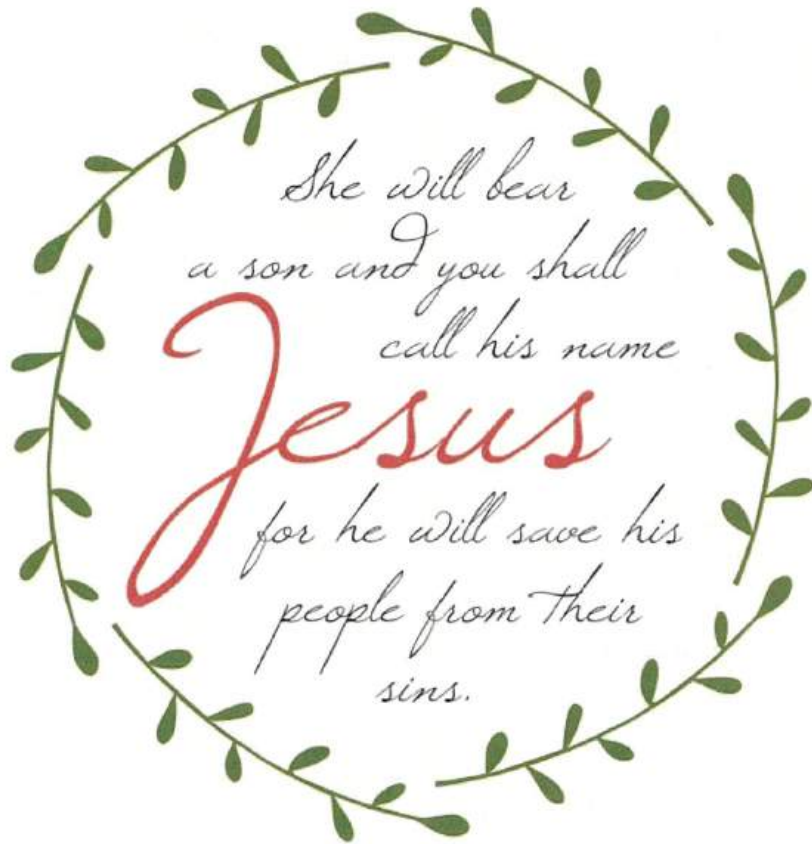


CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



December 1, 2024



Matthew 1:21

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*



We Remember in Our Prayers

- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Eric Brash—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Cadow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- Carol Gasser—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- David Henderson (Brother-in-law of Judy Tornowke)—Health Concerns
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- Dick Johnston—Health Concerns
- Kristin Klarkowski—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Michael Koch (Grandson of Ron & Shirley Koch)—Health Concerns
- Gabriele Laudenschlager—Health Concerns
- Merle (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
- Kathie Roegnik—Health Concerns
- Ruth Schlesinger—Health Concern
- Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Don Martin (Friend of Ron and Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Suzanne Wagner—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Health Concerns
- Jeff & Eric Bemby (friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Pastor Michael Dubsky (friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns

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

**If it is time to remove someone from the prayer list, please contact the front office.*

Prayer of the week

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection alert us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and redeem us for your life of justice, for you live and reign with the Father 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

Studies available on YouTube each **Wednesday**

Weekly, published on our YouTube Channel

Wednesdays at NOON

Bible Study Outlines available on

*our website: **lwlc.org***

Piecemakers Quilting December



Join us on December 4 and 18

Come and tie quilts with us! Our quilting primarily supports Lutheran World Relief (LWR), and we also make quilts for refugee families and our high school graduates. 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. We also accept donations of 100% cotton appropriate for quilting work, as well as donations to purchase batting. Many hands make light work! Questions? Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug, Lois Lucas or Myrna Ulland. Learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org

Living Water Lutheran Church

Choir and Guest Orchestra

Present

A New and Glorious Morn!

