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*Order For The Laying Of  
The Cornerstone*



*Hope Lutheran Church  
Burr, Nebraska*



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*2:30 p. m.*

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Hymn: The Church's one foundation  
Is Jesus Christ her Lord;  
She is His new creation  
By water and the Word;  
From heav'n He came and sought her  
To be His holy Bride;  
With His own blood He bought her,  
And for her life He died.

Elect from ev'ry nation,  
Yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation  
One Lord, one faith, one birth;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And to one hope she presses,  
With ev'ry grace endued.

'Mid toil and tribulation,  
And tumult of her war,  
She waits the consummation  
Of peace for evermore;  
Till with the vision glorious  
Her longing eyes are blest,  
And soon the Church victorious  
Shall be the Church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union  
With God the Three in One,  
And mystic sweet communion  
With those whose rest is won;  
O happy ones and holy!  
Lord, give us grace that we,  
Like them, the meek and lowly,  
On high may dwell with Thee.

Psalm 46. Read responsively.

God is our refuge and strength.

**A very present help in trouble.**

Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed.

**And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea.**

Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled.

**Though the mountains shake with the swelling thereof.**

There is a river, the streams whereof shall make glad the city of God.

**The holy place of the tabernacle of the most High.**

God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved.

**God shall help her, and that right early.**

The heathen raged, the kingdoms were moved.

**He uttered His voice, the earth melted.**

The Lord of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord.

**What desolations he hath made in the earth.**

He maketh wars to cease unto the end of the earth.

**He breaketh the bow and cutteth the spear in sunder; he burneth the chariot in the fire.**

Be still, and know that I am God.

**I will be exalted among the heathen, I will be exalted in the earth.**

The Lord of hosts is with us.

**The God of Jacob is our refuge.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Prayer: Mr. Frederick Juilfs.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and art wont to give more than we either desire or deserve: grant us, we beseech Thee, the fulness of Thy mercy. Prosper and bless the work which we are here undertaking, that by Thy favor, it may promote Thy glory and the salvation of many souls; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

The Lessons: The Rev. F. Hefner.

Genesis 28:10-19

I Corinthians 3:9-23

Matthew 16:13-19

The Apostles' Creed.

Anthem by Junior Choir.

The Sermon—The Rev. John H. Beckmann.

Hymn: In Thy dear name And by Thy favor,

This day we lay the cornerstone,  
To build a house, O God and Saviour,  
To Thee and to Thy praise alone.  
Here let Thy Spirit by Thy Word  
Perform Thy work of Grace, O Lord.

O let us by Thy grace be grounded,  
Lord Jesus Christ, on Thee alone;  
That in our midst Thy praise be sounded,  
Who are the Church's Cornerstone.  
To keep us in Thy faith and fear,  
Build Thee and us a temple here.

Thro' saving faith preserve us ever  
In Thy pure Word and Sacrament;  
Be with us all, forsake us never;  
To serve Thee make our hearts intent;  
And when we die, O grant that we  
Be found in cov'nant grace with Thee.

Remarks: Representative of the contractor.

Mr. Jack Beers.

President of Congregation, Mr. Arnold Watermeier.

Representative of building committee.

Offering.

Anthem by Senior Choir.

Articles to be placed in Cornerstone:

Copy of Sermon.

Copy of Constitution.

History of Congregation.

Copy of Order of Cornerstone Laying.

Names of Baptized Members of Congregation.

Names of the Church Council, the Building Committee, the Architect, Contractor, and Pastor.

Copy of Fiftieth Anniversary Booklet.

Copy of the Lutheran Standard.

Copy of: The Johnson County Courier.

The Syracuse Journal-Democrat.

The Laying of the Cornerstone—Rev. R. Hanselmann.

Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth.  
Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it.

I lay the cornerstone of an edifice to be here erected under the name of Hope Lutheran Church, and devoted to the worship of the one and only living and true God, the proclamation of His Gospel, and the ministry of His Holy Sacraments in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

The stone which the builders rejected is become the head of the corner.

Other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ, true God and man, blessed forever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Prayer: O Lord God, Heavenly Father, Whom the heavens cannot contain, but Whose will it is to have a house upon earth wherein prayer and praise may be continually offered to Thy name, let Thine eyes, we pray Thee, be toward this place, where we purpose to build a house of worship to the glory of Thy holy name and for the salvation of souls purchased by the blood of Thine only begotten Son. Bless and prosper, we beseech Thee, the work which we here begin in Thy name, that in this place not only an earthly house may be erected unto Thee, but also a spiritual temple, a congregation of true believers, who, knowing and worshipping Thee, shall do Thy will, promote Thy glory, and extend Thy kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Mediator and Redeemer. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer.

The Benediction.

The Doxology.

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