

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



## February 18, 2024

Plan to Worship with us  
at one of our service times on  
March 31st, Easter Sunday:



Sunrise Service 6:30am  
Easter Sunday Worship 8:00am  
Easter Brunch 9:00am  
Easter Worship 10:00am

### Easter Sunday worship times

*We are glad that you joined us for worship today!*

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

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



# *We Remember in Our Prayers*

- Ken Bash—Health Concerns
- Melissa Bloom (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Nelly Booty (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Virginia Conrad—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Kathy Duncan (Friend of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Cancer
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Paul Haakenson—(Kristin Klarkowski's dad)—Health Concerns
- Steven Hill (cousin of Tracy Rossman)—Recovering From Stroke
- Todd Klarkowski—(Troy Klarkowski's brother)—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- Merle Malmquist (Karen Roessler's Sister)—Health Concerns
- Prentice Powers (Marty Lindert's brother)—Health Concerns
- Rebecca (Melissa Freesh's sister)—Health Concerns
- Bonnie Roberts—(Life Concerns)
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Sarah Shelmire (Daughter of Pam Landon)—Health Concerns
- Lee Stenehjem—Health Concerns
- Tom Stevens (Friend of Steve and Susan Johnson)—Health Concerns
- Skyler Thorne (grandson of Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Friends & Family of Tom Dean (Uncle of James Bernau)
- Friends & Family of Barbara Pick (Mother of Don Pick)

*Send your prayer requests to [prayer@fwlcaz.org](mailto:prayer@fwlcaz.org) or fill out a card in the Narthex.*

## Prayer of the Week

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
Amen.

## Saints and Sinners 2024

Sign-up for the 2024 Saints and Sinners small group fellowship program is now open.

You can sign -up on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex (lobby) or email Wayne Burrus at

[wlburrus@earthlink.net](mailto:wlburrus@earthlink.net). We will need your name(s), best contact phone number and email address.

Saints and Sinners is a popular "Small Groups" fellowship program at Living Water which is active in February and March. Each small group will consist of up to 14 or 15 people; both singles and couples.

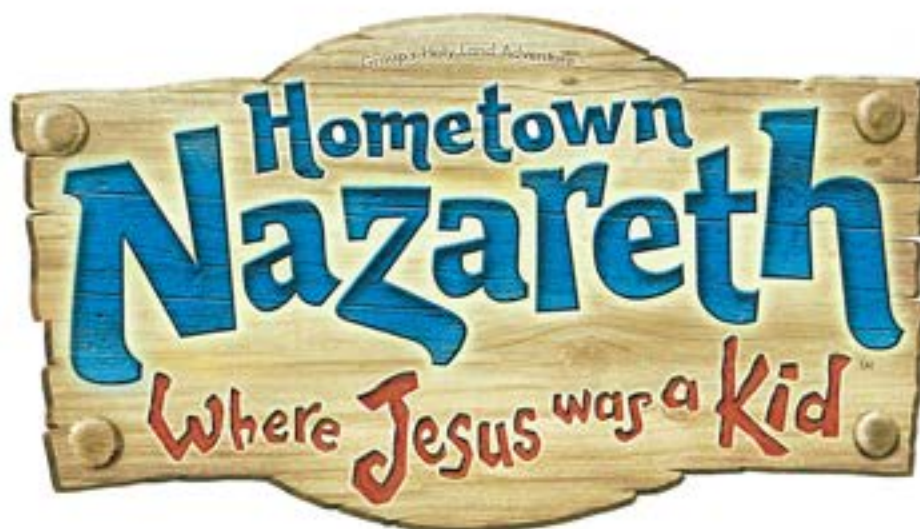
The purpose of Saints and Sinners is to build and foster fellowship so that we can get to know each other on a more personal level and, by doing so, build a stronger church body.

All are invited to join—Living Water members, potential members, and attendees. This fellowship is especially good for new members and those that may be contemplating joining Living Water. It's a relaxed and friendly way to get to know each other a little better.