Sunday, December 22 at 10:00am



Great Gatherings

Annual Advent Party



Saturday, December 14
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Spirit of the Desert
\$30 per person*

* payable by check
(includes appetizer, entrée, sides, dessert & gratuity)

Coffee, tea & soft drinks provided; bring your own wine or beer if you wish.

Note: Please make checks payable to: Living Water Lutheran Church and write "Advent Dinner" in memo line. (By no later than November 28)

For questions, please call Marty Lindert at 602-284-5704 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.

All are welcome!

ELCA GOOD GIFTS

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) is a church that is called to do God's work in the world, Together as the ELCA, we do more than we could ever do alone: grow our congregations, inspire new leaders and care for those around the world who live with hunger and poverty. ELCA Good Gifts are a creative way to do just that.

Your gifts go beyond your regular congregational offering to support the ministries of the ELCA that mean the most to you and your loved ones. Each ELCA Good Gift changes at least three lives: the life of the person helped by you gift, the life of your friend or loved one, and your own.

CATALOGS, GIFT CARDS, STICKERS, COIN BOXES, IDEAS will all be available every Sunday during Advent. Now is the time to grab your holiday shopping list and browse the new ELCA Good Gifts catalog, Each of these gifts has the remarkable capacity to transform lives...all in God's name.



November is Women of the ELCA's "Thankoffering"



Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA and at Living Water Lutheran Church, we have an active WELCA unit. We call ourselves Living Water Lutheran Church Women (LWLCW). If you're a woman from Living Water and involved in any aspect of ministry, you are a participant in WELCA .

Why an annual Thankoffering? For more than 100 years, Lutheran women have given thanks to God and dollars to mission through "thankofferings." The Thankoffering is a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support local and international missions. When Women of the ELCA formed in 1987, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of churches where women are involved in unique aspects of ministry, Thankofferings are collected to support the life-changing ministries of the churchwide Women of the ELCA.

A special Thankoffering envelope will be available at the Tuesday Women's Bible study and in the gathering space (narthex) of the church, through the end of November. If you're writing a check, make it payable to either Living Water Lutheran Church or Women of the ELCA and note "Thankoffering" in the memo. Thankofferings of any amount are encouraged. Together, we can do more than we could ever do apart.

With appreciation from your churchwide president of Women of the ELCA,

Myrna Wells-Ulland

JOIN US TO MAKE LEFSE IN DECEMBER



Joan Sprinkle has again graciously offered her home in NE Scottsdale, and we'll provide hands-on instructions for rolling and frying Lefse (lef'-suh), a Norwegian flatbread made from potatoes, butter & cream, and flour, traditionally made during the

holidays. We can accommodate 10 persons per session so everyone can have a "hands-on" experience. **Sunday, December 8 at 2 pm and Monday, December 9, at 2 pm.** Reserve your spot on the sign-up sheet in the church entryway or by contacting the Ullands

(myrna.ulland@gmail.com) or Joan Sprinkle (joansprinkle@cox.net) today!

Annual Tamale Sale

Our amigas at La Sagrada Familia are offering their fabulous homemade tamales for sale again this year, to be delivered December 22nd.

This year the choices will include red chili with meat, green chili with chicken, and tamales with cheese. They will be priced at \$30/dozen or \$15/half dozen. A sign up sheet will be available at church on the first two Sundays in December, or you may email your order with the quantity of each variety that you want to Kristin Smith at kaos_52@me.com.

Tamales will be available to pick up on Sunday, December 22.

Plan ahead to join us for a

Candlelight Christmas Eve

worship service on

Tuesday, December 24th:

4:00pm (*family service*)

6:00pm (*traditional service*)





HOW TO BE AN ANGEL

As we have for several years, we who wish to be angels, will be gifting children who are receiving services from the inner-city service charity, Nourish Phoenix. On Sunday November 24th and the following two Sundays, the Angel Tree will be in our church Narthex. The tree will be decorated with wooden angels lovingly crafted by our committee. Each angel will have a label attached to it with the child's name, gender, age, gift ideas, and sizes for shoes and clothing (Child identifier label).

