

# CONNECTIONS

*Living Water*  
Lutheran Church



**MARCH 17, 2024**



FIFTH SUNDAY

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—\*Tuesdays at NOON\*

Sunday Worship Service is at 10:00am  
on-site and online



## *We Remember in Our Prayers*

- Nelly Booty (Friend of Susan and Steve Johnson)—Cancer
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Cadow (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
- Steven Hill (cousin of Tracy Rossman)—Recovering from Stroke
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John and Sue Hornacek—Navy Seal being Deployed)
- Kristin Klarkowski—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Sandy Kohlway (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Battling Cancer
- 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
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Lee Stenehjem



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



## Prayer of the Week

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, 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

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



**\$7 for breakfast**

## Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

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

# Wednesday in Lent

*March 20*

**5:30pm Soup Supper**

**6:00pm Lenten Bible Study**

**7:00pm Lenten Worship Service**



Palm Sunday is March 24th  
Worship Service at 10:00am



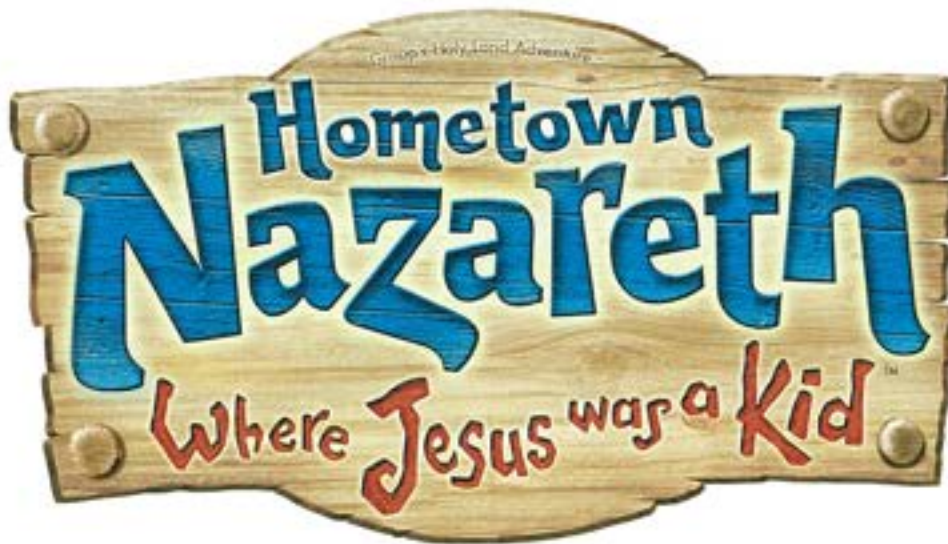
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Maundy Thursday is March 28th  
Worship Service at 7:00pm

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Good Friday is March 29th  
Worship Service at 7:00pm





**Registration is now open** for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to [lwlc.org/vbs2024](http://lwlc.org/vbs2024) to register 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@lwlc.org](mailto:vbs@lwlc.org) or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!

# New Member Orientation/Dinner

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

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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:

via phone: **480-473-8400**

or

email: **office@lwlcaz.org**

*(subject: New Member Orientation)*



*New Member*

*Orientation*

*3/23*

## **Save the Date**

**Musical Instrument Museum  
"VIP Behind the Scenes Tour"**

**10 AM Saturday  
April 27, 2024**

*Join us for lunch following the tour!*

**Please join us for this informative tour, organized by  
Great Gatherings, and discover how exhibits are created and  
instruments are repaired.  
Visit the theatre backstage and more at the world's only  
global musical instrument museum.  
More details and sign up to follow!**



## **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)







**Personal Care Kits for LWR**  
**Feb 18 – March 24, 2024**

Easter Sunday  
March 31st  
worship times:



