Installation Worship Service

of

Pastor Laura Aase

as

Mission Developer

River of Hope Lutheran

Congregation Under Development Evangelical Lutheran Church in America



Sunday, January 23, 2011

All Are Welcome!

RIVER OF HOPE LUTHERAN ELCA

HUTCHINSON, MINNESOTA

An Inclusive Worshiping Community Open to All Disciples of Christ

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

Sunday, January 23, 2011

Introduction to the Day:

Jesus begins his public ministry by calling fishers to leave their nets and follow him. In Jesus the kingdom of God has come near. We who have walked in darkness have seen a great light. We see this light most profoundly in the cross - as God suffers with us and all who are oppressed by sickness, sin, or evil. Light dawns for us as we gather around the word, the font, and the holy table. We are then sent to share the good news that others may be "caught" in the net of God's grace and mercy.

We celebrate this day the installation of Pastor Laura Aase as the Mission Developer and first pastor of River of Hope Lutheran. We welcome Pastor Larry Strenge from the Southwest Minnesota Synod of the ELCA as he presides over worship and Pastor Laura's installation.



^{**}Denotes songs used at the worship service along the river on August 26, 2010.



GATHERING

WELCOME

Stand

Every promise we can make, Every prayer and step of faith, Every difference we will make Is only by His grace.

Every mountain we will climb, Every ray of hope we shine, Every blessing left behind Is only by His grace.

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies Strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, We will go forth in grace alone. Every soul we long to reach, Every heart we hope to teach, Everywhere we share His peace Is only by His grace.

Every loving word we say, Every tear we wipe away, Every sorrow turned to praise Is only by His grace.

Chorus

Grace alone which God supplies Strength unknown He will provide. Christ in us, our Cornerstone, We will go forth in grace alone. I'm trading my sorrows; I'm trading my shame.

I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness; I'm trading my pain.

I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen.

I am pressed but not crushed, Persecuted, not abandoned, Struck down, but not destroyed. I am blessed beyond the curse, For His promise will endure, That His joy's gonna be my strength. Though the sorrow may last for the night, His joy comes with the morning.

I'm trading my sorrows; I'm trading my shame. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

I'm trading my sickness; I'm trading my pain. I'm laying them down for the joy of the Lord.

Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Yes, Lord, yes, Lord, yes, yes, Lord. Amen.

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

God of all mercy and consolation, Come to the aid of your people, turning us from our sin to live for you alone. Give us the power of your Holy Spirit that, attentive to your Word, we may confess our sins, receive your forgiveness, and grow into the fullness of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for reflection and self-examination.

Gracious God, have mercy on us. In your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone. Uphold us by your Spirit so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. To the honor and glory of your holy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life.

Amen.

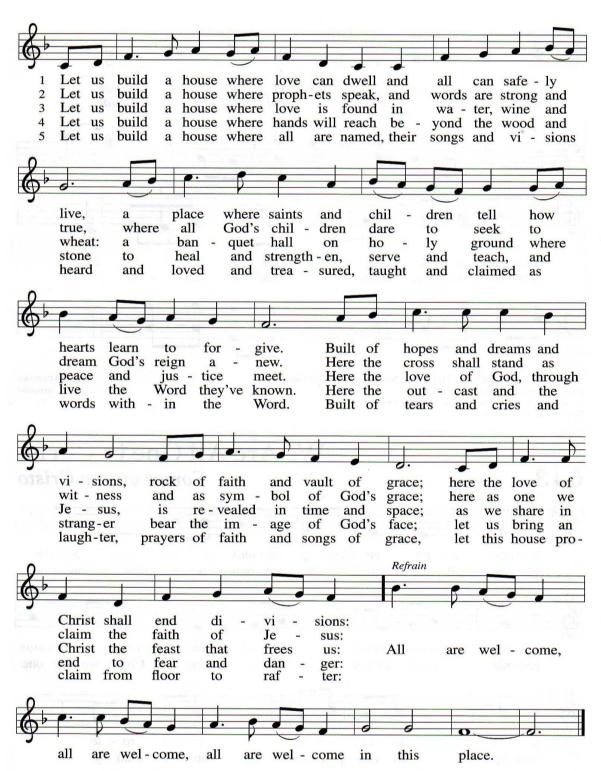
GREETING

The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.



