



# 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-seventh year of Min-

istry. 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.”  
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.

May 10, 2020 Resurrection Week 5, Year A  
Mother’s Day / Elmira Chapel Foundresses Day  
“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)

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:** Acts 2: 14, 36– 41 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 120

**Psalm:** Psalm 23 psalm book pg. 35

**Second Reading:** 1Peter 2:20B-25 NRSV 2<sup>nd</sup> Test. Pg. 232

**Gospel:** John 10:1-10 NRSV 2<sup>ND</sup> Testament page 103

***\*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:** Acts 6:1-7 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 123

Seven Chosen to Serve – Deacons

6 Now during those days, when the disciples were increasing in number, the Hellenists complained against the Hebrews because their widows were being neglected in the daily distribution of food. <sup>2</sup> And the twelve called together the whole community of the disciples and said, “It is not right that we should neglect the word of God in order to wait on tables. <sup>3</sup> Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup> while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.” <sup>5</sup> What they said pleased the whole community, and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, together with Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolaus, a proselyte of Antioch. <sup>6</sup> They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

<sup>7</sup> The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests became obedient to the faith.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 33** selected verses

R. **Alleluia. Lord, we place our trust in you.**

Exult, you just, in the LORD;

praise from the upright is fitting.

Give thanks to the LORD on the harp;

with the ten-stringed lyre chant God’s praises.:

R. **Alleluia. Lord, we place our trust in you.**

Upright is the word of the LORD,

and all God’s works are trustworthy.

God loves justice and right;

of the kindness of the LORD the earth is full.

R. **Alleluia. Lord, we place our trust in you.**

See, the eyes of the LORD are upon those who love God,

upon those who hope for God’s kindness,

To deliver them from death  
and preserve them in spite of famine.

**R. Alleluia. Lord, we place our trust in you.**

**Second Reading:** 1Peter 2:4-9 NRSV 2<sup>nd</sup> Test. Pg. 233

<sup>4</sup> Come to Jesus, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and <sup>5</sup> like living stones, you yourselves are being built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. <sup>6</sup> For it stands in Scripture: (Isa. 28:16)

"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,  
a cornerstone chosen and precious;  
and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

<sup>7</sup> To you then who believe, Christ is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the very head of the corner," (Ps. 118:22)

<sup>8</sup> and

"A stone that makes them stumble,  
and a rock that makes them fall." (Isa. 8:14)

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

<sup>9</sup> But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own special people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** John 14:1-12 NRSV 2<sup>ND</sup> Testament page 108

14 "Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God, believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to the place where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?"

<sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me.<sup>7</sup> If you would have known me, you would have known my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.”

<sup>8</sup> Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.”<sup>9</sup> Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’?”<sup>10</sup> Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works.

<sup>11</sup> Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.<sup>12</sup> Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon:** Rev. Br. Shawn F. Benedict, Pastor

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What was going on during the 40 days? Jesus is laying the foundations for His Church.

God did through him - miracles, wonders, and signs (Acts 2:22) but now, God calls us to be the conduit of those same works, even greater ones.

John 14:12-18 Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to God. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that God may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.

Our Elmira Chapel Foundresses pictures are hung above and become part of the Credence Table /Altar dedicated to the Incarnation of the Eternal Word and His Blessed Mother Mary.





+ Martha Cummings  
born 5/18/1928  
Member, 1997  
Entered Paradise 2/15/2014



+ Margaret E. Walker  
born 2/26/1981  
Member, 1997  
Entered Paradise 9/4/2006

+ Jane Mc Dermott  
born 3/12/1937  
Member, 1997  
Entered Paradise 10/1/2019



Lisa Cummings Frost  
born 7/17/1957  
Member, 1997



+ Betty Lou LeHew Goodrich  
born 1/31/1923  
Member, 1997  
Entered Paradise 4/26/2010

First Reading: the ministry of Deacons: diakonia to serve.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore, friends, select from among yourselves seven men of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom, whom we may appoint to this task, <sup>4</sup> while we, for our part, will devote ourselves to prayer and to serving the word.”

Notice: you select, we will appoint, they laid hands for ordination.

Acts 6:8 <sup>6</sup> They had these men stand before the apostles, who prayed and laid their hands on them.

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 Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:9-10 <sup>9</sup> But you *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; <sup>10</sup> who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.

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 Gospel: John 14:2-3 <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, I would have told you, for I go to prepare a place for you. <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

1 Thessalonians 4:17-18 <sup>17</sup> Then we who are alive *and* remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And thus we shall always be with the Lord. <sup>18</sup> Therefore comfort one another with these words.

MOTHERHOOD OF GOD. Read a text message all about it, [CLICK HERE](#).

### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS**

**General Offering** for last week; Worship May 3, 2020—\$1088.00 Attendance— 5. Lisa Frost donated \$900.00 for the Fire Alarm cellular communicator. okFor all these gifts we give thanks and praise.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Bible Enrichment Session Tuesday May 12, 6:30 PM** We are finishing our study in the Book of Ephesians.  
 May 22 Council Meeting 2:00 p.m.

## **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-** looking for a host in Syracuse. For more information [Click Here](#).

**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. [Click Here](#).

**\*\* 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 will not be open to the public at this time as we try to do our part to stop the spread of COVID-19. However, all of our regular services will be available live on Skype. To get the information on how to use Skype to participate with us [Click Here](#).. As soon as the ban on group meeting in New York State is lifted the chapel will be reopened.

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/rayofhopenyqlbtqs](http://www.youtube.com/rayofhopenyqlbtqs)

—————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)