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

## 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.**







# *Moonlight and Music*

*Thursday, March 21 at 6:30 pm*

- Live Music by our own LWLC Band*
- Appetizers and desserts*



*We hope you can join us for a wonderful evening on the Living Water Lutheran Church patio. Reservations are \$25/person and can be made up until Sunday, March 17. All proceeds go toward the Youth Mission Trip.*

*Thank you for your support of our young people who are going to the ELCA Youth Gathering in New Orleans this summer.*





## “FOLLOWING THE FOOTSTEPS” FILM

Palm Sunday evening, March 24 at 6: 00 PM  
New Covenant Lutheran Church  
15152 N. Frank Lloyd Wright Blvd., Scottsdale

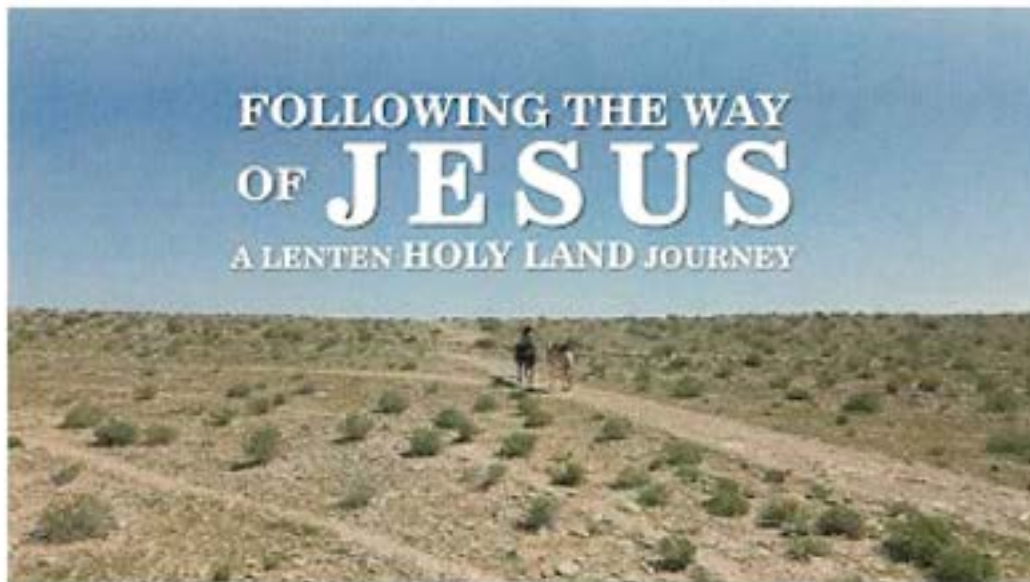


Bob Rognlien is a Lutheran pastor who has been leading historically informed, spiritually focused pilgrimages based on the life of Jesus for over thirty years. He has now produced a non-profit, feature-length documentary that captures the unique experience of visiting the historical sites that illuminate the life of Jesus. Premiere showings will be on Palm Sunday weekend, including on Palm Sunday evening at New Covenant Lutheran Church in Scottsdale. Come on a journey that will change the way you see Jesus and how you can let Him shape and change your life. Pastor Rognlien writes, “This film is designed to give viewers a taste of the ‘real Jesus’ and stir up in them a hunger to know Him more fully and follow Him more closely.” Here is a link to the trailer - [FOLLOWING the FOOTSTEPS](#)

## 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!



## **TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY BEGINNING MARCH 5<sup>TH</sup>**

Join us on Tuesday mornings for an ongoing study on SUMUD: Following the Way of Jesus: A Lenten Holy Land Journey. We'll use material provided by the ELCA, including videos, scripture readings and discussion questions. We begin this study on March 5 at 10 am MST in the Fellowship Hall. There will be a Zoom connection as well. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are provided. Bring your favorite Bible translation and join us every Tuesday morning.

**Today** is Pastor Mark's  
10th Anniversary with Living Water!

Join us in celebrating this  
momentous occasion with  
a presentation and breakfast  
following service!



**Pastor Mark!**

We appreciate your dedication  
to Living Water!





