

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



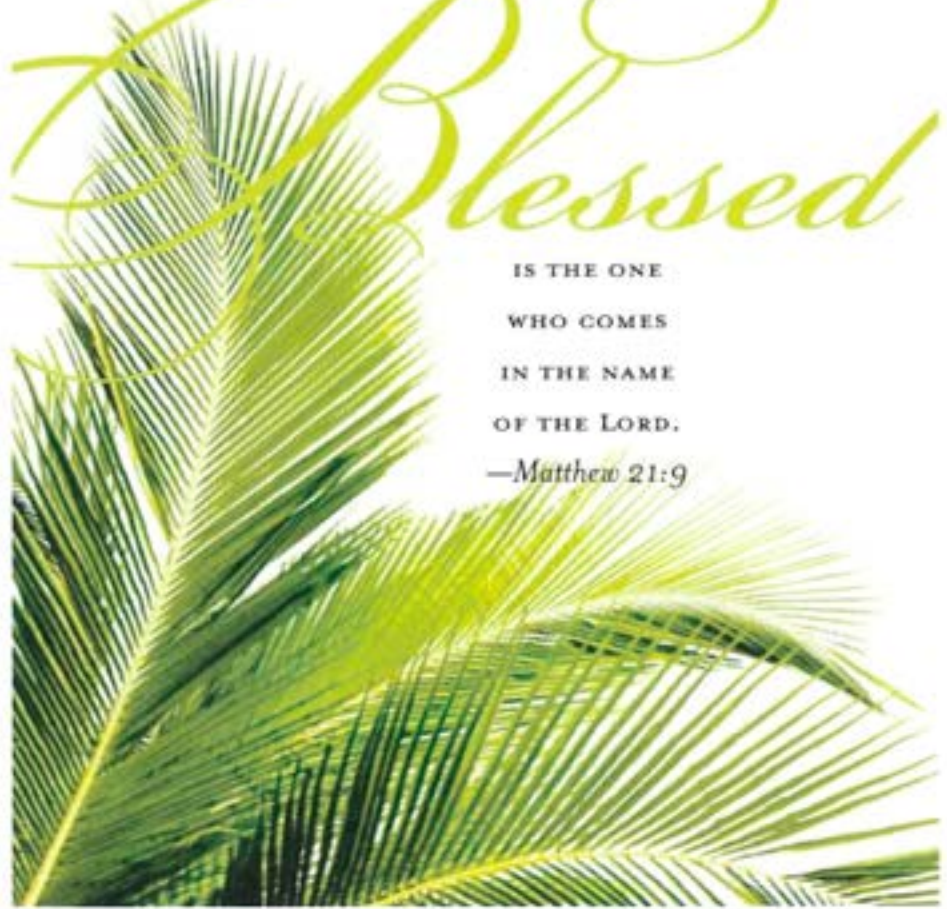
March 24, 2024

PALM SUNDAY

Blessed

IS THE ONE
WHO COMES
IN THE NAME
OF THE LORD.

—Matthew 21:9



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 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
- 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
- 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 or fill out a card in the Narthex.



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

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



Easter Sunday
March 31st

worship times:

Sunrise Service 6:30am

Easter Worship 8:00am

Easter Brunch 9:00am

Easter Worship 10:00am

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



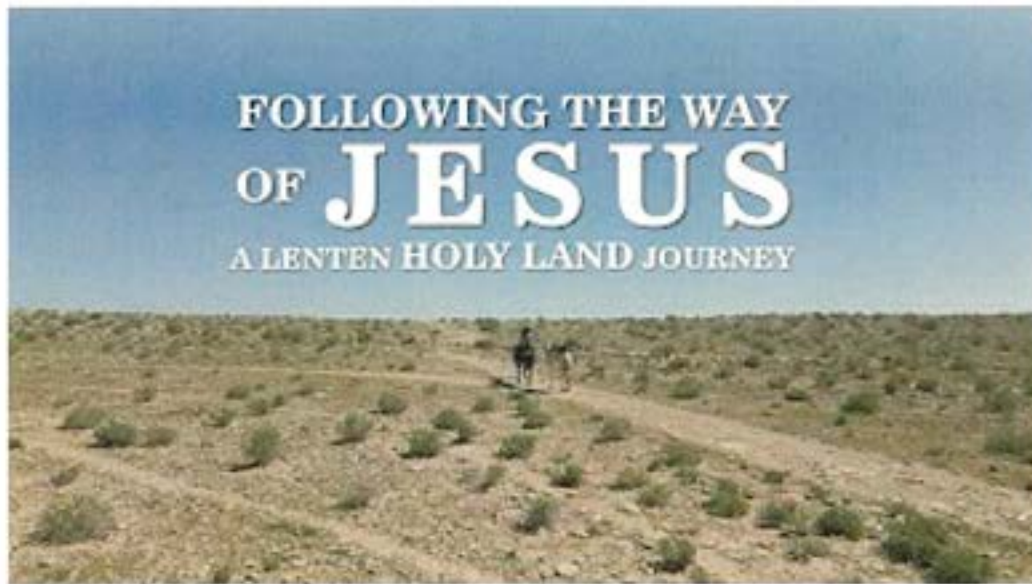
\$7 for breakfast

Dennis Nelson Bible Study

Published on our **YouTube Channel**

Wednesdays at NOON

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



TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

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.

This Sunday's altar flowers were donated by Frances and Mike DeBruyn to wish a Happy Anniversary to their nephew Bob and his wife Leslie.



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!

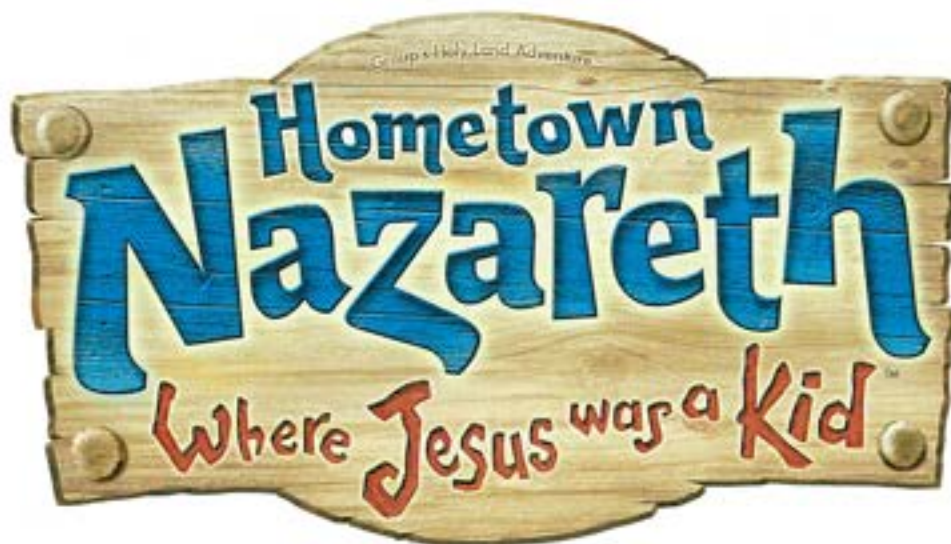
Adult Forum

TODAY

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



Registration is now open for Vacation Bible School at Living Water Lutheran Church. Go to 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 or call/text 480-298-8910 and join in the fun!



'VIP Behind the Scenes Tour'
Musical Instruments Museum
4725 E Mayo Blvd., www.mim.org



Saturday, April 27 @ 10:00 AM
\$27.00 per person

Please join us for this look behind the scenes at the world's only global musical instruments museum. During this one-hour tour, we'll discover how exhibits are created, see how this diverse collection is stored, and go backstage at the MIM music theatre. We'll meet in the Museum lobby and separate into smaller groups, each with a dedicated museum guide. Please join us for lunch at MIM's Café Allegro. After lunch, you may visit the museum galleries at your leisure.

Note: Price includes the tour and general admission to the Museum; lunch is not included. You may pay in advance or at the event by check or cash. Sign-up in the Narthex.

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 or 608-695-5120 for more details. We are excited to get more talent involved with this ministry! Join us!



News from the 40- 40- 40 Lenten Challenge:

We learned yesterday that the Grand Canyon Synod has the most participating individuals in the five synods of Region 2 in this [ELCA World Hunger](#)'s challenge to raise money for ELCA World Hunger. More than 400 signed up across our synod! We have earned bragging rights!