The program is only two months long, February and March. Each small group will have an activity or get together of some sort in each month. The leader (captain) of each small group will organize an activity such as a dinner at home, miniature golf, concert, happy hour...and more. The captains are usually pretty inventive.

We will be forming the small groups in early January, so please sign up as soon as possible.





Hold the date for our annual Vacation Bible School program at Living Water Lutheran church. Registration opens soon. Spread the news to your children, grandchildren, neighbors and friends!

**Date/Time: June 17-21, 9-11:30am**

**Theme: "Hometown Nazareth - Where Jesus was a Kid"**

Join us as we explore the culture of ancient Nazareth - the hometown of Jesus - and get the inside scoop on what it was like when Jesus was a kid. Each day of the week is filled with great music, meaningful Bible stories, fun and games, awesome crafts and a delicious take-home snack.

**Registration is free** and each child will receive a one-of-a kind t-shirt. We welcome kids age 4 through 6th grade.

We are looking for youth and adult volunteers to help us before and during VBS. If you are interested, please contact Kris Crow at [vbs@lwlcaz.org](mailto:vbs@lwlcaz.org) or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!

# 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

**If interested in carpooling, please contact  
Wayne Burrus**

## **Dennis Nelson Bible Study**

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on  
our website: **[lwlcaz.org](http://lwlcaz.org)**



### **Piecemakers Quilting in the New Year**

February 21, 2024

Come and tie quilts with us! Our quilting is primarily to support Lutheran World Relief (LWR). We meet on the first and third Wednesdays of the month, from 9 am to about noon, in the Education Building on the first floor. Bring your own water or coffee for a mid-morning break. If you're a winter visitor who likes to quilt, come and tie

with us. If you like to sew, we can provide pre-cut squares to make quilt tops. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Cindy Ophaug, Lynda Cales, Lois Lucas, Kay Bonar or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at [www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits](http://www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits)



# New Member Orientation/Dinner

Are you curious about **membership** at  
Living Water Lutheran Church?

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative  
Orientation/Dinner to tell you more about Living Water  
on **Saturday March 23rd from 4:00 to 6:00pm.**

If you would like to attend, please **rsvp** via the  
front office:

phone: **480-473-8400**

or

email: **office@lwlcaz.org**

*(subject: New Member Orientation)*



*New Member*

*Orientation*

*3/23*

## **Wednesdays in Lent: February 21st**

**5:30pm Soup Supper**

**6:00pm Lenten Bible Study:**

**WHO IS JESUS AND WHAT CAN HE MEAN FOR MY LIFE?**

Wednesday Evening Bible Study on the Gospel of John during Lent

Pastor Dennis D. Nelson will be leading a five-week study on the Gospel of John after the Soup Suppers and before the Lenten Services – from 6:00 to 6:45 PM – on the Wednesdays in Lent beginning February 21, the week after Ash Wednesday. This Gospel shows that Jesus is –

The Bread of Life, who can give you strength to face the challenges of life

The Living Water, who can quench your thirst to know God and to find meaning and fulfillment in life

The Light of the World, who can help you get through the darkest times of your life

And the Resurrection and the Life, who can show you how you can face death with hope, strength, and confidence.

Please join us.

**7:00pm Lenten Worship Service**



This week's altar flowers were donated by Frances and Mike DeBruyn:



*Happy Birthday to our daughter, Alexis,  
with love from Mom & Dad*



## Note regarding giving checks:

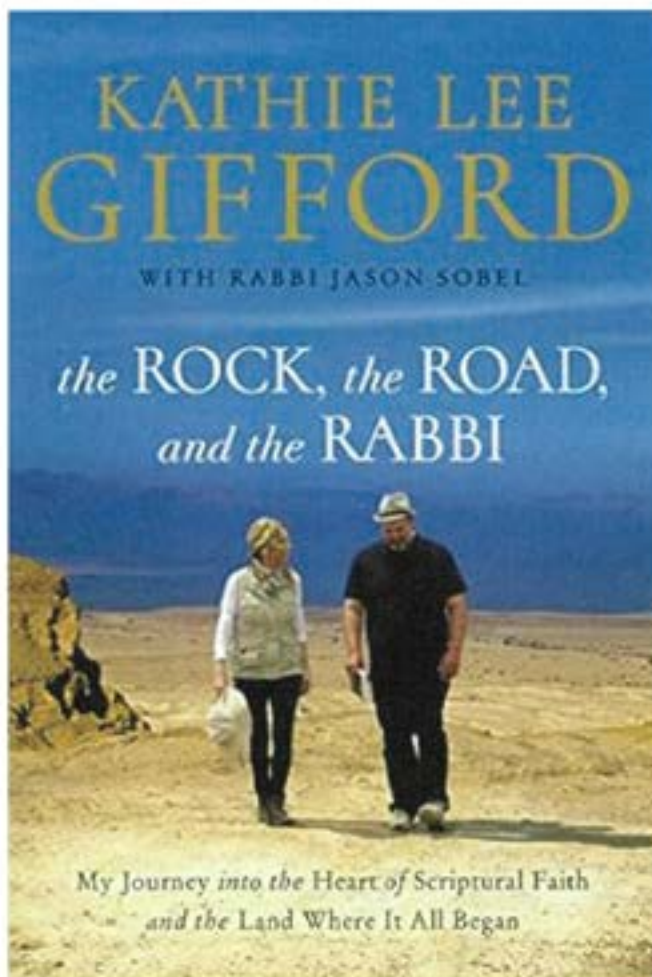
Unfortunately our bank, Wells Fargo Bank, is no longer accepting your giving checks written out to "LWLC" or "LW".

They now require our deposit checks with the church's name in the *PAY TO* line be fully written out as follows:

**"Living Water Lutheran Church"**. And, please initial any changes made in ink.



*Thank you for your continued generosity!*



## Tuesday Women's Bible Study

All women are invited to join our Tuesday Women's Bible study, resuming at 10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall (and via Zoom), beginning January 9<sup>th</sup>. We'll dive into new material, "*the Rock, the Road, and the Rabbi*" with Kathie Lee Gifford and Rabbi Jason Sobel. Journey into Israel and the roots of our Christian faith. Rabbi Sobel will take us into a deeper understanding of Hebrew culture and language to deepen our faith.

The accompanying book is recommended but not required. Myrna is ordering the books which should be available on January 9. There is also a Kindle version.

10 am – in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee will be provided, along with hot water for hot chocolate or tea. Bring your favorite Bible translation. <sup>to be added.</sup> If you aren't on our email list, please notify

[myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)

## Medical Lending Library Ministry

*What:* It's the same as a book library but lends durable medical equipment.

*Who:* Will be used by our partner La Sagrada Familia Church members who are mostly low-income and uninsured.

*How:* Donate your used crutches, commode, wheelchair/cushion, walker, hospital bed, cane, etc.

*When:* We will collect them on Sundays,  
**March 10 and 17** at Living Water.



## Prayer Shawl Ministry

Knitters and crocheters - help us build the Prayer Shawl Ministry! Living Water currently presents prayer blankets at baptisms; we would like to expand the reach of such gifts – shawls, especially - to offer comfort to those who are experiencing illness, grief, or any of life's trials

There is an easy-to-follow pattern available as well as a sample prayer shawl for inspiration. Please contact Kathie Schroedel at [dakschroedel@yahoo.com](mailto:dakschroedel@yahoo.com) or 608-695-5120 for more details.

We are excited to get more talent involved with this ministry! Join us!



## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

Led by Pastor Dennis D. Nelson

February 25

9 AM in the Psalms Room (second floor of Education Building)

### VOICES FROM THE CROWD

After telling us about some of the heroes of the faith, the author of the letter to the Hebrews says “Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.” What if some of these great Old Testament characters were to step out of the crowd and run one lap with us? What would they say to us? We will be hearing from such people as –

Noah – One Person Can Make a Difference

Abraham – God Always Does the Right Thing

Rebekah – Give Generously

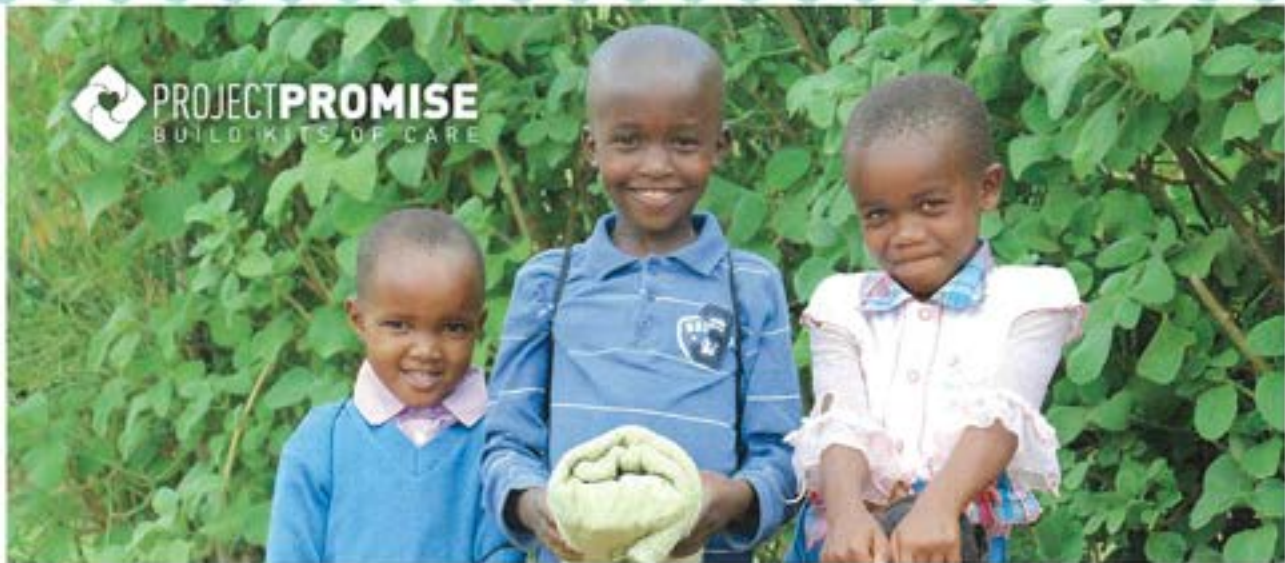
Joseph – Others Need What You Have to Give

Moses – Live in the Faith Zone, Not in the Safe Zone

David – Overcome the Limitations Others Place upon You

The Servant Girl – One Small Act Can Make a Big Difference

Nehemiah – Big Problems Can Be Solved



# Personal Care Kits for LWR

## Feb 18 – March 24, 2024



## **Join us in collecting items for Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**

Once again, we will collect items for Lutheran World Relief's (LWR) Personal Care Kits as part of LWR's "A Season of Hope" during Lent. **Our collection begins on Sunday, February 18 and ends on Palm Sunday, March 24.**



Cleanliness may not actually be next to godliness, but it certainly helps a person feel more human. When families find their homes destroyed, or must flee for their safety, soap and a towel rarely make the cut for what they can carry. Arriving in a refugee camp or other place of safety, they are scared, vulnerable and dirty from the travel. The simple items included in a Personal Care Kit provide much-needed self-care, critical germ fighting, and the chance to regain dignity amidst situations of fear and uncertainty.