1.) Choose your child (or children) and **take the angel off the tree.**

-The **angel is for you** to hang on your own Christmas tree, because **you are an angel!**

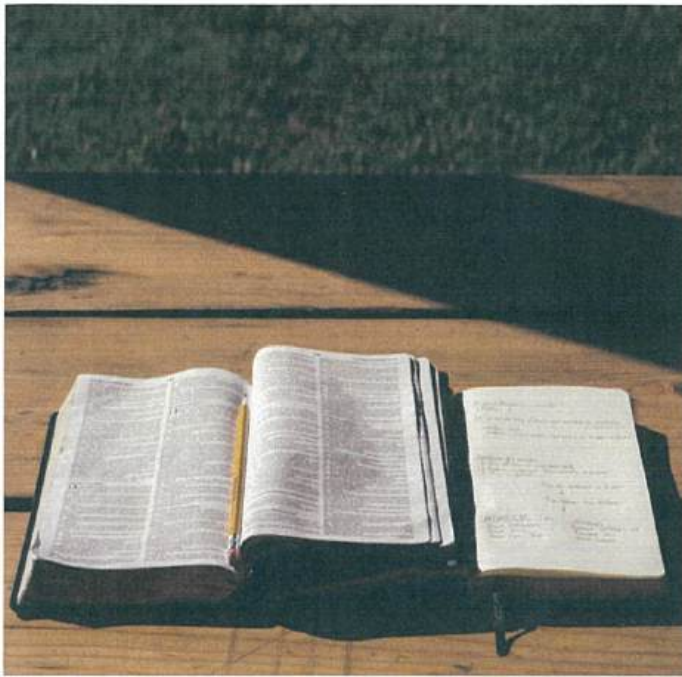
2.) Next, take one of the blue LWLC **blue canvas bags** (near the Angel tree).

3.) Then purchase the gifts for your child. Do not exceed **\$50/child.**

4.) Put your gifts in the LWLC blue bag and **tie** the **child identifier label, (NOT the wooden angel)** to the handle of the bag. Do **not wrap** the gifts.

5.) Bring your filled bag back and put it under the Angel Tree **by December 8th.**

The Angel Team will put your gift bags into large family bags on December 8th, after the church service. Then we will attach a **new Angel (not yours)** so that each recipient family will get an Angel along with your gifts.



Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Join us on any Tuesday morning at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall, or at 10 am via Zoom, to continue our study of the Gospel of Matthew. We're using material from New Testament scholar, N.T. Wright.

No prior knowledge of the Bible is needed, and you don't have to be Lutheran either. Come as you can, bring a friend and your favorite Bible

translation. The coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate will always be on. Occasionally we also have a little treat. We meet for approximately 90 minutes on Tuesday mornings. If you're not receiving our Tuesday Women email communications, please notify myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added. Our December schedule will be December 3rd through the 17th. We'll take a holiday break on December 24 and December 31.

Vista del Camino Thanksgiving Food Drive 2024

This year the congregation filled 44 grocery bags with food for Thanksgiving dinners. Added to the bags of food were \$1,100 worth of grocery gift cards and \$575 cash to provide turkeys or hams. Many families rely on Vista del Camino food bank, and they in turn, rely on the generosity of the community. Thank you for your support!

Family Sunday School returns this fall with the



curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*Bible Point - "Jesus helps people in need."

*Bible Verse - "Give all your worries and cares to God for he cares about you." (1 Peter 5:7)



- **Sunday, December 8, 9:00am** – Jesus Feeds People

We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

DAVID – A MAN AFTER GOD'S OWN HEART

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT FORUM

DECEMBER 1 and 15 at 9:00 AM

in the Music/Choir Room

I believe that the greatest moments of David's life were (1) the day that he was chosen by God and anointed to be the next king and (2) the day that God told him that through his descendant his throne would be established forever. What have been the greatest moments of your life? What does it mean to you to know that (1) you are chosen by God and (2) what you do for God will last into eternity?