SONG OF PRAISE ______ELW #641



PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, through your Son Jesus Christ you gave the holy apostles many gifts and commanded them to feed your flock. Inspire all pastors to proclaim your word diligently and your people to receive it willingly, that finally we may receive the crown of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 9:1-4

The northern tribes of Zebulun and Naphtali experienced defeat, but they are assured that their condition will be reversed when God makes a light-filled appearance. The joy they will experience will resemble celebrations of great harvests, because God will deliver them from everything that diminishes or oppresses them. The people in the northern parts of Israel have experienced "gloom" and "darkness" because of the destruction wrought by Assyrian military forces. To these people, the prophet announces the shining of a great light of salvation.

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness— on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

Paul calls on the Corinthians to end their dissensions and share the unified outlook of the gospel. Discord arises when we forget that we belong not to human leaders or institutions but to Christ who was crucified for us. Indeed, the unifying word of the cross of Christ is the center of the gospel and the power of God's salvation.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, "I belong to Paul," or "I belong to Apollos," or "I belong to Cephas," or "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul?

I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.)

For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

The Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.**

Stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATIONWOV #612

Halle, Halle, Halle – lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle – lujah! Halle, Halle, Halle – lujah! Halleluiah! Hallelujah!

GOSPEL: Matthew 4:12-23

Jesus begins his public ministry shortly after John the Baptist is imprisoned by Herod. He proclaims the nearness of God's reign and calls four fishermen to be his first disciples.

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the fourth chapter. Glory to you, O Lord.



Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON	Called to Live In Jesus	Pastor Larry Strenge
ORGAN INTRODUCTION	My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less	John B. Dykes
SONG OF THE DAY		LBW #294

- My hope is built on nothing less
 Than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
 No merit of my own I claim,
 But wholly lean on Jesus' name.
 On Christ, the solid rock, I stand;
 All other ground is sinking sand.
- 2. When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace; In ev'ry high and stormy gale My anchor holds within the veil. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 3. His oath, his covenant, his blood Sustain me in the raging flood; When all supports are washed away, He then is all my hope and stay. On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.
- 4. When he shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in him be found, Clothed in his righteousness alone, Redeemed to stand before the throne! On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand.

Installation of Pastor Laura Aase

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PRESENTATION OF PASTOR LAURA AASE FOR INSTALLATION

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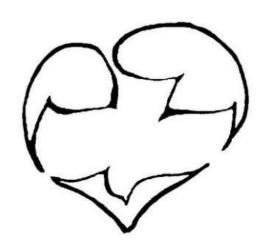
ADDRESSING AND QUESTIONING OF PASTOR

Stand

QUESTIONING OF THE ASSEMBLY

Response: We will, and we ask God to help us.

BLESSING OF THE NEWLY INSTALLED PASTOR



As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

Women and Girls only:

Oh, sisters, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. Oh, sisters, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

Prayer Petitions

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.

Men and Boys only:

Oh, brothers, let's go down, Let's go down, come on down. Come on brothers; let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

PROCESSION TO THE PLACES OF WORD AND SACRAMENTS

PRESENTATION OF PASTOR LAURA AASE TO THE ASSEMBLY

MEAL

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

Greet one another in the name of the Lord.

OFFERING

Children may bring their offerings forward to the basket. Please see the Announcement regarding Children's Offering.

OFFERING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord, our God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayer Petitions

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way And who shall wear the starry crown. Good Lord, show me the way.

All Sinners:

Oh, sinners let's go down Come on down, don't you wanna go down? Come on, sinners, let's go down, Down to the river to pray.

Prayer Petitions

As I went down to the river to pray, Studyin' about that good old way And who shall wear the robe and crown, Good Lord, show me the way.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

May God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to God Most High.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Cultivate and nourish us, O God, that we may be good soil. Let the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, planted within us now, bring forth rich and beautiful fruit for the life of the world.