# LONELINESS and CHRISTIANITY

Saturday, April 13, 2024  
Living Water Lutheran Church  
Scottsdale, AZ

You're invited to

## “Loneliness: How to live and serve faithfully to those within our community”

with presenter Rev. Dr. Colleen Windham-Hughes,  
Associate Vice President for Mission and Identity  
at California Lutheran University

*Loneliness has been called a public health crisis. Recent research suggests that it is helpful to think of loneliness like we think of hunger or thirst—as a sign to get our attention and prepare us for action. Christian faith gives us two types of action to respond to loneliness: 1) connecting with others and 2) cultivating aloneness with God. We will explore both types of action in our time together, with large group exploration and small group breakouts to go deeper into opportunities to serve and to grow.*

Saturday, April 13, 2024 1-4pm - Reception to follow.

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

To register for free, please go to: <https://forms.gle/B1w3iGwvLwtkwtV36>  
or use QR Code below, by April 5, 2024.

Space is limited. Please email [NEVCevent@lwlcaz.org](mailto:NEVCevent@lwlcaz.org) with questions.

A virtual option  
to attend  
will also be  
available.



Grand Canyon Synod  
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America

California Lutheran  
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NORTHEAST  
VALLEY  
CONSORTIUM

Adult Forum  
March 24 at 9:00 AM

**A Look at Luther**

Join Pastor Mark and Rick Steves  
as we take a look at the life, legacy  
and theology of Martin Luther



## An invitation from Grand Canyon Synod Bishop Deborah Hutterer:

In honor of [ELCA World Hunger](#)'s 50th year in mission and ministry, the 5 synods in ELCA Region 2 are challenging one another to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. The challenge: Participate in some spiritual and physical practices during the 40 days of Lent, 2024. The synod with the most participants wins!

**How does the 40-40-40 Lenten Challenge work?** There are 4 Lenten practices to consider, and you commit to 3 of the 4. The Synod with the most individuals participating wins the challenge!

1. **Daily Devotion** ~ *Subscribe to receive daily email devotions for Lent or use ELCA World Hunger pre-made devotions. [Learn more.](#)*
2. **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. [Read more.](#)*
3. **Daily Declutter** ~ *Once a day find a way to daily de-clutter, de-stress, and re-tune. It could be cleaning out the garage, cleaning your calendar, or finding some time to de-clutter a desk or drawer and donating gently used items. [Get ideas.](#)*
4. **Daily Donation** ~ *Pledge to give \$1 a day (or more) to ELCA World Hunger for the 40 days of Lent. [Ways to give.](#) **Watch for the special World Hunger offering envelope in the Connections on Palm Sunday!***

In honor of ELCA World Hunger's 50th anniversary in 2024, our goal is for individuals representing 50 congregations per synod to participate. Join others already signed up from Living Water! *The more individual sign-ups, the better.*

Ready to sign up? Go to [www.lentenchallenge.org](http://www.lentenchallenge.org)



## Donations needed for Lutheran Social Services Refugee Resettlement Program

Please contact Dave to donate:

**David Gilkey**

2gilks@gmail.com

phone: 480-772-6624

Furniture	Quantity	Kitchen Items	Quantity
Mattress and box spring (only married couples or small children of same gender may be expected to share beds)	2 Twin sets 1 Full set	One place setting of tableware (fork, knife, spoon) per person	1 set of 4
Bed frame	3	One place setting of dishes (plate, bowl and cup) per person	1 set of 4
One set of drawers, shelves or other unit appropriate for storage of clothing per family	2	Pots and pans: at least one sauce pan, frying pan, and baking dish	1 set
One couch or equivalent seating per family (in addition to kitchen chairs)	1	Mixing/serving bowls	1
One lamp per room, unless installed lighting is present and adequate, and light bulbs as needed	3	One set of kitchen utensils (Such as a spatula, wooden spoon, knife, serving utensils, etc.)	1 set
Kitchen table (per case) and chair (per person)	1 table with 4 chairs	Can opener	1
<b>Linens and Other Household Supplies</b>		<b>Toiletries (new)</b>	
One bath towel per person	4	Toilet paper (list number of rolls)	4 sets
One set of sheets for each bed	3	Shampoo	4
Blanket(s) for each bed as seasonally appropriate	3	Soap	4 sets
One pillow and pillowcase for each person	4	One toothbrush per person	4
Alarm clock	1	Toothpaste	4
Paper, pens and/or pencils (one set per case recommended)	4 pens w/ 2 note books	Personal hygiene items as appropriate (such as deodorant, feminine hygiene products, and razors)	<b>1 set for each</b>
<b>Cleaning Supplies</b>			
Dish soap	1 large	Two waste baskets	<b>3</b>
Bathroom/kitchen cleanser	1	Trash bags (list number of boxes)	<b>3</b>
Laundry detergent	1 large	Mop or broom	1
Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels	1 set		1 set

## Leland Manford Stenehjem Jr.



Leland Manford Stenehjem Jr. passed away peacefully at his home in Phoenix, Arizona on February 28, 2024. A Celebration of Life will be held on April 6, 2024, at 11:00 AM at the Living Water Lutheran Church located at 9201 East Happy Valley Road, Scottsdale, Arizona.

Leland Manford Stenehjem Jr., 78, was born on September 16, 1945, to Leland Sr. and Judith Stenehjem in Watford City, North Dakota. Lee was delivered at home by his grandfather, Dr POC Johnson. Lee grew up in Watford City, attending school at the local elementary and high schools. Lee found a passion in Boy Scouts. He went on to gain the highest honor in scouting, the Eagle Scout award. Lee continued his support for scouting his entire life.

Lee graduated from Watford City High School in 1963 and from the University of North Dakota, where he received his BA in 1967 and his JD degree from UND School of Law, graduating in 1970. He attended George Washington Law School in Washington DC and received a master's in law. He served four years in the Army Judge Advocate General's Corp (JAG) in Arlington, Virginia, and while there he was a social aide at the White House under President Nixon and President Ford. He served as Clerk of the U.S. Court of Military Appeals in Washington, D.C. before returning to Fargo, North Dakota where he joined the Lamb, Schaefer, McNair, and Larson Law Firm.

He was appointed by North Dakota Governor Allen Olson to be North Dakota's Commissioner of Banks and Financial Institutions, serving as State Examiner and Chairman of the State Banking Board. Later as Director of Office Management and Budget from 1983 to 1985. Lee served as the Chairman of the Board of the First National Bank of Fessenden and Senior Partner in the law firm of Stenehjem, Foss, and Moore in Bismarck. He was President of Independent Community Bankers of America (ICBA) in 1996 through 1997, being the first son of a former ICBA President who served in the same office 32 years earlier. Lee was a President at First International Bank & Trust and Vice Chair of the Board of Directors until his retirement in 2007.

Lee received many awards over the years. He received the North Dakota National Leadership Award of Excellence from North Dakota Governor Edward T. Schafer and was Northwestern Financial Review Banker of the Year in 1997.

He received the Order of the White Buffalo Award from the State of South Dakota.

Lee was also a published author writing two books, "The GREAT the LATE (almost) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA!" and will be releasing a third book in the coming months. Lee had a great passion for his country, believing we as parents and grandparents have a duty to make our world a better place for our kids and grandkids. He served it proudly!!

Lee and Sue Hartmann knew each other for several years, both working in the financial industry in North Dakota. They married in 2009 and have been together for 37 years. They enjoyed traveling domestically and abroad. They were both sports enthusiasts, attending many nieces, nephews, grandsons, and granddaughters sporting events. Lee was an avid runner for 42 years. Together they lived in Fargo, North Dakota and Scottsdale/Phoenix, Arizona.