La Sagrada Familia Lutheran Food Shelf Needs Our Help!!

Your support of non-perishable food items for our neighbors at La Sagra Familia in northern Phoenix is appreciated and there is a continuing need. Items needed most frequently are noted on the

shopping list in the grocery cart that is set out each Sunday morning. They are also listed below. For the safety of our friends at La Sagrada, please do not donate expired or “close-to” date items. When dropping off our donated food recently, it was noted the shelves were very bare, so please continue to be generous in remembering our neighbors in need.

Emergency Food Bank List

Rice, Dried Beans, Tomato Sauce, Canned Tomatoes, Cooking Oil, Pasta Shells, Peanut Butter, Sugar, Maseca Flour (for tortillas), Canned Corn, Instant Coffee, Powdered Creamer, Diapers and Baby Wipes, Knorr Powdered Chicken Broth

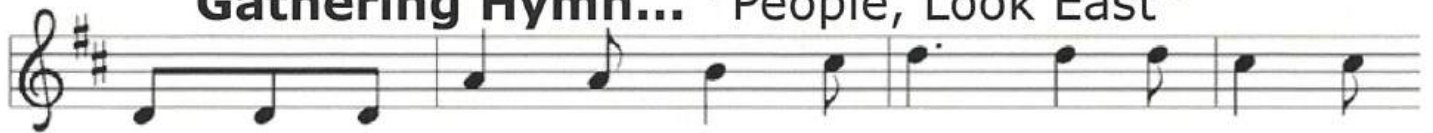
***NO SOUPS, PLEASE**

THANK YOU BLOOD DONORS!

Thank you to all who donated blood at last week's blood drive! The Red Cross is so grateful for this sacrifice. The recent hurricanes and flooding have caused a significant shortage of blood. We collected 27 pints of blood, which was 2 pints higher than our goal.

Stay tuned for information about a future drive toward the end of February. Our location is one that the Red Cross would like to sustain, and it is a great opportunity for us to be of service.

Gathering Hymn... "People, Look East"



1 Peo - ple, look east. The time is near of the crown - ing
 2 Fur - rows, be glad. Though earth is bare, one more seed is
 3 Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim, one more light the
 4 An - gels an - nounce with shouts of mirth him who brings new



of the year. Make your house fair as you are a - ble,
 plant - ed there. Give up your strength the seed to nour - ish,
 bowl shall brim, shin - ing be - yond the frost - y weath - er,
 life to earth. Set ev - 'ry peak and val - ley hum - ming



trim the hearth and set the ta - ble. Peo - ple, look
 that in course the flow'r may flour - ish. Peo - ple, look
 bright as sun and moon to - geth - er. Peo - ple, look
 with the word, the Lord is com - ing. Peo - ple, look



east, and sing to - day— Love, the Guest, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Rose, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Star, is on the way.
 east, and sing to - day— Love, the Lord, is on the way.

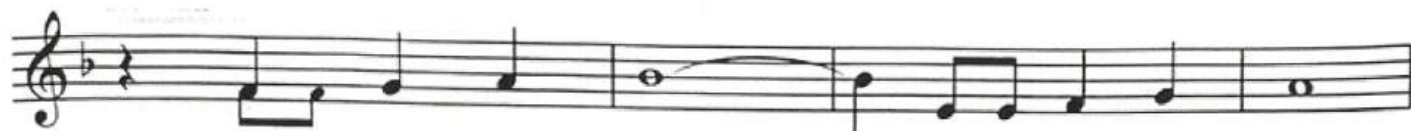
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Music: BESANÇON, French carol