Amen.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

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COMMUNION

The chalices contain non-alcoholic wine.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION SONGLet Us Break Bread Together....LBW #212

- Let us break bread together on our knees; Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.
- Let us drink wine together on our knees;
 Let us drink wine together on our knees.
 When I fall on my knees,
 With my face to the rising sun,
 O Lord, have mercy on me.
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees; Let us praise God together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, With my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.

Stand

POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Almighty God, you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant that we who have received the Sacrament of his body and blood may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled with the power of his endless life, now and forever.

Amen.

SENDING

BLESSING

May God bless us and keep us.
May God's face shine on us and be gracious.
May God look on us with favor and + give us peace.

Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Stand

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord most high.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord, Blessed be the name of the Lord most high.

Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord, most high.

Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord, Glory to the name of the Lord, most high. The name of the Lord is a strong tower The righteous run into it and they are saved.

The name of the Lord is a strong tower The righteous run into it and they are saved.

Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord, most high.

Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord, Holy is the name of the Lord, most high.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Laura Aase grew up in northern Minnesota, the daughter of a father who was a Lutheran pastor and mother who worked outside the home as a nurse. Laura Aase entered Luther Seminary in St. Paul in 2006 and completed her Master of Divinity coursework on December 17, 2010.

Prior to seminary Laura attended Concordia College in Moorhead, graduating with a B.A. in Elementary Education in May 1994. Since college Laura served for ten years as Program Director in two Lutheran Bible Camps—Lutheran Outdoor Ministries Center in Oregon, Illinois, and Luther Heights Bible Camp in the Sawtooth mountain range in southern Idaho.



Biography:

PASTOR LAURA AASE – Mission Developer, River of Hope

During Laura's years at Luther Seminary she discovered that God was calling her to work as a mission developer in Christ's Church. After her internship in Syracuse, New York, where she did extensive evangelism work in the community surrounding Atonement Lutheran Church, she decided to go through the extensive interview process conducted by the ELCA in attempts to locate persons suited for mission developers—those persons who start new congregations in the ELCA. After she was accepted into the "pool of mission developers," Laura was assigned to Region 3 of the ELCA which includes the SWMN Synod.

Laura's writings in the "Rostered Leader Profile" caught the eye of the ELCA's SWMN synod bishop, Rev. John V. Anderson. Bishop Anderson had a personal interview and recommended Laura to Director for Evangelical Mission Rev. Larry Strenge and Synod minister Rev. Linda Pedersen. Through the synod's work with River of Hope a "meet and greet table meeting" was called with leaders at River of Hope. Surrounded with prayer, tears of joy, and thanksgiving, this "table" gave an enthusiastic recommendation for Laura to receive the call to be the Mission Developer at River of Hope!

On December 2nd the ELCA's SWMN Synod council voted to extend the call to Laura to be the Mission Developer at River of Hope, Hutchinson. Laura accepted this call and began her call on January 16, 2011 as preacher at the River of Hope worship service. Six days later, on January 22 Laura was ordained the Reverend (or Pastor) Laura Aase at Mercy Seat, a mission congregation of the ELCA in Minneapolis. Bishop Jon V. Anderson presided at the ordination service. Pastor Laura is being installed at River of Hope today, January 23, 2011.



RIVER OF HOPE LUTHERAN

www.riverofhopehutchinson.org

Announcements – January 23, 2011

Welcome to Pastor Laura Aase – Laura was ordained at Mercy Seat in Minneapolis yesterday and is installed as Pastor and Mission Developer for River of Hope today. We welcome Laura with open hearts and are thankful to God for sending her to River of Hope!

WANTED: Singers Young and Old – RoH is looking for singers of all ages to be a part of a new intergenerational choir to sing for special occasions. The group will meet 2-3 times prior to the performance. Our first opportunity to sing will be on Feb. 13 in honor of Valentine's Day. Look for more information to come!

Altar Guild - An altar guild for River of Hope is being formed. Altar Guild will be responsible for facilitating worship activities such as communion, baptism. If you would be willing to serve on this group please contact Jeanette at 320-587-8181 or kro@hutchtel.net.

Fellowship Time – RoH will begin having weekly fellowship time with coffee in the Narthex after worship beginning on January 30th.

