

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



December 18, 2022



Christmas Eve Worship Services

Saturday, December 24th

Family-Friendly Candlelight Service

4:00 PM

Traditional Candlelight Service

6:00 PM

Christmas Day Lessons & Carols

Sunday, December 25th

10:00 AM



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

Sunday worship service is at 10:00am
on-site and online



We Remember in our Prayers

- Mary Ann Bartley—Health Concerns
- Don Benson—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Kristy Burke (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Charlie (Friend of Daryl & Diane vanMannen)—Recovery
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts—Health Concerns
- Danielle (Friend of Mike and Melissa Freesh)—Health Concerns
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Dominic and Megan (Friends of Deb Bash) Dominic is a Trauma Surgeon with Air Force in Kabul
- Michael Donavon—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Barbara Gunderson—Health Concerns
- Francisco Hernandez (Father of Lourdes Gasparino)—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John & Sue Hornacek)—Deployed
- Norm Jouett (Janis Fjeld's father)—Health Concerns
- Penny Kilburn—Hospice Care
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron and Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Lee Landon—Health Concerns
- Katy Lauritsen (Family Member of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Battling Cancer
- Hannah Lehrke (Granddaughter of Jay and Lois Lucas)—Health Concerns
- Marni Lucas (Daughter of Lois Lucas)—House Fire
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Bobby Reiser—Health Concerns
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire—Health Concerns
- Joan Sprinkle—Health Concerns
- Lisa Squires (Bob Ulland's Daughter)—Health Concerns
- Sumi and Celine (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- Sandy and Dale Williamson (Parents of Heidi Ruff)—Health Concerns
- Friends and Family of Vicki Dugas (Friend of Barbara & John Hannan)
- Friends and Family of Carolyn Tonneson
- People of Ukraine

Send your prayer requests to prayer@fwlcaz.org or fill out a card in the Narthex.

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The Farmers Market North Scottsdale

is up and running again
in the Living Water parking lot
on Saturdays 9:00am to 1:00pm

Please visit their website:
farmersmarketnorthscottsdale.com
for a full list of vendors

You can pick up your church directory in December!

Living Water's 2022 pictorial directory will be available in December. You can pick up your copy after worship today.

If the weather is good, look for Jill Wehr out on the patio (otherwise in the Fellowship Hall).



Bible Studies & Retreats

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published via our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines also available on our website:
lwlc.org.

Men's Bible Breakfast

December 22nd

This Thursday at 8:00am

**Living Water Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall**

Free breakfast

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Auction

Friday, February 17, 2023



Please save the date for this Fundraiser for the 2023 Youth Mission Trip to Niagara Falls, NY

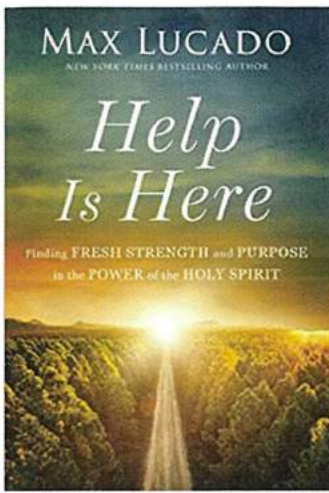




Piecemakers Quilters in December

Want to help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries? Join us on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, at 9 am in the Education Building. If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie!

Last year, we made more than 100 quilts and we've already resumed this fall. We will gather next on December 7 and December 21, from 9 am to about noon. We now convene in the Education Building in Matthew/Mark. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits



TUESDAY WOMEN'S NEW STUDY

A 5-week study began on November 29th with new material from Max Lucado: "Help is Here. Finding Fresh Strength and Purpose in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Lucado will lead us in the tools and encouragement needed to become joyful, enthusiastic, and empowered as you draw closer to God, learn who the Spirit is, and how the Spirit can help you find true rest and peace. The book is recommended and there are a few copies remaining in the church office. \$18 to purchase, pay to Myrna Ulland. You can also get a Kindle version of the book.

All women are invited to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall, or virtually via a Zoom connection. We meet for 90 minutes every Tuesday morning. Bring your favorite Bible translation and the book. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will be available if you're joining us in person. If you aren't on our email notification list for our Tuesday Women, please contact Myrna at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added to the list.

Prayer of the Week

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
With your abundant grace and might, free us
from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly
we may receive your promises, for you live
and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.