If you signed up to participate, and included a Daily Donation in your commitment, you can make your contribution to ELCA World Hunger through Living Water. You'll find a special offering envelope in today's Connection. Please note "ELCA World Hunger" on your contribution.

You can also make your contribution online through this link:
<https://community.elca.org/hungerdonate>

If you didn't sign up for the 40- 40- 40 Challenge, and want to support ELCA World Hunger, please use the special offering envelope or make your contribution online through the link above.

Thanks to everyone who signed up from Living Water. Your participation helped celebrate the 50th anniversary of ELCA World Hunger. Hopefully, the 40- 40- 40 Challenge also enhanced your Lenten journey.



notes:

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 death by his parents, Leland Sr., and Judy Stenehjem. In lieu of flowers, the family would suggest a donation to the Wounded Warrior Project in memory of Leland M. Stenehjem Jr.



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 or Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com



Today is the Last Day for Donations:



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@lwcaz.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

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
Linens and Other Household Supplies		Toiletries (new)	
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)	1 set for each
Cleaning Supplies			
Dish soap	1 large	Two waste baskets	3
Bathroom/kitchen cleanser	1	Trash bags (list number of boxes)	3
Laundry detergent	1 large	Mop or broom	1
Sponges or cleaning rags and/or paper towels	1 set		1 set

Processional Hymn... "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"


Refrain



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to you, re - deem - er, king,



to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1 You are the king of Is - rael and Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2 The com - pa - ny of an - gels are prais - ing you on high;
3 The mul - ti - tude of pil - grims with palms be - fore you went;
4 To you, be - fore your pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise.
5 Their prais - es you ac - cept - ed; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

Refrain



now in the Lord's name com - ing, our King and Bless - ed One,
cre - a - tion and all mor - tals in cho - rus make re - ply.
our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore you we pre - sent.
To you, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
great au - thor of all good - ness, O good and gra - cious King.

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 760-821; tr. John Mason Neale, 1818-1866, alt.
Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN, Melchior Teschner, 1584-1635



Gospel (Passion Reading): Mark 14:1–15:47

After Jesus says, "See, my betrayer is at hand."

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended
That we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected,
O most afflicted

After narrator says, "And he broke down and wept."

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee;
I crucified thee.

Gospel continues

After narrator says, "casting lots to decide what each should take."

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
For our atonement while we nothing needed,
God interceded.

Gospel continues

After the Centurion says, "Truly this man was God's Son!"

"Ah, Holy Jesus"

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation;
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion,
for my salvation.

Gospel continues

After narrator says, "Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of Jesus saw where the body was laid"

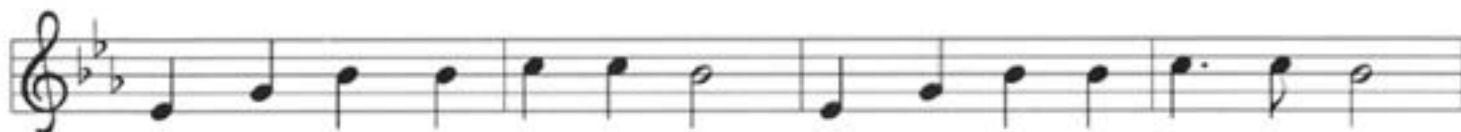
"Ah, Holy Jesus"

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving,
not my deserving.

Sermon Song... "Go to Dark Gethsemane"



1 Go to dark Geth - sem - a - ne, all who feel the tempt - er's pow'r;
2 Fol - low to the judg - ment hall, view the Lord of life ar - rained;
3 Cal - v'ry's mourn - ful moun - tain climb; there, a - dor - ing at his feet,



your Re - deem - er's con - flict see. Watch with him one bit - ter hour;
oh, the worm - wood and the gall! Oh, the pangs his soul sus - tained!
mark that mir - a - cle of time, God's own sac - ri - fice com - plete.



turn not from his griefs a - way; learn from Je - sus Christ to pray.
Shun not suf - f'ring, shame, or loss; learn from him to bear the cross.
"It is fin - ished!" hear him cry; learn from Je - sus Christ to die.

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854

Music: GETHSEMANE, Richard Redhead, 1820-1901



Sending Song..“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might - y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with - in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day,
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927



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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