



Ray Of Hope

Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

“My House shall be a house of prayer for All People.” Jo
(Isaiah 56:7)

Founded: 10/31/1983. Now in our Thirty-fifth year of Ministry.

MISSION: Love God, Love your neighbor,
make disciples of every person everywhere.

(Matthew 22:37-39; Matthew 28:19)

“This is the time we need to shine.”

“We are standing in Faith and Expecting Victory in 2017.”

Veronica Floyd, Moderator

Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, O.S.B, Appointed Pastor

A very special welcome to our visitors.

You are as welcome here as Jesus Christ Himself.

Scripture exhorts us: **“Welcome one another, then, as Christ welcomed you, for the glory of God”** Romans 15:7 (NABRE – 2011)

Guests are invited to participate in all parts of the worship service as you feel comfortable. We are building a wonderful Christ-centered Community here, and we invite you to share in our joy! After the Worship Service, please join us for a time of refreshments and sharing.

October 21, 2018 Twenty-second Sunday of Pentecost Year B

Ray Of Hope Church teaches the same Christian faith of ancient ecumenical consensus. St. Vincent of Lerins, a fifth century monk and theologian, described it as

“what has been believed always, everywhere, and by all.”

Scripture Readings for this worship event:

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 NRSV 1st Test. page 684

Psalms: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 220

Gospel: Mark 10:35-45 NRSV 2ND Testament page 47

(We suggest you find these Scripture readings in your Bible and place a marker in them before the Worship begins. The readings are also printed in this bulletin for your convenience.)

***We use the term 1st for the “Old” Testament and 2nd for the “New” Testament. The NRSV Bible 1st Testament numbers are found in the front portion of the Bible and the 2nd Testament numbers are found in the later portion. If this confuses you just ask someone around you to assist you. Thank you.**

First Reading: Isaiah 53:10-11 NRSV 1st Test. page 684

¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the LORD to crush him with pain.

When you make his life an offering for sin,

he shall see his offspring, and shall prolong his days;

through him the will of the LORD shall prosper.

¹¹ Out of his anguish he shall see light;

he shall find satisfaction through his knowledge.

The righteous one, my servant, shall make many righteous,
and he shall bear their iniquities.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 33:4-5, 18-19, 20, 22

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Upright is the word of the LORD,

and all his works are trustworthy.

He loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who fear him,

upon those who hope for his kindness,

To deliver them from death

and preserve them in spite of famine.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Our soul waits for the LORD,

who is our help and our shield.

May your kindness, O LORD, be upon us

who have put our hope in you.

R. Lord, let your mercy be on us, as we place our trust in you.

Second Reading: Hebrews 4:14-16 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 220

¹⁴ Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. ¹⁵ For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who

in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with bold-

ness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 10:17-30 NRSV 2ND Testament page 46

As Jesus was setting out on a journey, a man ran up,
knelt down before him, and asked him,

"Good teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

Jesus answered him, "Why do you call me good?

No one is good but God alone.

You know the commandments: *You shall not kill;*

you shall not commit adultery;

you shall not steal;

you shall not bear false witness;

you shall not defraud;

honor your father and your mother."

He replied and said to him,

"Teacher, all of these I have observed from my youth."

Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said to him,

"You are lacking in one thing.

Go, sell what you have, and give to the poor

and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me."

At that statement his face fell,

and he went away sad, for he had many possessions.

Jesus looked around and said to his disciples,

"How hard it is for those who have wealth

to enter the kingdom of God!" (Br. Benedict: DISTRACTIONS)

The disciples were amazed at his words.

So Jesus again said to them in reply,

"Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God!

It is easier for a camel to pass through the eye of a needle
than for one who is rich to enter the kingdom of God."

They were exceedingly astonished and said among them-

selves, "Then who can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and
said, "For human beings it is impossible, but not for God.

All things are possible for God." (SEE Luke 1:37)

Peter began to say to him,

"We have given up everything and followed you."

Jesus said, "Amen, I say to you, there is no one who has given
up house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children
or lands for my sake and for the sake of the gospel who will not

receive a hundred times more now in this present age: houses and brothers and sisters and mothers and children and lands, with persecutions, and eternal life in the age to come."

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Sermon Notes: Br. Shawn Benedict, Pastor.