We can give hope through these 5 items:

- **2-3 bars of soap, totaling 8 or 9 oz., in original wrapping**
- **a new lightweight bath towel, minimum size 20"x40" and maximum 52" x 27", dark color preferred.** Bath towels should be light or medium weight (no heavy, fluffy towels, please) and the preferred size is 52" x 27". It should NOT be a hand towel. Dark colors are requested by LWR. Lightweight bath towels are easier for recipients to handwash and air dry, take less storage space, and are less expensive than the fluffy towels we might enjoy.
- **1 toothbrush, in its original wrapping\*\***
- **1 wide-toothed comb (not a pocket comb) and**
- **1 metal nail clipper (for fingernails OR toenails), with or without a nail file attached. We CANNOT use emery boards.**


\*\*we can accept multi-packs of toothbrushes. They will be opened and individual toothbrushes placed in a sealed business-size envelope at the time of kit assembly.

**We ask that you bring in the items for a complete kit if you can.** However, we'll make up kits if you want to focus on only a certain item or items. There is a collection bin in the church entryway. We will also accept cash/check gifts with PCK in the memo line. Make the check out to Living Water Lutheran Church.

Once again we've requested financial support from a \$250 Thrivent Action Team Grant to help us fill out needed items. Last year, through your generosity and the help from Thrivent, we were able to assemble 125 Personal Care Kits. Can we do it again? Thank you for your support! Questions: please contact Ron Ophaug at [ronophaug@yahoo.com](mailto:ronophaug@yahoo.com) or Myrna Ulland at [myrna.ulland@gmail.com](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com)



Please sign-up in the Narthex.  
Contact Pastor Shari if you have any questions.



# VOLUNTEER AT THE FOSTER ALLIANCE

Join a group from Living Water to help make a difference for foster kids. Volunteers do a variety of tasks, including sorting and organizing clothing donations, packaging or decorating birthday bags and birthday cards, helping build first aid kits, and working in the warehouse.

Monday,  
19 February  
2023

3110 E Thunderbird  
Road, Suite 100  
Phoenix, AZ 85032

10:00AM  
-12:00PM

Please contact Pastor Shari if you are interested in participating or if you have any questions:  
[pastorshari@lwlcaz.org](mailto:pastorshari@lwlcaz.org)





# Food for Kidz

Join the Fountain Hills community in packaging nutritious meals of cinnamon oatmeal, fortified with 21 essential vitamins and minerals to be distributed to hungry neighbors in Arizona and around the world.

Volunteers are needed to assemble the food packages & Financial Contributions are needed to purchase ingredients.

Financial Contributions are 100% tax deductible and can be made payable to: New Journey Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 19652, Fountain Hills, AZ 85269 with notation "Food for Kidz" or by card on our website.

JOIN OUR  
COMMUNITY

# FOOD PACK

February 29, 2024

5:30pm - 7:30pm


**Spread The Love!**

Thank you for being part of the solution to curb food insecurity in our communities and around the world.

COME  
TO

## AN EVENT FOR ALL AGES

*"I bring my two sons to this food packing event every year because I want them to know the meaning and value of serving other." - Volunteer*

 Service certificates available for students in need of service hours

## Volunteer Location:

Fountain Hills Community Center  
13001 N. La Montana Drive, Fountain Hills



For More Info & Volunteer Registration:

Visit Our Website

[www.njlc-fh.org/food-4-kidz.com](http://www.njlc-fh.org/food-4-kidz.com)





## Region 2

# Synod 2024

## Lenten Challenge

### THE CAUSE

To honor ELCA World Hunger's 50th year, the 5 synods in Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. **The challenge:** Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during Lent. *The synod with the most participants wins!*

### WHAT TO DO?

- ✓ **The goal:** 50 congregations per synod in which at least 1 person participates.
- ✓ Each participant commits to doing 3 of the 4 practices for the 40 days in Lent.
- ✓ Visit the website, sign up, tell your friends, & cheer our synod to victory!



