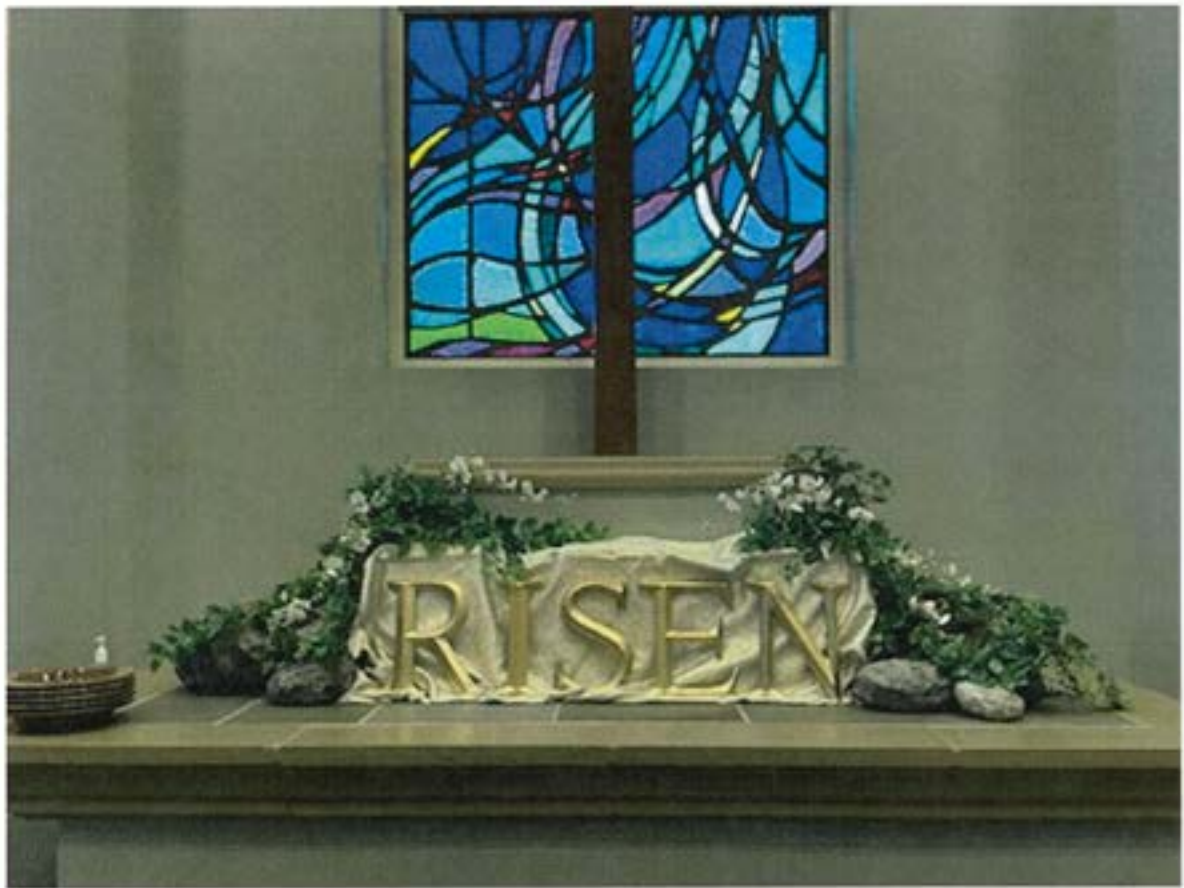


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



April 16, 2023



**Second Sunday
of Easter**

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
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Sue Dixon (Sister of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Michael Donavon—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Joe Franch (Friend of Kathie Roenigk)—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Bill & Lori Graham (friends of Tod & Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Steve Hamburg (friend of Tod & Bonnie Dawson)—Battling Cancer
- 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
- Ron Koch—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Ken MacKay—Hip Replacement
- Michael (Cousin of Lynda Cales)—Health Concerns
- Pete McLeod (Friend of Karen and Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Hadlee Miller (Friend of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Maryann O'Shea (Barbara Brooks's sister)—Health Concerns
- Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Trisha Rios (Jennie Stemm Son-in-law's cousin)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—Recent Surgery
- Henry Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire—Health Concerns
- Gloria Shutter (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Battling Cancer
- Carl Smedberg (Brother of Karen Roessler)—Hospice Care
- Sumi (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Celine (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Jim Tonneson—Health Concerns
- Jonathan Ukeiley (Friend of Barbara Brooks)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Darcie Vandermate—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Gavin Vaughan (Nephew of Gordon & Marty Lindert)—Health Concerns
- People of Syria, Turkey and Ukraine
- Friends & Family of Larry Nelson (Brother-in-law of Janet Guthrie)

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

Prayer of the Week

