



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.

November 18, 2018 Feast Of Christ The King Year B

ESCHATOLOGY WEEK 1 of 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: Daniel 7:13-14 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 828

Psalm: Psalm 93:1-2, 5 Responsorial psalm inside bulletin.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 245

Gospel: Mark 13:21—33 NRSV 2ND Testament page 50
(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: Daniel 7:13-14 NRSV 1st Test. Pg. 828

¹³ As I watched in the night visions,
I saw one like a human being
coming with the clouds of heaven.
And he came to the Ancient One
and was presented before him.

¹⁴ To him was given dominion
and glory and kingship,
that all peoples, nations, and languages
should serve him.

His dominion is an everlasting dominion
that shall not pass away,
and his kingship is one
that shall never be destroyed.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 93:1-2, 5 Responsorial psalm

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

The LORD is king, in splendor robed;
robed is the LORD and girt about with strength.

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

And he has made the world firm,
not to be moved.
Your throne stands firm from of old;
from everlasting you are, O LORD.

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

Your decrees are worthy of trust indeed;
holiness befits your house,
O LORD, for length of days.

R. The LORD is king; he is robed in majesty.

Second Reading: Revelation 1:4-8 NRSV 2nd Test. Pg. 245

⁴ John to the seven churches that are in Asia:
Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and
who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his
throne, ⁵ and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the

firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
⁶ and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and
 Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

⁷ Look! He is coming with the clouds;
 every eye will see him,
 even those who pierced him;
 and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
 So it is to be. Amen.

⁸ "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is
 and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

Gospel: Mark 13:21—33 NRSV 2ND Testament page 50

²¹ And if anyone says to you at that time, 'Look! Here is the
 Messiah!' (or the Christ) or 'Look! There he is!'—do not believe
 it. ²² False messiahs (or Christs) and false prophets will appear
 and produce signs and omens, to lead astray, if possible, the
 elect. ²³ But be alert; I have already told you everything.

The Coming of the Son of Man

²⁴ "But in those days, after that suffering,
 the sun will be darkened,

and the moon will not give its light,

²⁵ and the stars will be falling from heaven,

and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

²⁶ Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with
 great power and glory. ²⁷ Then he will send out the angels, and
 gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth
 to the ends of heaven.

The Lesson of the Fig Tree

²⁸ "From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch be-
 comes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer
 is near. ²⁹ So also, when you see these things taking place, you
 know that he (or it) is near, at the very gates. ³⁰ Truly I tell you,
 this generation will not pass away until all these things have
 taken place. ³¹ Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words
 will not pass away.

The Necessity for Watchfulness

³² “But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. ³³ Beware, keep alert; (ancient: and pray) for you do not know when the time will come.

Reader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

ALL: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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Sermon: Pastor Br. Shawn F. Benedict

Sermon Notes:

Last Sunday, Hebrews 9:28 so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

Are we eagerly waiting for Jesus? Are we waiting for the tooth fairy, easter bunny, santa claus, a visiting dignitary, the love of my life, the perfect job.... what are we waiting for and eagerly looking forward to?

In 1925, Pope Pius XI instituted the Feast of Christ the King in the encyclical *Quas Primas* (from Latin, “In the First”) to respond to secularism—the adoration of ‘idols’ of the earthly world, such as money and fame, above God. Though the encyclical was written 93 years ago it is clear that secularism is still a clear threat to the message of who Christ is. The Roman Catholic Church, Anglicans, Presbyterians, Lutherans, Methodists and others celebrate this on the last Sunday of the church year. This also calls attention to Christ coming as “King of kings and Lord of lords” at the end of the church age.

2) The people of the time of the life of Jesus rejected Christ as king. People today reject Christ as King. People during the Tribulation period will reject the Christ. Even when He comes in the clouds many on earth will reject him. His kingdom will be brought in by God, and will be fulfilled by God’s will.

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Eschatology: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Christian_eschatology)

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Christian eschatology is a major branch of study within Christian theology. Eschatology, from two Greek words mean-

ing "last" (ἔσχατος) and "study" (-λογία), is the study of 'end things', whether the end of an individual life, the end of the age, the end of the world and the nature of the Kingdom of God. Broadly speaking, Christian eschatology is the study of the destiny of humankind as it is described in the Bible, which is the primary source for all Christian eschatology studies. The major issues and events in Christian eschatology are death and the afterlife, Heaven and Hell, the Second Coming of Jesus, the Resurrection of the Dead, the Rapture, the Tribulation, Millennialism, the end of the world, the Last Judgment, and the New Heaven and New Earth of the world to come. Eschatological passages are found in many places in the Bible, both in the Old and the New Testaments. There are also many extrabiblical examples of eschatological prophecy, as well as church traditions.

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Why are we going to be one full week ahead of other churches that follow the liturgical calendar, beginning next week?

We are celebrating Nativity on Sunday December 23. This backs everything up one week, catching up 1/6/2019.

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Upcoming Worship Events at Ray Of Hope Church

November 25 Advent WK I

December 1 World AIDS Day 30th Anniversary

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:



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 eleventh week we are praying for Jay Brown. Jay did not receive good news at Wills Eye Hospital and 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: He is having some spinal fluid leakage, which is common with this procedure he had. August has had the procedure to fix the leakage. The procedure was very painful. Please join us in praying that his surgeries are successful and healing for August. Please also pray for Grace for his whole family as they try to remain positive while facing the difficulties of CPRS together.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF GIFTS AND DONATIONS

General Offering for the week of November 11, 2018 — \$310.00

Attendance— 5. Special gift:

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 November 20 6:30—8:00 [Bible Enrichment](#)

Thursday November 22 6:30—8:30 No Social Group Happy Thanksgiving.

Friday November 23 or Friday November 30?? Council Meeting

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.

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Our website: www.rayofhopechurch.com

Our YouTube page: 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)