LEARN MORE &  
SIGN UP

### THE PRACTICES



#### DAILY DEVOTION

Subscribe to receive a devotion by Pastor Steve Holm by email each of the 47 days of Lent courtesy of Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center.



#### DAILY DISCIPLINE

Commit to doing one wellness activity every day, be it a workout, a walk, an extra flight of stairs or an extra glass of water.



#### DAILY DECLUTTER

Find a way to de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune by clearing the garage, the calendar, or the closet and donating gently used items.



#### DAILY DONATION

Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent or pledge \$50 for ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary.

For details:  
[www.LentenChallenge.org](http://www.LentenChallenge.org)

## Region 2

# Synod 2024

## Lenten Challenge

### Welcome to the 2024 Cross-Synod Challenge for ELCA World Hunger and Health!

This year for Lent, the five synods in Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger.

The challenge is to pledge to participate in some spiritual and physical practices during Lent and raise some money for ELCA World Hunger. Bragging rights goes to the synod with the most individual participants.

**Why Lent?** Lent is 40 days to reflect, remember our dependence on God and one another, and look forward to the ways God calls us to be. Adding one or more of these small practices to your observation of Lent might help you feel more connected. A light-hearted challenge like this might help our synods be the Church together, and to see God's vision and invitation for us to be a church for the world and share the good news of Jesus Christ.

### What are the 40-40-40 Lenten practices?

To participate you'll pledge to do 3 of the 4 (or all 4) practices for Lent.

- ✔ **Daily Devotion.** Subscribe to receive daily email devotions for Lent. These short reflections will be delivered right to your inbox every morning for Lent.
- ✔ **Daily Discipline.** Do one wellness activity every day. Maybe it's your daily workout, maybe is a 1-mile walk a day. Maybe it's taking an extra flight of stairs or an extra glass of water.
- ✔ **Daily Donation.** Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent.
- ✔ **Daily Declutter.** Once a day find, a way to daily de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune. It could be clearing out the garage, your calendar, or a desk or drawer and donating gently used items.

**How is this a challenge?** This a friendly competition for a good cause. In honor of 50 years of ELCA World Hunger, our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate.

**What does our synod win?** The 'winning' bishop will play a short video with congratulatory clips recorded by the other participating bishops. This acknowledgement of the 'superiority' by the other synods for this one challenge is all in fun.

**Participating Synods:** Sierra Pacific (2A), Southwest California (2B), Pacifica (2C), Grand Canyon (2D) and Rocky Mountain (2E)



LEARN MORE &  
SIGN UP

For details:  
[www.LentenChallenge.org](http://www.LentenChallenge.org)



## Gathering Hymn... "Thy Holy Wings"



1 Thy ho - ly wings, O Sav - ior, spread gent - ly o - ver me,  
2 Oh, let me nes - tle near thee, with - in thy down - y breast  
3 Oh, wash me in the wa - ters of No - ah's cleans - ing flood.



and let me rest se - cure - ly through good and ill in thee.  
where I will find sweet com - fort and peace with - in thy nest.  
Give me a will - ing spir - it, a heart both clean and good.



Oh, be my strength and por - tion, my rock and hid - ing place,  
Oh, close thy wings a - round me and keep me safe - ly there,  
Oh, take in - to thy keep - ing thy chil - dren great and small,



and let my ev - 'ry mo - ment be lived with - in thy grace.  
for I am but a new - born and need thy ten - der care.  
and while we sweet - ly slum - ber, en - fold us one and all.

Text: Carolina Sandell Berg, 1832-1903, sts. 1, 3; Gracia Grindal, b. 1943, st. 2; tr. composite

Music: BRED DINA VIDA VINGAR, Swedish folk tune

Text © 1983 Gracia Grindal, admin. Selah Publishing Co., Inc., agent.