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am

**Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center
7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.
Carefree, AZ 85377**

\$7 for breakfast

Carpool leaves LW at 7:30am

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**
Wednesdays at NOON

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

If you want to take your Easter Lily home,
today is the day!!



After today's service, you can come up to the front and the Liturgical Arts team will hand it to you. The lilies are in a tight space on the altar and it will be less congestion for safety with the steps.

Adult Forum is Back!

HE REVEALED HIS GLORY

Six-week Bible study on the Miracles of Jesus

Sundays from 9:00 to 9:45 AM in the Psalms (Choir) Room – April 16-May 21

Led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

April 16 – Jesus changed water into wine – John 2

April 23 – Jesus revealed His power over the forces of nature and evil – Mark 4, 5, 6

April 30 – Jesus revealed His power through compassion – Mark 5 and 7

May 7 – Jesus opened the eyes of the blind – Mark 10, John 9

May 14 – Jesus revealed His power over death – John 11

May 21 – Jesus revealed His power through a miraculous catch of fish– Luke 5, John 21

The title of the series comes from John 2: 11 - at the end of the story of Jesus' turning water into wine.

"Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him."

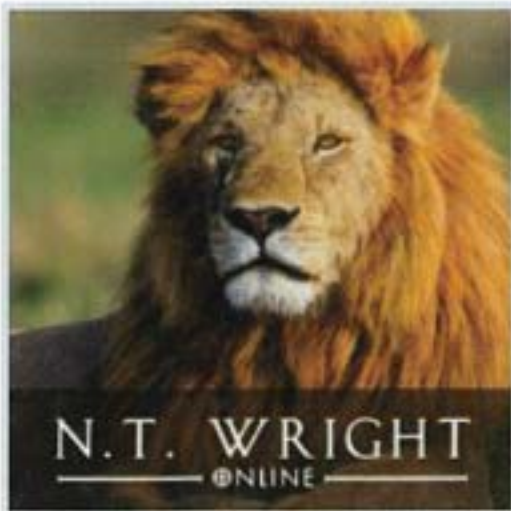
We will review the accounts of the miracles, thank Jesus for His power in our lives, and talk about how these stories speak to our lives.

Living Water's New Women's Bridge Group!



Women who like to play bridge are invited to check out this new opportunity for fun and fellowship. The group meets at **1:00 pm at Living Water on the third Monday afternoon of each month.**

Contact **Ellen Schoenbeck**
(cell: 201-220-7866;
email: ellen.schoenbeck@gmail.com)
if you're interested in playing on **April 17.**



