



**WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE! HERE ARE SOME SUGGESTIONS TO HELP YOU GET THE MOST OUT OF ONLINE CHURCH.**

1. **Be Present.** Treat this time like you went to a house of worship, which is where you are! Try not to hold a side conversation, answer calls, or multi-task. Be with God and His people like always. After all, we believe in the communion of saints!
2. **Worship, don't just watch.** Sing when the leader sings, pray when the pastor prays, say "amen" or "hallelujah" out loud when you hear something that resonates with you.
3. **Interact with God and Each Other.** Feel free to make comments in the thread below the video, ask questions or give a word of praise, or ask for prayer. We will have an online host to help facilitate the comment threads.

## **WELCOME**

### **CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

**C: Serve the Lord with gladness!**

L: Come into his presence with singing!

**C: Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

L: Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**C: For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.**

**Amen.**

### **WORSHIP SONGS**

#### *"Our God"*

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You

Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

*Our God is greater  
Our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is healer awesome in power  
Our God Our God*

And if our God is for us  
Then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us  
Then what could stand against

**“Give Thanks”**

Give thanks with a grateful heart  
Give thanks unto the Holy One  
Give thanks because He’s given Jesus Christ His Son

And now let the weak say I am strong  
Let the poor say I am rich  
Because of what the Lord has done for us

Give thanks

**CONFESSION/ABSOLUTION (98 Campus Only)**

P: If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C: But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Silence for a time of reflection*

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C: Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We justly deserve your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in his mercy has given his Son to die for you and for his sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C: Amen**

**CHILDREN’S MESSAGE (98 Campus Only)**

**CHILDREN’S CHURCH (98 Campus Only)**

**WORSHIP SONG (98 Campus Only)**

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**SERMON**

**“EZRA & NEHEMIAH: NOW WE START THE HARD STUFF”**

**Pastor Wayne Watts, Trinity Lutheran Church, PC**

“The rest of the people—priests, Levites, gatekeepers, musicians, temple servants and all who separated themselves from the neighboring peoples for the sake of the Law of God, together with their wives and all their sons and daughters who are able to understand—<sup>29</sup>all these now join their fellow Israelites the nobles, and bind themselves with a curse and an oath to follow the Law of God given through Moses the servant of God and to obey carefully all the commands, regulations and decrees of the Lord our Lord. <sup>30</sup>“We promise not to give our daughters in marriage to the peoples around us or take their daughters for our sons. <sup>31</sup>“When the neighboring peoples bring merchandise or grain to sell on the Sabbath, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on any holy day. Every seventh year we will forgo working the land and will cancel all debts. <sup>32</sup>“We assume the responsibility

for carrying out the commands to give a third of a shekel [ about 1/8 ounce or about 4 grams] each year for the service of the house of our God: <sup>33</sup>for the bread set out on the table; for the regular grain offerings and burnt offerings; for the offerings on the Sabbaths, at the New Moon feasts and at the appointed festivals; for the holy offerings; for sin offerings [purification offerings] to make atonement for Israel; and for all the duties of the house of our God. <sup>34</sup>“We—the priests, the Levites and the people—have cast lots to determine when each of our families is to bring to the house of our God at set times each year a contribution of wood to burn on the altar of the Lord our God, as it is written in the Law. <sup>35</sup>“We also assume responsibility for bringing to the house of the Lord each year the first fruits of our crops and of every fruit tree. <sup>36</sup>“As it is also written in the Law, we will bring the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, of our herds and of our flocks to the house of our God, to the priests ministering there. <sup>37</sup>“Moreover, we will bring to the storerooms of the house of our God, to the priests, the first of our ground meal, of our grain offerings, of the fruit of all our trees and of our new wine and olive oil. And we will bring a tithe of our crops to the Levites, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all the towns where we work. <sup>38</sup>A priest descended from Aaron is to accompany the Levites when they receive the tithes, and the Levites are to bring a tenth of the tithes up to the house of our God, to the storerooms of the treasury.<sup>39</sup>The people of Israel, including the Levites, are to bring their contributions of grain, new wine, and olive oil to the storerooms, where the articles for the sanctuary and for the ministering priests, the gatekeepers and the musicians are also kept. “We will not neglect the house of our God.” (Nehemiah 10:28-39 NIV)

**1. WHY DO THE EXILES WHO HAVE RETURNED TO JERUSALEM FEEL IT IS CRITICAL TO REVISIT THEIR COVENANT WITH GOD? ISNT THIS WHAT NEHEMIAH AND EZRA HAD ALREADY CITED AS THE CAUSE FOR THEIR EXILE?**

**A. THEY ACKNOWLEDGE THE SIN OF THEIR ANCESTORS AGAINST THE \_\_\_\_\_ OF GOD?**

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.” (1 John 1:9 NIV)

**B. THEY REALIZE GOD IS THE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ OF THEIR BLESSING AND SALVATION.**

“Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.” (Psalm 107:1 NIV)

**2. WHAT AREAS OF LIFE WERE TOUCHED BY THEIR \_\_\_\_\_ WITH GOD?**

“in All your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight.” (Proverbs 3:6 NIV)

**3. HOW DID THE PEOPLE INTEND TO SHOW THEIR DEVOTION TO GOD?**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.” (Psalm 100:4 NIV)

