

# Welcome!

Whether you are exploring faith for the first time, or have had a connection with God for a long while, we are glad you are here. It is our hope that you will encounter God in worship today and that encounter will extend into your week. Feel free to stay current with us on Facebook, Twitter and email.

## Today's Worship First Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome

Songs: *Gather Us In ELW 532; 10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)*

Call to Worship

Songs: *Days of Elijah; How Great is Our God*

Scripture Reading: John 2:1-11

Children's Message

Message Not Yes But Not No

Pastor Lance Ferguson

Song: *God of Wonders*

Affirmation of Faith

Offering

Confession

Communion

Song: *Grace Flows Down*

Prayers & Lord's Prayer

Ministry Opportunities

Blessing

Song: *Lifesong*

Dismissal

**Next Sunday:**

**John 2:13-25**

**This week: January 9, 2022**

**Welcome to Spirit of Hope Lutheran Church!** We are a member of over 250 churches in the Nebraska Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA).

### Happening at Spirit of Hope

Jan 9 - Meals on Wheels at 10:30 am

Jan 9 - Confirmation class at 6:30 pm

Jan 13 - Gather Bible Study at 6:30 pm

Jan 14 - Matt Talbot Kitchen and

Outreach at 5:30 pm

Jan 23 - Annual Meeting at 10:00 am

### Annual Meeting

The Spirit of Hope annual meeting will be held Sunday, January 23 at 10:00 am. Both in person and Zoom attendance is available for members wanting to take part.

### Confirmation

Confirmation class will resume our regular schedule (2nd and 4th Sundays) beginning tonight at 6:30pm.

### Faith Formation

Faith Formation resumes today at 10:00 am. Kindergarten through Fifth grade will meet in the Faith Formation room. Sixth grade and up will meet in the conference room across the commons.

### Gather Bible Study

Gather Bible Study resumes Thursday, Jan 13 at 6:30pm.

### Matt Talbot Kitchen and Outreach

Our next opportunity to serve our community at MTKO is Friday, Jan 14.

Food donations plus help preparing, serving, and cleaning up will be needed. Information and sign-up sheet are on the counter in the commons and online via the e-News.

### Kicks for Kids Nebraska

K4KN has been approved as the official charity for the 2022 Lincoln Mayor's Run! This is an incredible opportunity to share this mission and bolster the fundraising for the fledgling non-profit.

### Spirit of Hope App

We have rolled out the Spirit of Hope app and a newly designed web page. The livestream, giving page, ability to have a conversation, the ability to share a prayer request, and the calendar is there. All in one place.

To find the app, please go to the Apple App Store, Google Play, or Amazon and search for 'Spirit of Hope'

### Padlet

The easiest way to get to our Padlet Prayer Request is the link in our Spirit of Hope app for your smart device! Once you launch the Spirit of Hope app you will find the link near the middle labeled: "Padlet Prayer Request". You may also point your smart device camera at this QR code and follow the link.



## Faith Talk Starters

A few questions and ideas to consider throughout the week...

How does Jesus refer to his mother in John's gospel?

What is the importance of Jesus' mother saying, "Do whatever he tells you"?

What is the significance of water turning into wine?

What is the implication for us that water is turned into wine?

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## Prayer Requests

Please pray for our Spirit of Hope family and friends. To submit a prayer request, please e-mail us at [prayer@spiritofhopelincoln.org](mailto:prayer@spiritofhopelincoln.org). These requests are kept confidential.

In the Military: *Stephen Austria; Peyton Lange (grandson of Chuck & Marcia Carlson); and Ross Witters (son of Nancy Witters)*

Campus Ministry: *Pr. Adam White*

Prison Ministry: *Pr. Rob Corum*

Council Member Available Today:  
*Eric McInteer*

We hope that all feel welcome in our worship service. When we come to the celebration of Holy Communion, all are welcome. We believe that Christ is truly present in the earthly elements of bread and wine, and that in this meal, Christ has invited all people to share in his love and gift of salvation.

We welcome you if you can sing like Andrea Bocelli or like our pastor who can't carry a note in a bucket. You're welcome here if you're "just browsing," just woke up or just got out of jail. We don't care if you're more Catholic than the Pope, or haven't been in church since little Joey's baptism.

We extend a special welcome to those who are over 60 but not grown up yet, and to teenagers who are growing up too fast. We welcome soccer moms, NASCAR dads, starving artists, tree-huggers, latte-sippers, vegetarians, junk-food eaters. We welcome those who are in recovery or still addicted. We welcome you if you're having problems or you're down in the dumps or if you don't like "organized religion," we've been there too.

If you blew all your offering money at the horse track, you're welcome here. We offer a special welcome to those who think the earth is flat, work too hard, don't work, can't spell, or because grandma is in town and wanted to go to church.

We welcome those who are inked, pierced or both. We offer a special welcome to those who could use a prayer right now, had religion shoved down your throat as a kid or got lost in traffic and wound up here by mistake. We welcome tourists, seekers and doubters, bleeding hearts ... and you!

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“May the **God of hope**  
fill you with all **joy and peace**  
as you **trust** in him...”

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