



Upcoming Events:

Headwaters:

Wednesday, May 7th, 5:00-6:00pm

Supper for ALL at 6:00pm



Youth Bible study, May 23rd, 2:45-3:45pm



Watering Can for Lent: Good Courage Farm

Good Courage Farm is a non-profit agrarian ministry in collaboration with The Episcopal Church. They grow good food for people and grow disciples for Christ.

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ORDER OF WORSHIP **April 13th, 2025**

GATHERING

Music to Prepare us

Opening Song

*Children's Time

Luke 19:28-40

Processional Song

Welcome/Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Greet Someone New

THE WORD

Isiah 52:7-10

Music to Welcome the

Gospel

Luke 19:41-46

Sermon

Song of the Day

Prayers for the World

Offering + Singing

THE FEAST

*Setting the Table

Invitation to the Meal

Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord's Prayer

Communion + Singing

Blessing

THE SENDING

What is our Purpose?

Milestones

Final Blessing

*Sending Song

Music to send you out

*Kids are invited to
participate throughout
worship.

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, serving everyone with no strings attached. At River of Hope, we welcome people of every ethnicity, age, gender expression or identity, sexual orientation, marital status, political perspective, physical and mental ability, or socioeconomic position. Wherever you are on your journey of faith, wherever you are in life (herbivore, carnivore, allergic to church, snarky, cranky)...you are fully welcome here. We mean it! You are a beloved and unique child of God. Come gather for worship and prayer, to study God's Word, to embrace the work of racial equity, social and economic justice, and environmental care. Together we are called to go out and transform lives through Jesus Christ.

Luke 19:28-40

28 After he had said this, [Jesus] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. 31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'" 32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. 33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" 34 They said, "The Lord needs it." 35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. 36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, 38 saying,

"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."



Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

Palm Sunday is arriving! Luke speaks a lot about peace starting with Zechariah’s prophecy that God will “guide our feet into the way of Peace” (Luke 1:79). Recently some of our members took their feet to the street to make their voices heard in the civic arena. Sundays and Seasons, a resource for worship planning pointed this out years ago. Luke’s passion account makes it clear that Jesus’ death was both political and unjust. As stated in the ELCA’s social message Government and Civic Engagement in the United States: Discipleship in a Democracy (<https://www.elca.org/faith/faith-and-society/social-messages/government>), Lutherans understand that “energetic civic engagement is part of their baptismal vocation, both as individuals and through the church’s corporate witness,” and that “we have the responsibility to raise our voices and votes against misuse of government” (p. 14). We cannot deny the political nature of the readings for this day, and our tradition and history compels us to address them.

Pastor Hans



LIFT UP IN PRAYER



If you would like a prayer added or taken off the prayer list, please contact the office.

Prayers for those hurting because of economic uncertainty; for folks in governments that they stand up for justice; prayers of thanks for the sun; for family and friends of Dale Klukus who entered his heavenly home recently; for our educators and students; for my brother Phillip; for Palestine and the West Bank; for Gaza; for Ukraine; for Morgan; for Carol; for a brother-in-law and for all going through cancer treatments; for Sharon; for all of those in fear of being deported, our neighbors, our students, and our community members; please help us to be bold and protect the vulnerable and marginalized among us; for a friend whose marriage is ending; for daughter Jill in her recovery from heart surgery; those impacted by the earthquakes; a special prayer of thanks for all the music makers at River of Hope and all of the children and youth who are an important part of worship.

Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
4/15	Laundry Love	9:00am-6:00pm	Royal Wash House	Allen Gislason
4/17	Maundy Thursday Service	6:00pm	Vineyard UM	Pastor Hans
4/18	Good Friday Service	6:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
4/25	Men’s Bible Study	9:00am	Event Center	Allen Gislason
4/28	River of Hopeful People	12:00pm	Crow River Winery	Lisa Tschimperle
4/29	River Table Meeting	5:00pm	Event Center	Mary Royer
5/7	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie W.
5/7	Supper for All	6:00-6:30pm	Event Center	Gathering Table
5/7	Confirmation	6:30-8:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
5/9	Men’s Bible Study	9:00-10:00am	Event Center	Allen Gislason
5/14	Women of Hope Bible Study	9:30-10:30am	Event Center	Gwenn Smeby

River of Hope wishes to acknowledge and honor the *Wahpekute* (pronounced – “wah-PEH-koo-tay”) people upon whose ancestral homelands we gather for worship this morning, as well as all our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.