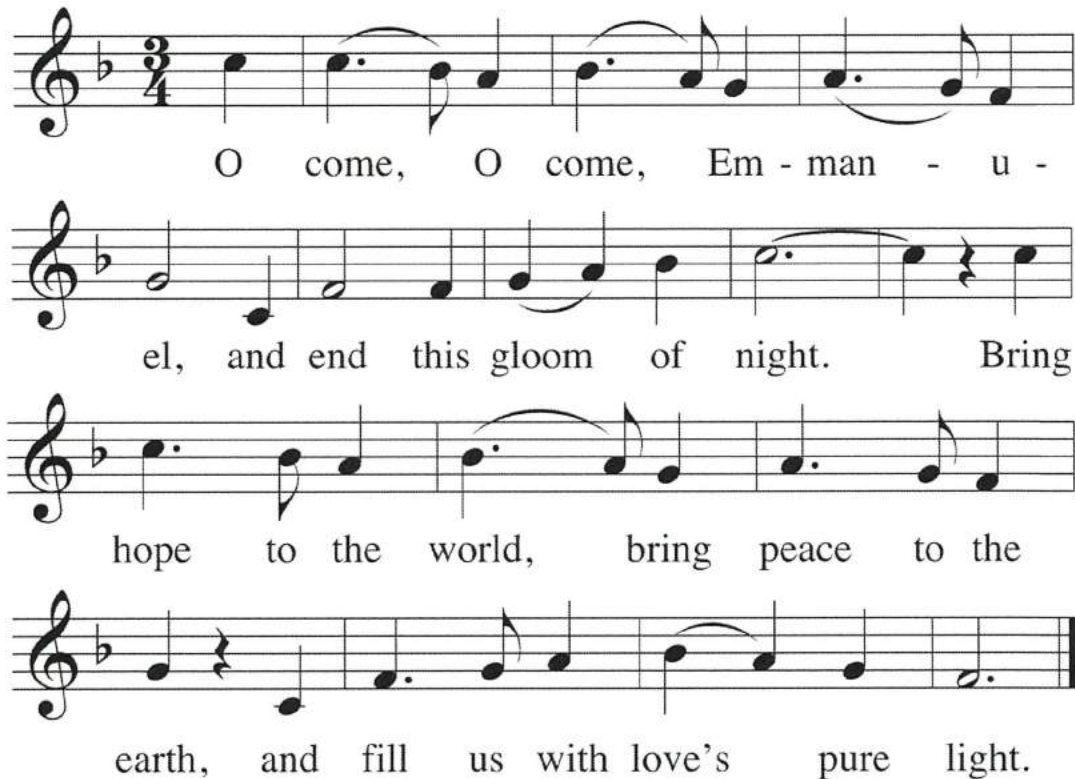
Advent Candle Lighting Ceremony

Fourth Sunday of Advent – “Love’s Pure Light” (Choir & Congregation)

(please join in singing when directed)

“Gesù Bambino”
Music: Pietro Yon

Words and Arranged by
JOEL RANEY



O come, O come, Em - man - u -
el, and end this gloom of night. Bring
hope to the world, bring peace to the
earth, and fill us with love's pure light.

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Responsive Litany

P: During Advent we see God's love for us embodied in our Savior's birth.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

P: Advent calls us to love others with patience and kindness.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

P: Advent reminds us to be slow to anger and quick to forgive.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

P: Advent reminds us that Christ commanded us to love as he loved.

C: Christ is our light and the source of everlasting love.

Candle Lighting

Congregational Refrain repeated (please join in singing when directed)

Closing Prayer

Gracious God, as we continue our Advent journey, we are reminded that "Love came down at Christmas—love amazing, love divine." You loved the world enough to send your Son, and now it's up to us to love others as you loved us. Remind us that Christ is our light, and the true source of infinite, everlasting, pure love.

Amen.



Gathering Hymn..... "Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"



1 Come, thou long-ex - pect-ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo-ple free;
2 Born thy peo-ple to de - liv - er, born a child, and yet a king;



from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king-dom bring.



Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art,
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir-it rule in all our hearts a - lone;



dear de - sire of ev-'ry na-tion, joy of ev-'ry long-ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer-it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

Offering Hymn..... "Jesus, Name Above All Names"

Words and Music by
Naida Hearn



1. Je - sus, name a - bove all names, beau - ti - ful
2. Je - sus, lov - ing Shep - herd, Vine of the
3. Praise him, Lord a - bove all lords, King a - bove



Sav - ior, glo - ri - ous Lord. _____ Em -
branch - es, Son _ of God. _____
all kings, God's on - ly Son. _____ The



-man - u - el, God _ is with _ us, bless - ed Re -
Prince of Peace, Won - der - ful Coun - se - lor, Lord of the
Prince of Peace, who by his Spir - it comes to live



-deem - er, Liv - ing Word. _____
u - ni - verse, Light of the world. _____
in _____ us, Mas - ter and Friend. _____

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Distribution Hymn..... "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2 Breathe, oh, breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion, pure and spot - less



earth come down! Fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
find thy prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
ly re - stored in thee! Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heav'n we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788

Music: HYFRYDOL, Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-1887



*What Child Is This?
A Christmas Musical*

By Joel Raney
Orchestration by Ed Hogan
Directed by Marcie Donavon

Prologue – The Christmas Story

Sing Gloria, Sing!

Advent – Prophecy and Preparation

Somebody Build a Manger

The Question – What Child Is This?

What Child Is This?

Bethlehem – A Night of Wonder

Calypso Carol

The Christmas Truce – A Silent Night

A Celtic Silent Night

Celebration – The Many Colors of Christmas

Can You Hear the Christmas Bells?

Sing Gloria, Sing! (Reprise)



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Karen Roessler
Karen Syversen
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Barb Berg, Horn
Mark Coats, Trumpet
Andy Rich, Trumpet
Greg Crow, Trombone
Kevin Bembry, Trombone
Dave Dugwyler, Bass Guitar
Morgan Sutherland, Percussion
Bradley Wallace, Percussion

LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

Purpose Statement: "To Be and Make
Disciples of Jesus Christ."

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Living Water is a congregation of the
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Grand Canyon Synod and
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