**4. WHAT DOES GIVING BACK A PORTION OF YOUR RESOURCES TO GOD’S WORK SAY ABOUT YOUR PRIORITIES?**

For Scripture says, “Do not muzzle an ox while it is treading out the grain,” and “The worker deserves his wages.” (1 Timothy 5:18 NIV)

**A. WHY IS THE SUPPORT OF THE CHURCH’S MINISTRY IN A COMMITTED MANNER SO IMPORTANT?**

And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. <sup>19</sup>“Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup>teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.” (Matthew 28:18-20 NIV)

**B. WHY DOES THE CHURCH’S ABILITY TO ACCOMPLISH MINISTRIES OF MERCY SPRING FROM THE FAITHFULNESS OF ITS MEMBERS?**

“Then the righteous will answer him, ‘Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you something to drink? <sup>38</sup>When did we see you a stranger and invite you in, or needing clothes and clothe you? <sup>39</sup>When did we see you sick or in prison and go to visit you?’ <sup>40</sup>“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Matthew 25:37-40 NIV)

**5. WHAT DO YOU GET BACK WHEN YOU GIVE MONEY TO GOD’S MINISTRY?**

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.” (Luke 6:38 NIV)

**6. WHAT STEPS CAN YOU TAKE TO BE A STEWARD AND NOT AN OWNER OF THE GIFTS (INCLUDING FINANCES) GOD HAS GIVEN TO YOU?**

“Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.” (James 1:7 NIV)

**7. WHAT IS THE CONNECTION BETWEEN \_\_\_\_\_ AND WORSHIP?**

## **MEMORY VERSE**

*Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him. Worship the LORD in the splendor of his holiness. (1 Chronicles 16:29 NIV)*

## **PRAYER**

## **LORD'S PRAYER**

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS/OFFERING:**

Give online at [www.hopeonthebeach.com](http://www.hopeonthebeach.com)  
Text to Give at (850) 990-4325  
Schedule free bill pay through your local bank.  
Mail your tithe/offering to:  
Hope on the Beach Church  
3834 US Hwy 98 West  
Santa Rosa Beach, FL 32459  
Drop off an offering on Monday between 10:00am and 2:00pm



## **NEXT STEPS:**

Please fill out a Connection Card online by using this link:  
<https://hopeonthebeach.breezechms.com/form/ConnectionCard>

Follow us on Facebook to find worship, prayers, and devotions all week long. Subscribe to our YouTube channel as well!

## **Thank You!**

We thank Pastor Wayne Watts for bringing God's Word to the Hope family today. We also thank Trinity Lutheran Church, Panama City, for sharing Pastor Wayne with us so the Scheler family could go on vacation.

## **Adult Choir for Christmas at the Beach**

Plan now to join the adult choir that will sing at our Christmas at the Beach event. Practices will be:  
Monday, Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4:00 pm @ 98 Campus  
Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 4:00 pm  
You will receive music at practice and if you can only attend one practice, that is okay! Please let Bekah know at [bekah@hopeonthebeach.com](mailto:bekah@hopeonthebeach.com) if you plan to attend.

## **Jesse Tree Advent Activity and Lunch, Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> @ Noon**

Come join us as we create our Jesse Trees in the Hope Bistro after worship. This activity will walk you through the Advent Season together with Hope. Please let Bekah know at [bekah@hopeonthebeach.com](mailto:bekah@hopeonthebeach.com) if you plan to attend.

## **Christmas at the Beach Volunteer Training Meeting and Dinner on November 30<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00 pm**

Please let Jacob know at [jacobscheler@hopeonthebeach.com](mailto:jacobscheler@hopeonthebeach.com) if you plan to attend the training meeting and dinner.

## **Decorating the Church for Christmas, Wednesday, Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 9:00 am**

Decorating the Lord's house with the family of God is a great way to usher in the Advent season as we prepare for the Lord's coming to earth. Come join the celebration.

## **Vendor Spots Available for Christmas at the Beach**

Local artisans and vendors are invited to partner with us for Christmas at the Beach. If you have a trade, craft, skill, or passion that you would like to showcase please email Cindy Holditch @ [cholditch224@yahoo.com](mailto:cholditch224@yahoo.com).

## **Christmas at the Beach Cakewalk Donations**

Please consider a cake/baked good donation to support our Cakewalk. The monies raised will support the Walton County Sheriff Posse.

## **Women of HOPE November Donation Drive**

This month we are asking for donations for HOPE's Christmas at the Beach. We need hot dogs and buns (bring during 2<sup>nd</sup> half of November), bottles of water, individual bags of chips, non-Halloween

themed candy, dollar store prizes for games for children, and Christian Christmas themed stocking stuffers.



For more information and details scan the code or go to our online calendar  
@ [hopeonthebeach.com/events](http://hopeonthebeach.com/events)

**BLESSING** (98 Campus Only)

**WORSHIP SONG**

***“You Never Let Go”***

Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back I know You are near

And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know You here on the earth

*And I will fear no evil  
For my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear*

*Oh no You never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no You never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no You never let go Lord  
You never let go of me*

And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end  
To these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise You  
Still I will praise You

**Join us next week for our new sermon series, The Jesse Tree.**

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