# Sermon Song... "Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized"



1 Christ, when for us you were bap - tized, God's Spir - it on you  
2 God called you, "My be - lov - ed Son"; you are God's ser - vant  
3 Straight-way and stead - fast un - til death you then o - beyed the  
4 Bap - tize us with your Spir - it, Lord; your cross on us be



came, as peace - ful as a dove, and yet as  
true, sent to pro - claim the reign of heav'n, God's  
call to serve with free and will - ing heart, to  
signed, that like - wise in God's ser - vice we may



ur - gent as a flame, as ur - gent as a flame.  
ho - ly will to do, God's ho - ly will to do.  
give your life for all, to give your life for all.  
per - fect free - dom find, may per - fect free - dom find.

Text: F. Bland Tucker, 1895-1984, alt.

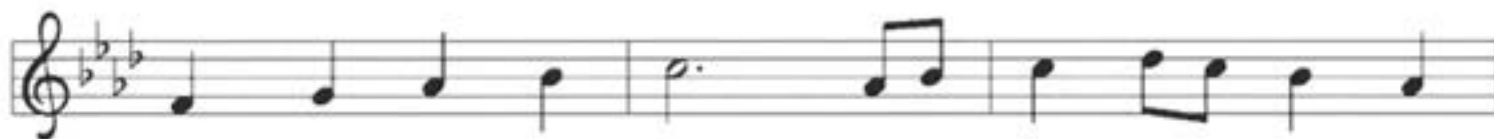
Music: LOBT GOTT, IHR CHRISTEN, Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561

Text © 1985 The Church Pension Fund, admin. Church Publishing, Inc. All rights reserved.

## Sending Song.. "O Lord, throughout The Forty Days"



1 O Lord, through - out these for - ty days you  
2 You strove with Sa - tan, and you won; your  
3 Though parched and hun - gry, yet you prayed and  
4 Be with us through this sea - son, Lord, and



prayed and kept the fast; in - spire re - pen - tance  
faith - ful - ness en - dured; lend us your nerve, your  
fixed your mind a - bove; so teach us to de -  
all our earth - ly days, that when the fi - nal



for our sin, and free us from our past.  
skill and trust in God's e - ter - nal word.  
ny our - selves that we may know God's love.  
Eas - ter dawns, we join in heav - en's praise.

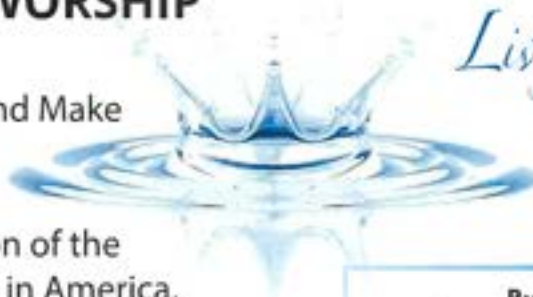
Text: based on Claudia F. Hernaman, 1838-1898; para. Gilbert E. Doan Jr., b. 1930

Music: CONSOLATION, A. Davisson, *Kentucky Harmony*, 1816

Text © 1978 *Lutheran Book of Worship*, admin. Augsburg Fortress

# LIVING WATER IN WORSHIP

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



*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



Living Water is a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, Grand Canyon Synod and Northeast Valley Conference.

**Publication Deadlines:**  
Connections- Every Tuesday by noon  
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

Ministers: All the members of Living Water

Pastor: Mark Rossman  
PastorMark@lwlcaz.org

Pastor: Shari Bernau  
PastorShari@lwlcaz.org

Office/Communications Manager: Jennifer Kelsh  
jkelsh@lwlcaz.org

Finance Manager: Stephanie McLean  
smclean@lwlcaz.org

Director of Music: Christina Hall  
chall@lwlcaz.org

Associate Director of Music: Scott Sims  
ssims@lwlcaz.org

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call Pastor Mark at 973-699-7777 (mobile)

Living Water Lutheran Church

9201 E. Happy Valley Rd, Scottsdale, AZ 85255

office@lwlcaz.org ~ www.LWLCAZ.org

~ 480.473.8400 ~