Tuesday Women's Bible Study in April

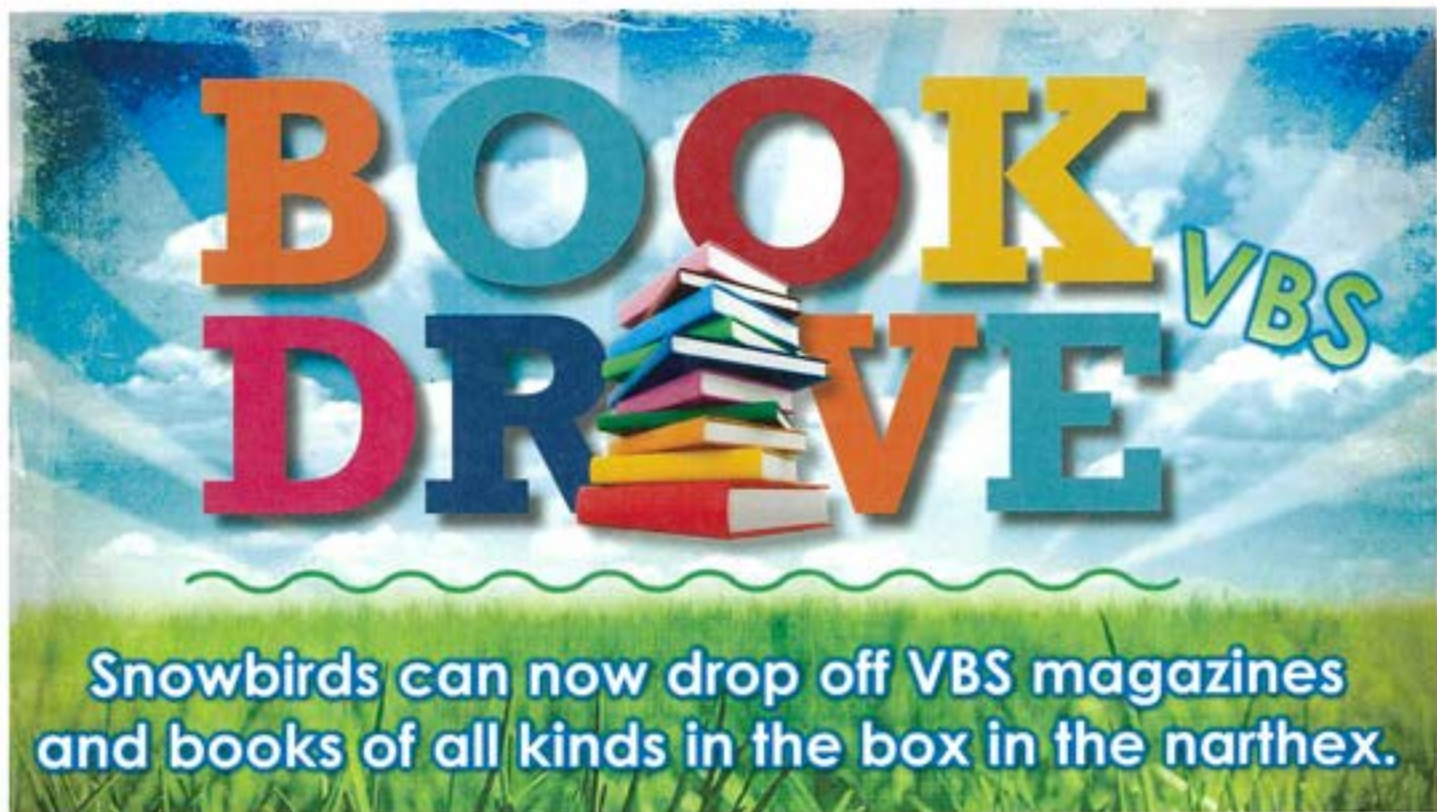
All women are welcome to join us, in-person in the Fellowship Hall or virtually from a Zoom connection.

No additional material is needed, other than your favorite Bible translation. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate is provided. Join us, no matter what level of Biblical knowledge you have. We learn, pray, laugh and support one another as we grow in faith together.

Beginning with April 19, we'll move to a 4-week study from the Gather magazine on the Ten Commandments, written by ELCA pastor, the Rev. Dr. Christa von Zychlin. This study appears in

the Jan/Feb and March/April issues of the Gather magazine. Myrna will provide study material if you don't subscribe to Gather.

