



April 29th, 2026

Headwaters 5:00-6:00pm
Supper for ALL 6:00-6:30



SERVED BY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Worship 6:30-7:00pm
Confirmation 7:00-8:00pm



ORDER OF WORSHIP April 26th 2026 GATHERING

Music to Prepare us
Opening Song
Welcome
Greeting
Prayer of the Day
Greet Someone New

*Children's Time
THE WORD

Song to greet the
Reading
John 10:1-11
Sermon
Song of the Day
Prayers

Offering + Singing
The FEAST

*Setting the Table
Invitation to the Meal
Thanksgiving at the Table
The Lord's Prayer
Communion + Special
Music/ Blessing

THE SENDING

What is our Purpose
Milestones
Final Blessing
*Sending Song
Music to Send You Out

**Kids are invited to help with
Worship especially in these spots.*

We are called by Jesus to love God and one another, serving everyone with no handcuffs 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.

John 10:1-11

[Jesus said:] "Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers." Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits, but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life and have it abundantly.

"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

Daily Bible Readings - For the week of: April 27-May 2

Mon. April 27 1 Peter 5:1-5
Tue. April 28 Hebrews 13:20-21
Wed. April 29 Matthew 20:17-28
Thur. April 30 Acts 6:8-15
Fri. May 1 Acts 7:1-16
Sat. May 2 John 8:48-59



Watering Can for the Month of March Erin's Kids Youth Ministry at River of Hope



Average Monthly Attendance for March = 68
1st-3rd Quarter Income = \$269,539
1st-3rd Quarter Expenditures = \$256,745



Simply Giving:

If anyone would like to begin or adjust their electronic giving, please contact treasurer Arlyn DeBruyckere: 320-282-0184 arlyn@arlynphotos.com

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Greetings River of Hopeful People!



From The Desk of Pastor Hans

Greetings River of Hopeful people!

This is day one of a recent week of radio devotions: Greetings this is Hans Peterson, an ELCA pastor serving at River of Hope Lutheran which worships in the Event Center in here in Hutchinson. Spring is my favorite season. It brings warmer temperatures, lengthening days, and soon signs of new life. Many churches observe a season called Lent which always begins forty days before Easter. The word Lent comes from an Old English word meaning "spring" or "springtime".

This week's radio devotion will focus on a biblical passage read every spring at the beginning of Lent: Jesus' 40-day temptation in the wilderness. And when you read this passage in Matthew, Mark and Luke you'll notice that Jesus struggle in the wilderness is preceded by his baptism. He hears the voice of God affirm him, "You are my beloved son. With you I am well pleased."

Years ago, I was leading music at a camp out in New York. I met a pastor there who taught me a song by Libby Roderick - a folk musician from Alaska. This pastor thought that this song should be sung to every child. It's a song that I imagine God singing to Jesus at his baptism. Essentially it says, you are beautiful and connected to me no matter what you might be tempted to believe. I started singing it to my children to let them know that God calls them beloved. Any time they might be tempted to think that they were less than loveable I wanted them to know that they are connected to the heart of God...and to my heart too. Here is a recording of that song. I continue to sing it today as a reminder that we are God's beautiful, beloved children: <https://dakotaroadmusic.com/track/907082/how-could-anyone>

Pastor Hans



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LIFT UP IN PRAYER



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

Prayers: for Linda Cox in the hospital with broken ribs and a dislocated shoulder after a recent fall; for comfort for Tim Halstrom and family at the death of his brother Todd; for grandson Beau as he continues his recovery; for Gwenn's son, Ross; for Darren Eide and treatment beginning at Mayo to shrink cancer tumors blocking his stomach and liver; for Linda starting treatments for cancer; prayers of joy on the arrival of Eric and Tiffany's a baby girl, Reese Alivia Hoffman; for comfort for the family and friends of Elaine Quale whose memorial service was this week; for Alissa's friend & family who had twins born at 34 weeks; for Judy; for Judy's brother Ted; for niece Michelle; my dad's diagnosis of leukemia; for my son Thomas who was just laid off and pray for a new line of work; for all the folks living without documentation and are struggling to find work and to take care of their families; for 15-year-old birthday; Holly's illness; that the escalation in Iran cease and that peace may prevail.

Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Date</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Contact</u>
4/29	Headwaters	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Katie Weisenberger
4/29	Supper for All	6:00-6:30	Event Center	Men's Bible Study
4/29	Worship	6:30-7:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
4/29	Confirmation	7:00-8:00pm	Event Center	Pastor Hans
5/3	Voices of Hope	9:45am	Event Center	Jim Nelson
5/8	Men's Bible Study	9:00-10:30am	Caribou Coffee	Dave Pederson
5/10	Headwaters Kids Choir	9:45-10:15am	Event Center	Katie Weisenberger
5/10	Happy Mothers Day	All Day	Your heart	Mom
5/13	Women's Bible Study	9:30-11:00am	Event Center	Portia & Gwenn
5/12	Stewardship Mtg.	3:30-4:30pm	Google Meet	Andy Evenson
5/12	River Table Mtg.	5:00-6:00pm	Event Center	Jim Schaefer
5/13	Women's Bible Study	9:30-11:00am	Event Center	Portia B./ Gwenn S.
5/19	Laundry Love	9am-6pm	Royal Wash House	Jerry Lindberg
5/22	Men's Bible Study	9:00-10:30am	Caribou Coffee	Dave Pederson
5/31	Senior Recognition	Worship	Event Center	Pastor Hans

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.