



# Ray Of Hope

## Church Of Our Lord Jesus Christ

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

Founded: 10/31/1983. Now in our Thirty-sixth 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.

February 10, 2019 Epiphany Wk 6, Year C

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 6:1-8 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 635

**Psalm:** 138:1-8 responsorial in this bulletin.

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 15: 1-11 NRSV 2<sup>nd</sup> Test. Pg. 176

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11 NRSV 2<sup>ND</sup> Testament Pg. 62

*(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 6:1-8 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 635

**A Vision of God in the Temple**

6 In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple.

<sup>2</sup> Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. <sup>3</sup> And one called to another and said:

“Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;  
the whole earth is full of his glory.”

<sup>4</sup> The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. <sup>5</sup> And I said: “Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!”

<sup>6</sup> Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. <sup>7</sup> The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: “Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.”

<sup>8</sup> Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, “Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?” And I said, “Here am I; send me!”

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm: 138: 1-8**

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

I will give thanks to you, O LORD, with all my heart,  
for you have heard the words of my mouth;  
in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise;  
I will worship at your holy temple  
and give thanks to your name.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

Because of your kindness and your truth;  
for you have made great above all things

your name and your promise.  
 When I called, you answered me;  
 you built up strength within me.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

All the majistrates of the earth shall give thanks to you, O LORD, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the LORD: "Great is the glory of the LORD."

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

Your right hand saves me.  
 The LORD will complete what God has done for me;  
 your kindness, O LORD, endures forever;  
 forsake not the work of your hands.

**R. In the sight of the angels I will sing your praises, Lord.**

**Second Reading:** 1 Cor. 15: 1-11 NRSV 2<sup>nd</sup> Test. Pg. 176  
 The Resurrection of Christ

15 Now I would remind you, brothers and sisters of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, <sup>2</sup> through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain.

<sup>3</sup> For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>4</sup> and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, <sup>5</sup> and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. <sup>6</sup> Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. <sup>7</sup> Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. <sup>8</sup> Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. <sup>9</sup> For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. <sup>10</sup> **But by the grace of God I am**

**what I am, and God's grace toward me has not been in vain.** On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me.

<sup>11</sup> Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** Luke 5:1-11 NRSV 2<sup>ND</sup> Testament Pg. 62

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

5 Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, <sup>2</sup> he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. <sup>3</sup> He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. <sup>4</sup> When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch." <sup>5</sup> Simon answered, "Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets." <sup>6</sup> When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. <sup>7</sup> So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. <sup>8</sup> But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, "Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!" <sup>9</sup> For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; <sup>10</sup> and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people." <sup>11</sup> When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

**Sermon:** Rev. Benedict

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**But by the grace of God I am what I am, and God's grace**

**toward me has not been in vain. 1 Cor 5:10**

1 John 5:9-13 <sup>9</sup> If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater; for this is the witness of God which He has testified of His Son. <sup>10</sup> He who believes in the Son of God **has the witness in himself**; he who does not believe God has made Him a liar, because he has not believed the testimony that God has given of His Son. <sup>11</sup> And **this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.** <sup>12</sup> He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. <sup>13</sup> **These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may *continue* to believe in the name of the Son of God.**

John 5:24 Jesus said: The one who hears my word and believes in God who sent me, has eternal life, will never come under judgment and has passed from death to life already.

Psalms 116:15 Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

Our souls are eternal: Jeremiah 1:4-5

<sup>4</sup> Now the word of the LORD came to me saying,  
<sup>5</sup> “Before I formed you in the womb I knew you,  
 and before you were born I consecrated you;  
 I appointed you a prophet to the nations.”

Romans 14:9 Jesus Christ is Lord of both the living and the Dead.

“Christ died and rose again for this very purpose – to be Lord both of the living and of the dead.” (New Living Translation)

Matthew 28:18 Jesus said: All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

1 Corinthians 15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.  
**Jesus said: “I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who**

**lives and believes in me will never die.”** (John 11:25,26)

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**BE DOERS OF THE WORD AND NOT HEARERS ONLY**

Here is something else you can “DO” from home:

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Continue to keep Chad Stanbro in your prayers that his legs be restored to health and that he follow a good path in his life.



This begins the 25th week we are praying for Jay Brown. Jay is completely blind at this time. Let’s keep praying for his eyes to completely heal. <https://www.gofundme.com/kck5ct-team-jay>



Update on August Faulk, pictured here with the family dog named Rosie. August’s family is very thankful for all the continued prayers we are offering. August is having complications and the pain was spreading



We continue to hold Trinity Lucas in prayer, the little girl on the right. Her father, Stephen Lucas tells us she was born addicted to opioids. Trinity is having difficulties in many areas of her life due to the exposure.

**ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

**General Offering** for the week of February 3, 2019 — \$1020.00  
Attendance— 8. We give God thanks and praise for all these gifts.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Bible Enrichment Session Tuesday February 12—6:30 PM**

**Thursday February 14 6:30- 8:30** Movie: “Angels In America” much longer. The two parts of the play are separately presentable and entitled **Perestroika**, respectively. <https://www.meetup.com/Elmira-gay-lesbian-bisexual-trans-str8-social-group/?scroll=true>

**Friday February 22 Council Meeting 7:00 PM**

The one and only rehearsal for Ash Wednesday will be on Thurs. Feb. 28th at 7 PM at New Beginnings United Methodist in the sanctuary. Helen Vincent is directing the Choir. Choir call on Ash Wed. is 6:15 sharp with the service starting at 7.

Elmira Area Clergy Ecumenical Ash Wednesday Service  
March 6 at 7:00 PM at New Beginnings UMC 300 E. Miller St.  
Elmira.

## **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](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.

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Visit us on line:

**Our website:** [www.rayofhopechurch.com](http://www.rayofhopechurch.com)

**Our YouTube page:** [www.youtube.com/rayofhopenyglbtqs](http://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)