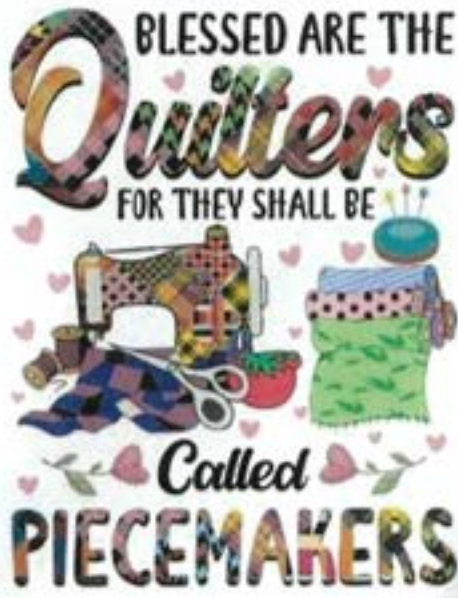
Not on our email notification list? Email myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added. We look forward to your presence!



ATTENTION "SNOWBIRDS"

If you will be leaving the Phoenix area prior to Living Water's Vacation Bible School start date of **June 19**, please consider whether you have **books and magazines** of all kinds you're able to donate at this time. Please place them in the Book Drive collection basket in our narthex. In this way you'll provide a great head start to the children's annual VBS collection of books for less fortunate families.

Contact Sue Brash, 602-317-9444, suebrash7@gmail.com
with any questions



Piecemakers Quilters in April

Join us on the designated first and third Wednesdays at 9 am in the Education Building.

Help us tie quilts destined for Lutheran World Relief ministries. If you can hold a needle, we can teach you to tie! If you are a winter visitor, and enjoy being among women who love quilting, you're invited to join us! If you'd like to sew a quilt top at home, let us know and we'll get you the fabric pieces.

We gather next on April 19 from 9 am to about noon. We now convene in the Education Building in Matthew/Mark classrooms. 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

notes:

2023 Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars now for the 2023 edition of Living Water Vacation Bible School! During the week of June 19, we will be exploring "Jerusalem Marketplace." This curriculum provides an opportunity for children, youth and adults to follow in the footsteps of Jesus as he walked to the cross and ultimately brought God's greatest gift of love to completion. Children will discover we can walk with Jesus as we live today. We can draw strength, guidance and hope from all Jesus experienced in Jerusalem and know he walks closely with us now through our own experiences.

The program will include Bible stories, fabulous music, creative crafts and fun games. A delicious snack will be provided "to-go" at the end of each morning. Registration is free and each child will receive a colorful VBS t-shirt. All kids ages 4 through 6th grade are welcome.

Please pass the word to your friends, family and neighbors. To register, simply go to our church website at www.lwlcwz.org, click on the Education tab at the top and select VBS Week - June 2023. If you are interested in volunteering for the week of VBS, please contact Kris Crow at kcrow737@gmail.com.

Vacation Bible School - "Jerusalem Marketplace"

June 19-23, 2023

9:00-11:30am daily





Saturday, April 29, 2023
Scottsdale, Arizona

LEADING FAITHFUL INNOVATION

Following God into a Hopeful Future

What might God be up to amid the seismic changes the church and our culture are undergoing? What opportunities will congregations encounter if they rediscover and follow God's leading?

Join us at **Living Water Lutheran Church** for an afternoon of learning, led by Luther Seminary Vice President of Innovation and Professor Dwight Zscheile, to explore how each of us can take a hands-on approach to addressing this challenge, a process that culminates in the hope that comes from following the Spirit.

Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E. Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255



To register for free, please visit www.bit.ly/3Z8ErQh or follow the QR code by April 18, 2023. A virtual option will also be available. Please call 651-641-3431 with questions.

This event is brought to you in partnership with the Northeast Valley Consortium of Churches and the Grand Canyon Synod.

Schedule of events

1:00–2:15 p.m.

Presentation by Dwight Zscheile

2:15–3:00 p.m.

Small group breakout discussions

3:00–4:00 p.m.

Q&A and panel discussion with Dwight Zscheile, Luther Seminary President Robin Steinke, and Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer

Reception to follow.