Lee is survived by his loving wife Sue, sons Troy Hartmann (Cindy) and Rusty Hartmann (Julie); grandsons Sam Hartmann and Brady Hartmann; granddaughter Olivia Hartmann; brother Stephen L. Stenehjem (Gretchen); sister Joan Rustvang (Jon); nephews S. Peter Stenehjem (Stacey), Erik Stenehjem (Jessica), Jeffrey Rustvang (Sidney), Michael Rustvang (Madeline); nieces Kira Stenehjem Noll (Greg), Dr. Kristen Stenehjem, and Erin Rustvang Sidwell (Kevin); as well as numerous cousins and great nieces and nephews. Lee was preceded in



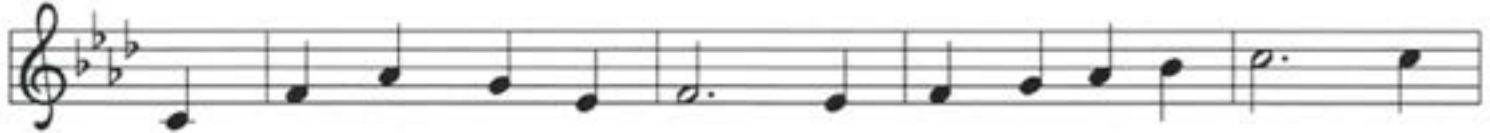
Today's altar flowers were donated by the family of Bob Ulland in honor of his 85th birthday!



*Happy Birthday Bob!*



## Gathering Hymn... "Restore in Us, O God"



1 Re - store in us, O God, the splen - dor of your love; re -  
2 O Spir - it, wake in us the won - der of your pow'r; from  
3 Bring us, O Christ, to share the full - ness of your joy; bap -  
4 Three - per - soned God, ful - fill the prom - ise of your grace, that



new your im - age in our hearts, and all our sins re - move.  
fruit - less fear un - furl our lives like spring - time bud and flow'r.  
tize us in the ris - en life that death can - not de - stroy.  
we, when all our search - ing ends, may see you face to face.

Text: Carl P. Daw Jr., b. 1944

Music: BAYLOR, Hal H. Hopson, b. 1933

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# Sermon Song... "Now the Green Blade Rises"



1 Now the green blade ris - es from the bur - ied grain,  
2 In the grave they laid him, love by ha - tred slain,  
3 Forth he came at Eas - ter like the ris - en grain,  
4 When our hearts are win - try, griev - ing, or in pain,



wheat that in dark earth man - y days has lain;  
think - ing that he would nev - er wake a - gain,  
he that for three days in the grave had lain;  
your touch can call us back to life a - gain,



love lives a - gain, that with the dead has been;  
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps un - seen;  
raised from the dead, my liv - ing Lord is seen;  
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been;



love is come a - gain like wheat a - ris - ing green.

Text: John MacLeod Campbell Crum, 1872-1958

Music: NOËL NOUVELET, French carol

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## Sending Song..“Lord, Dismiss Us With Your Blessing”



1 Lord, dis - miss us with your bless-ing, fill our hearts with joy and peace;  
2 Thanks we give and ad - o - ra - tion for your gos - pel's joy - ful sound.  
3 Sav - ior, when your love shall call us from our strug - gling pil - grim way,



let us each, your love pos - sess-ing, tri - umph in re - deem-ing grace.  
May the fruits of your sal - va - tion in our hearts and lives a - bound.  
let no fear of death ap - pall us, glad your sum - mons to o - bey.



Oh, re - fresh us; oh, re - fresh us, trav - 'ling through this wil - der - ness.  
Ev - er faith - ful, ev - er faith - ful to your truth may we be found.  
May we ev - er, may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

Text: attr. John Fawcett, 1740–1817, sts. 1–2, alt.; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 3, alt.  
Music: SICILIAN MARINERS, Sicilian, 18th cent.



*Have a blessed week!*



# 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 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

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