Snap & Sign... Help us welcome Pastor Laura! – The Vision Table is trying to help Pastor Laura by creating a picture book of our River of Hope community. We are asking each family to have their picture taken and write a simple note of welcome to accompany your photo. We will be taking pictures immediately following worship throughout January. Please stop to snap a photo and sign a card today.

Children's Offering – All of the children's offering for the month of January will be donated to the food shelf. Children can also place food donations into the basket during the Offering.

Sunday School Supplies – Sunday School is looking for donations of scissors, glue, construction paper, googly eyes, pipe cleaners and a rolling cart to organize our classroom supplies.

RoH History – Yes, River of Hope is still quite young, but we've already written a lot of history! Verlyn Larson is working on keeping a record of River of Hope's history and he will gladly accept any photos that you've taken of any River of Hope events. He's particularly interested in any photos from the 7pm Christmas Eve service. You can give Verlyn photos in person or email them to cilvrl@hutchtel.net.

RoH Bulletin Board – Check the RoH Bulletin Board in the upstairs hallway!

Giving Options – RoH happily accepts financial gifts in the form of direct deposit, checks, and cash. If you have any questions don't hesitate to ask any member of the Finance Table: Josh Hoffman, John Paulsen, Rolly Balke, Jim Mills, and Linda Remucal.

Prayer Chain – Interested in joining our Prayer Chain? Send an email to riverofhopehutchinson@gmail.com and you will be added to the list. Please send your prayer requests to this address and an email will be sent to the Prayer Chain.

Remember In Your Prayers -

- **Laura Aase** as she is installed as Mission Developer for RoH.
- ↑ Mary Condon who underwent tests at Abbott Northwestern this week.
- The Art Schmitz, husband of Janet Luedtke, who recently had gallbladder surgery, many infections, and a tumor on his kidney which resulted in removal of one kidney. He was hospitalized both at Abbott and Hutchinson. 1/16
- To those affected by the tragedy in Tucson, Arizona last weekend, payers of hope and healing. 1/16
- † For those living with serious illness and disease, in long-term care, serving in the military, for the leaders of our nation and our church, and for comfort and strength for all who suffer.
- The For our growing **River of Hope community** and all who are worshiping with us.
- The **people of Vineyard United Methodist** church for their continued hospitality we give thanks.

If you'd like to add or remove a prayer request, please send a message to <u>riverofhopehutchinson@gmail.com</u>. Requests will be removed after 3 weeks if we have not received a request to continue.

River of Hope Calendar -

Today 5:30 Worship and

Pastor Laura's Installation

6:30 Welcome Reception for Pastor Laura

No Education

Tues, 1-25 7:00 Education Table @ Vineyard

Sun, 1-30 3:00 Vision Table @ Vineyard

5:30 Worship

6:30 Fellowship in the Narthex

6:30 Family Education

Wed, 2-2 7:00 Worship & Music Table @ Vineyard

Sun, 2-6 3:00 Vision Table @ Vineyard

5:30 Worship

6:30 Fellowship in the Narthex

6:30 Family Education

If you have an event to add to the RoH calendar, please send it to riverofhopehutchinson@gmail.com.

Last Week -

Attendance: 96

RoH Offering: \$1,505.00 Children's Offering: \$13.77

River of Hope Worship Assistants -

January 23

ACOLYTE: Samantha Tillmann

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Kristine Dobratz

COMMUNION SERVERS: Jeanette &

Keith Krommenhoek

GREETERS: Warren &

Terry Kempfert

ORGANIST: Jason Durheim
PIANIST: Jim Nelson
READER: Krista Picha
USHERS: Krista Picha

Warren Kempfert

January 30

ACOLYTE: Jack Hauser

COMMUNION PREPARATION: Jeanette Krommenhoek

COMMUNION SERVERS: Jaclyn Gehrke

Ruth Hamlow Brian Pollmann

GREETER: Carol Krage

ORGANIST: Rose Marie Balke

PIANIST: Jim Nelson READER: Jaclyn Gehrke USHERS: John Paulsen

Arnie Koenig

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Join us for Worship Sundays at 5:30 p.m. Vineyard United Methodist Church 1395 South Grade Road SW, Hutchinson, MN 55350 www.riverofhopehutchinson.org

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Rob Hauser
Josh Hoffman
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