To the members of the Men's Thursday Morning Breakfast Bible Study, Women's Tuesday's At 10 Bible Study, Church Choir, Youth, and Spirit In The Desert Retreat Center:

Thank you to each of Living Water Ministry Teams for the wonderful soups provided for each of the Wednesday evening Lenten Soup Suppers. These simple meals have always been opportunities for Fellowship, preparation for Lenten worship, nourishment and acknowledgement of service of our Ministry teams.

A special thanks to each of you in the LW Community who participated in the suppers and gave a free will offering to Vista del Camino community services and to Living Water Fellowship supplies.

Carol Jacobson, Coordinator



LIVING WATER'S "HUNGER JAR"

The large Hunger Jar is located in the sanctuary during services, to the right of the water fountain. Offerings placed in the Hunger Jar are typically distributed 50/50 to local and international/global hunger organizations or initiatives.

The Service and Caring Ministry Team at LWLC periodically determines how we distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 12/31/22 balance of \$884 to Vista del Camino food shelf in Scottsdale and to the Food for Kidz event in Fountain Hills (see related Connections article). In the past, Hunger Jar offerings have been split and sent to ELCA World Hunger, Vista del Camino, St. Mary's Food Bank and Feed My Starving Children.

You are invited to make an offering to the Hunger Jar while the offering is being collected during the worship service. While the jar's tag line says "Change for Change," your offering can be coins, bills or even checks! And if you prefer, you can donate through LWLC's online donation option and indicate "Hunger Jar."

From time to time, you may also see smaller Hunger Jar collection jars elsewhere in the church as we gather for worship. Each offering placed in the Hunger Jar is a reminder that our hungry neighbors, near and far, benefit from our generosity. Thank you!

Pima Road & Happy Valley Road Improvement Projects - Update

For a description of the improvements, current construction info, project pics and schedule information, please visit www.PimaHappyValley.com

Happy Valley Road:

Happy Valley Road traffic is being maintained with one lane in each direction, currently shifted to the north from Pima Road to Golf Club Drive, and shifted to the south from Golf Club Drive to Alma School Road.

Pipeline crews continue installation of water pipeline in the north side of Happy Valley Road moving west from Alma School Road. This work is currently scheduled to cross 101st Place the week of March 27, with potholing activity prior to waterline installation. This work will be conducted one-half at a time to maintain access with a flagger in place, as needed, to assist in managing traffic while work takes place. This work will tentatively cross Golf Club Drive sometime around the end of April.

Scheduled for April 6-7, crews will mill (remove) asphalt on the south side of Happy Valley Road, from 89th St to Golf Club Dr. As this work moves across the front of driveways, access may be restricted for a short period as crews place back millings or aggregate to provide access to Happy Valley Rd. Thank you for your patience during this work.

Electric crews are currently working to install electric conduit on the south side of Happy Valley Road, from Pima Road working in an easterly direction toward Golf Club Drive. As this APS contractor crews continue work relocating APS facilities on the north side of Happy Valley, from 96th St to Alma School; and Southwest Gas (SWG) contractor crews will return to the Happy Valley Road area the week of April 3 to relocate SWG facilities, behind existing traffic control.

Crews continue work installing conduit across Happy Valley Road at several crossings. To better accommodate traffic during daytime hours, this work is taking place during night hours when needed, from 7 p.m. to 4 a.m. Sunday through Thursday nights, with a flagger in place to assist in managing traffic near the work zone. This work should be complete by the end of March.

Plant salvage is scheduled to resume along Happy Valley Road within the next couple of weeks, with initial work taking place in front of Eagles Glen and Desert Skyline Estates, followed by Desert Highlands. This activity will be limited to tree and cactus salvaging at this time, and coordination will take place with community representatives.

***Utilities such as Cox, CenturyLink, and Southwest Gas are working or scheduled to work to relocate their facilities along Pima Road and Happy Valley Road, which may require additional traffic control. We are working to coordinate these efforts to the extent possible to minimize the impacts, but appreciate your patience as these relocations take place to clear the way for the planned improvements.**

Thank you for your patience during construction.

