Listen!

Don't worry about having the "right" questions—there are no WRONG questions. Simply read—ask— listen and draw closer to the God who loves you beyond your imagination!

Praise Songs

Open the Eyes of My Heart

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Repeat Chorus

To see You high and lifted up shinin' in the light of Your glory
Pour out Your power and love as we sing holy, holy, holy

Chorus: Open the eyes of my heart, Lord open the eyes of my heart
I want to see You, I want to see You

Repeat Chorus

Holy, holy, holy, we cry holy, holy, holy
You are holy, holy, holy, I want to see you

Repeat 3X

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."

"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."

"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."

You Never Let Go

Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death
Your perfect love is casting out fear
And even when I'm caught in the middle of the storms of this life
I won't turn back, I know You are near

Chorus:

And I will fear no evil for my God is with me
And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
Whom then shall I fear?
Oh no, You never let go through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go, In every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
A glorious light beyond all compare and there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes we'll live to know You here on the earth

Chorus:

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And if my God is with me, whom then shall I fear?
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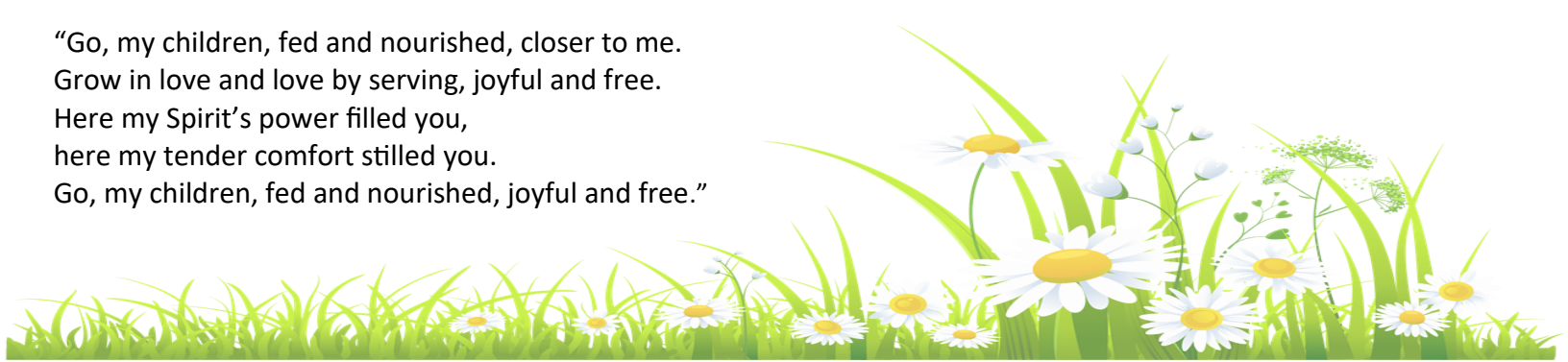
Yes, I can see a light that is coming for the heart that holds on
And there will be an end to these troubles but until that day comes
Still I will praise You, still I will praise You

Oh no, You never let go, through the calm and through the storm
Oh no, You never let go in every high and every low
Oh no, You never let go Lord, You never let go of me
Oh, You never let go, You never let go
Repeat

Daily Bible Readings

Connecting Your Story with God's Story
For the week of March 22 - March 28 2020

- Sunday March 22: Mark 12: 1-12 [13-17]
- Monday March 23: Psalm 86:8-13
- Tuesday March 24: Mark 12:13-17
- Wednesday March 25: Mark 12:18-27
- Thursday March 26: Isaiah 5:1-7
- Friday March 27: Psalm 121
- Saturday March 28: Hebrews 1:1-4



PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE- Your prayers matter

Prayers for . . .

- all those who struggle with faith or the institution of church
- Bishop Jon Anderson & all synod staff
- visitors to River of Hope & all people being stirred up by the Holy Spirit to be part of a faith community
- Bring healing powers to those who seek it: **Sara Shorter, Nyssa Johnson, Jami Beffert, Anita Weitzman, Carol Larsen, Teagan, Lee, Jay, Shalon**, and all who suffer
- Pat and her family and friends as she has recently passed
- healthcare workers
- school personnel and students during this pandemic
- Tanya as she mourns her partner
- Ruth's cousin with Chron's disease
- Family members providing primary healthcare and possible being exposed to COVID-19
- Medical staff dealing with all those who are sick or will be sick
- Keeping our most vulnerable safe
- People with anxiety, this is a challenging time for them and their families
- Students studying in other countries
- The elder members of RoH to stay healthy
- People financially stressed, struggling with challenges
- Health care workers and world leaders
- Those who are struggling to provide food for their children during interruption of school where food is supplied to students
- All that we may turn chaos into calm
- Those working on grocery stores and other large stores who are facing difficult situations and fearful people
- Strength and wisdom that can come from realizing what we

Where do I need love. . .

- Community

Who Taught me to Love. . .

- Family, RoH, my son
- Children- all of them

I Struggle to Love. . .

- Those who put their needs above others
- Those who hurt others, those who think different than me

CONNECTIONS / WE GO OUT

All of the connections and group gatherings are cancelled/postponed for now.

Stay healthy, stay safe!

LENTEN BOOK STUDY

Wednesdays March 4th - April 1st

6:00-7:00 pm

Chapters to read:

Sundays - Odd, Wednesday- Even

We are "meeting" online in a Zoom meeting

Wednesday nights at 6 pm.

Questions? Please reach out to Pastor Janine

If you are asked for a password it is: 618795

Thoughts with Pastor Janine...

As we sit with changed plans, ever changing news and so many fear-based responses to this pandemic - let's not forget who we are! We might be limiting our physical "going out" - but we can STILL transform lives! Here are a few ideas:

* Go outside and take a prayer walk - (remember, social distancing does not mean stay stuck in your house!) Pray for the people inside the homes you pass - the people in the cars that pass you - the business that might be experiencing their own crisis in this time, etc...

* Write notes to the people at Harmony River, Woodstone, Ecumen, (who am I missing?) This time of no visits can be lonely!

* Pay attention to the people on the periphery of your life - those who do not have a lot of family or other supports... check in with them to see if they're ok.

WE GIVE

Terebinth Refuge is a Christ-centered shelter and safe home in Saint Cloud that brings hope, healing services, and freedom to sexually exploited and trafficked women.

During the season of Lent, River of Hope will support Terebinth Refuge.

We have a goal of supporting their work with a gift of \$1,000.

Checks can be made directly to

Terebinth Refuge and mailed to the River of Hope Office
16 Washington Ave W, Suite 100, Hutchinson, MN 55350.

Go to www.terebinthrefuge.org for other ways of support.

Food will be critical at this time as schools are shut down and the burden will be great for many. Please consider donating food items or monetary to these organizations.

If you are unable to leave your home at this time, please call/text Emily at 218-251-8785 to arrange pickup.

<https://mcleodemergencyfoodshelf.org/>

<https://www.common-cup.org/programs>

COMMON CUP

River of Hope to collect diapers for Common Cup. (Larger sizes needed most)

ALSO in need of juice boxes for the last three months of backpacks.

Questions? Contact Andy Koenig 320-894-8549

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What you give matters. Will you help River of Hope live out its purpose to see lives changed?

Contact Sue Benson at 320-296-4565 with questions or to sign up for Simply Giving.

Temporary Office Hours:

MONDAYS 9-11am Tuesday - Friday CLOSED Staff is working from home due to the pandemic of COVID-19

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