Worship is our primary activity as a church. There is an old standard in the church, *lex orandi, lex credendi* which means that "the law of prayer is the law of faith" or "that which we pray is that which we believe." Our prayer, our worship is the key to understanding what God has revealed for us to accept as true. Our congregation offers the leadership, organization, presentation of worship experiences, and the physical building space for worship and education in spirituality as our primary service to the general public. All are welcome to avail themselves to our services of worship. (<http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/Worship.htm>)

=====Sermon Notes=====

Authentic Scripture is known when it progresses in three levels:

1—the actual historicity of the events described for the people of that time and place, 2—the voice of Jesus in prophecy in the First Testament, the voice of Jesus as Head of His Church, and prophecy fulfilled in the Gospel. 3— the universal truths applicable to God's people in every time and place. The Scriptures are here as our divine guide to living out God's will.

In the Gospel today Jesus sets up our theme: "Whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all. For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many." (Mark 10:44,45)

In the first reading we see that voice of prophecy mentioned in #2 in the three part standard for Scripture. In these words in Isaiah, in fact the whole chapter, we see details of the crucifixion of Jesus and doctrinal explanation of the eternal benefits it would have. This Hebrew word "rab" (Strong's H7227) is rendered "many." This word many has been used to suggest that Christ did not die for all people, just some. When this idea is put forth by religionists and those lost in churchianity it is used to say only this church or that church or this or that denomination are saved and all others are lost, so, therefore, be a member of whichever one is promoting this. In fact, taken with all the verses on who is saved, it becomes increasingly clear that

Jesus died for all, from Alpha to Omega. Mark 15:28, Luke 22:37, 2 Corinthians 5:21 and Hebrews 9:28 are some of the references that verify the prophecy of Isaiah was completely fulfilled in the Passion, Death, and Resurrection of Jesus.

Christ, having been given all authority then, is our High Priest. Jesus in His resurrected body now stands between God and the people, in the office of High Priest. Jesus receives our prayers, our worship, and in this way He continues to set the standard of service.

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Upcoming Worship Events at Ray Of Hope Church
SUNDAY OCTOBER 28 we celebrate October 31 **the 35th Anniversary the start of our 36th year of ministry. Reformation Sunday**

November 4 Feast of Salvation For All / Martyrs Of The Faith

November 18 Feast Of The Kingship of Christ

November 25 Advent WK I

December 2 Advent WK II

Hanukkah Starts at sundown Day 1

December 9 Advent WK III Gaudete Sunday Pride in the Winter Hanukkah last night begins at sundown

Monday December 10 Sundown

December 16 Advent WK IV

December 23 NATIVITY

December 26 Kwanzaa day 1 Umoja (Unity) 8:30 sign on line each Kwanzaa worship event will start 8:45 PM and end at 9:00 PM.

Dec. 27 Kwanzaa day 2 Kujichagulia (Self determination) 8:45

Dec. 28 Kwanzaa day 3 Ujima (Collective work & responsibility)

Dec. 29 Kwanzaa day 4 Ujamaa (Cooperative economics)

December 30 Holy Name 8:45 PM

Dec. 30 Kwanzaa day 5 Nia (Purpose)

Dec. 31 Kwanzaa day 6 Kuumba (Creativity)

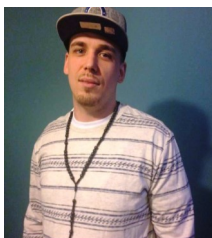
January 1 Kwanzaa day 7 Imani (Faith)

January 6 Epiphany— Visitation of the Magi

January 13 The Baptism Of The Lord—30 yrs. old

BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY

===== Here is something else you can "DO" from home:



This is our sixth week praying for Chad Stanbro. Chad has had some unfortunate difficulties while incarcerated that resulted in his being paralyzed from the neck down while in custody. Chad is in his late 20's and this sudden change in his body is very traumatic to say the least. Chad has a daughter. He has been hospital-

ized for eight weeks. His progress is about the same: moving arms and fingers, feeding himself, has not been walking yet. A new development: Chad will be home about the 25th of October. There are many preparations to be made for his assistance when he comes back to the area. Let's continue to pray for Chad.

This begins the seventh week we are praying for Jay Brown at the request of his family. Jay has been discharged and is back home. His skin is reportedly healing nicely. We are grateful to God for this progress. As mentioned last week, his eyes have suffered from the explosion. His vision is very limited. It could



heal or remain this way. Let's make this aspect a special target of our prayers. Jay has an appointment at the Wills Eye Hospital at the end of October. To assist with financial help go here:

(<https://www.gofundme.com/kck5ct-team-jay>).