Church Council Highlights

Church Council met on Monday, March 20, with a full agenda of ideas and opportunities for Living Water. Council members are working on reinvigorating teams including audit, finance, and mutual ministry, as well as looking for ways to ease our way through the Happy Valley Road construction maze.

In order to make it easier to see where to enter Living Water's parking lot, Pastor Mark will produce clear signage indicating access. To make it faster and safer to exit the parking lot, we would like to consider hiring off-duty police officers to direct traffic; the challenge is the cost. Two officers at \$60.00/hour, for a required two-hour minimum, result in a weekly charge of \$240.00. This cost may be beyond our ability to absorb. We will, however, ensure that Easter Sunday services are covered with off-duty officers directing traffic from 8:30am to 11:30am.

The Council Treasurer, Steve Umland, has proposed a way to help Living Water generate income by better managing our funds by purchasing short-term US Treasuries. Steve will update the congregation quarterly on our financial position and how the Church Council is working to ensure Living Water's financial health. Look for Steve's first presentation at the church service on Sunday, May 7.

Living Water's Fellowship Hall is now a "Zoom Room," offering a quality experience for hybrid events using Zoom. This new capability will make it easier to set up and conduct meetings in the Fellowship Hall.

If you have questions or comments for Council members, please feel free to weigh in. Council members wear red name badges.

Opening Hymn..... "Thine is the Glory"



1 Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring Son; end - less is the
2 Lo, Je - sus meets thee, ris - en from the tomb! Lov - ing - ly he
3 No more we doubt thee, glo - rious Prince of life; life is naught with-



vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won! An - gels in bright rai - ment
greet thee, scat - ters fear and gloom; let his church with glad - ness
out thee; aid us in our strife; make us more than con - qu'rors,

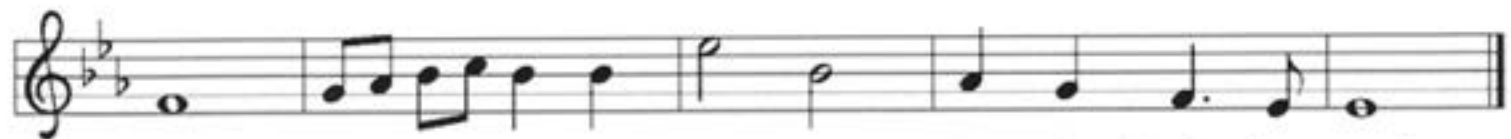


rolled the stone a - way, kept the fold - ed grave - clothes
hymns of tri - umph sing, for the Lord now liv - eth;
through thy death - less love; bring us safe through Jor - dan

Refrain



where thy bod - y lay,
death hath lost its sting! Thine is the glo - ry, ris - en, con-qu'ring
to thy home a - bove.



Son; end - less is the vic - t'ry thou o'er death hast won!

Sermon Hymn.... "We Walk by Faith"



1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
4 For you, O res - ur - rec - ted Lord, are
5 And when our life of faith is done, in



gra - cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
may our faith a - bound to call on you when
found in means di - vine: be - neath the wa - ter
realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you



none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
we re - joice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"
you are near and seek where you are found:
and the word, be - neath the bread and wine.
as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Text: Henry Alford, 1810-1871, alt.

Music: SHANTI, Marty Haugen, b. 1950

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Sending Song "I'm So Glad that Jesus Lifted Me"



1 I'm so glad I'm so glad
2 Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me. Sa - tan had me bound,
3 When I was in trou - ble, When I was in trou - ble,



Je - sus lift - ed me. I'm so glad
Sa - tan had me bound, Je - sus lift - ed me,
When I was in trou - ble,



sing - ing glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah! Je - sus lift - ed me.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: JESUS LIFTED ME, African American spiritual



LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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

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Publication Deadlines:
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASHI - The 20th of each month by noon

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