The family thanks everyone for your continued prayers. Jay has a very long haul in front of him for sure. Let's continue to pray for Jay and look forward to his complete recovery. I assured

Chrissy again, that we are all in for the long haul with our prayers.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

General Offering for the week of October 14, 2018 — \$140.00
Attendance— 8. Special gift: \$50.00 Steve Decker

Special Opportunities for Giving to Ray Of Hope Church Candles: We use four candles per week in the chapel. They cost \$3.17 each, = \$12.75per week. We also burn 15 hour votive candles at the place of consecration on our Communion Table / Altar. \$12.75 main candles—4, \$5.00— votive candles at the place of consecration. Consider donating one or more weeks in memory of someone, in dedication, thanksgiving or for a private intention. The dedication will be printed in the bulletin and placed over at the kneelers. Please bring your donation to Br. Benedict, who will help you put together your intention/ dedication and will forward your donation to the treasurer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday October 23 6:30—8:00 [Bible Enrichment](#)

Thursday October 25 6:30—8:30 [Social Group Movie](#): Tales Of The City Season 2 Come and bring some snacks to share!

Ray Of Hope Church Weekly Schedule

Elmira Worship- Sunday 10:30 AM – 380 W. First St. Parsonage/Monastery. Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 10:15 AM.

Syracuse Worship- Sunday 10:30 AM— 2121 E. Genesee St. Apt. 4 (the home of Robb Bacon)

Bible Enrichment- Tuesday 6:30-8 PM-380 W. First St. Parsonage /Monastery. Or Join us live on SKYPE: rayofhope26 is our contact name. Sign on by 6:15 PM.

**** to call the Pastor: Rev. Shawn Benedict: 607-280-0374***

Policy Concerning Minors at Events

Ray Of Hope Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ welcomes all youth and children to worship with us and participate in our activities. We endeavor to provide a safe and non-threatening environment for all children. To this end, we have a Policy Concerning Minors at Events, which is available from the Clerk upon request and is on our web site; http://www.rayofhopechurch.com/Minors_At_Events.htm. Please enjoy your visit with us, and we hope you will return.

NOTE: On June 15, 1996, as a part of the Ordination Ceremony and his profession of Benedictine Vows, Rev. Leo W. McDermott, II retired the use of his secular birth name and was given a new name in religion, Brother Shawn Francis Benedict.

The Chapel is open daily from about 8:00 AM to 11:00 PM most days of the year. When the door is unlocked the public is welcome to come in and pray, read a book, meditate, read Scriptures, and enjoy the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. Visitors are invited to use the kneelers or sit in the chair or couch of their choice. Please maintain holy silence in the chapel.

Visitors: Please feel free to fill out the information slip below and place it in the collection plate. Please indicate any special needs you may have. All information will be used for church purposes *only*.

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

I would like to be included on the church Email list.

I would like to schedule an appointment with the Pastor.



Ray Of Hope Church Statement Of Purpose

In the Spirit of God, and in the footsteps of Christ Jesus, we the Faith Community at Ray Of Hope Church commit to:

- **guide** and welcome all people to the Free Gift of Salvation in Christ Jesus, with a God-ordained celebration of all sexual orientations, and gender expressions, with an open ministry to persons affected by or infected with HIV/AIDS, their families and friends,
- **declare** and openly assert the truth that same-sex relationships, founded and fostered in God-centered love, are holy and blessed, and in fact originate by the work of the Holy Spirit; and, that God equally uses blessed same-sex and heterosexual Holy Unions and Marriages to bring God's own love and good news of "Salvation to all who believe" into the world,
- **uphold**, proclaim, and teach the historic Biblical Christian Doctrine, build community through worship and prayer, break the bread, and live the ministry of the Holy Spirit,
- **change** the world around us by living Gospel principles of social justice in everything we do, thereby exposing all forms of prejudice, oppression, racism, homophobia, sexism, and misogyny,
- **proclaim** the ray of hope, which is the soon coming return of Christ Jesus, and the fullness of His Eternal Community where the Will of God will establish liberty, justice, equity, and peace for all God's People and the universe.

Visit us on line:

Our website: www.rayofhopechurch.com

Our YouTube page: www.youtube.com/rayofhopenyglbtqs

—————Scripture verses to share with others:—————

Romans 15:13 Now may the God of **hope** fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that you may abound in **hope** by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Titus 2:11 The **grace** of God has appeared, bringing salvation to **all**..

John 5:24 Those who hear my word and **believe in God** who sent me, **have** eternal life, will **never** come under judgment and have passed from **death to life** already.

Romans 10:13 "For **whoever** calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

(repeated @ Joel 2:32; Acts 2:21) "everyone, anyone who" asks.

"Lord" here refers to God principally as in the book of Joel that is being quoted, so all persons who call on God shall be saved.

"Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?"
(Isaiah 43:19 ESV)

"Behold, I make all things new." (Revelation 21:5)