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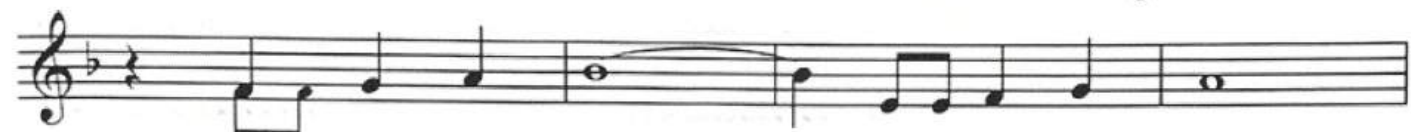
(please join in singing when directed)



(1st Sunday)	We	wait	in	}	hope _____	for the morn - ing	Light,
(2nd Sunday)	We	watch	in				
(3rd Sunday)	We	pre - pare	in				
(4th Sunday)	We	praise	with				
(Christmas Eve)	We	pro - claim	with				



for the love of Christ to il - lu - mi - nate _____ the night. _____



We	wait	with	}	joy _____	for the Sav - ior's	birth;
We	watch	with				
We	pre - pare	with				
We	praise	with				
We	pro - claim	with				



we	wait	in	}	hope	for	peace	on	earth.
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25th Anniversary

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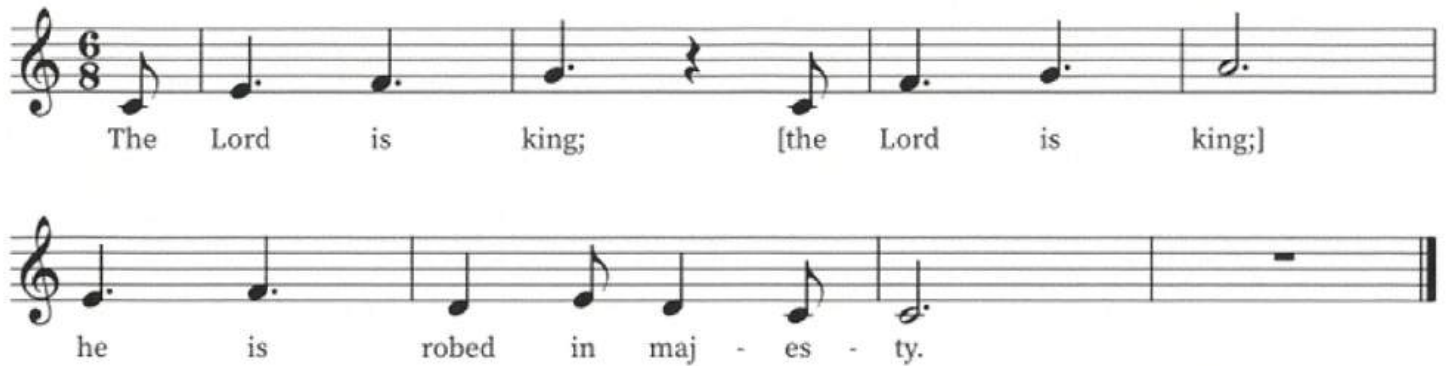
Sunday, April 27

10:00am Worship at Living Water

5:00pm Dinner at Troon North Golf Club

Stay tuned for more details.

Psalm 25



The Lord is king; [the Lord is king;]
he is robed in maj - es - ty.

Sermon Hymn... "The King Shall Come"



- 1 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light tri - um-phant breaks,
- 2 Not as of old a lit - tle child, to bear and fight and die,
- 5 The King shall come when morn-ing dawns and light and beau - ty brings.



when beau - ty gilds the east - ern hills and life to joy a - wakes.
but crowned with glo - ry like the sun that lights the morn-ing sky.
Hail, Christ the Lord! Your peo - ple pray: come quick - ly, King of kings.

Text: John Brownlie, 1859–1925

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

Sending Song... "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"



1 Re - joi - ce, re - joi - ce, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'ring bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



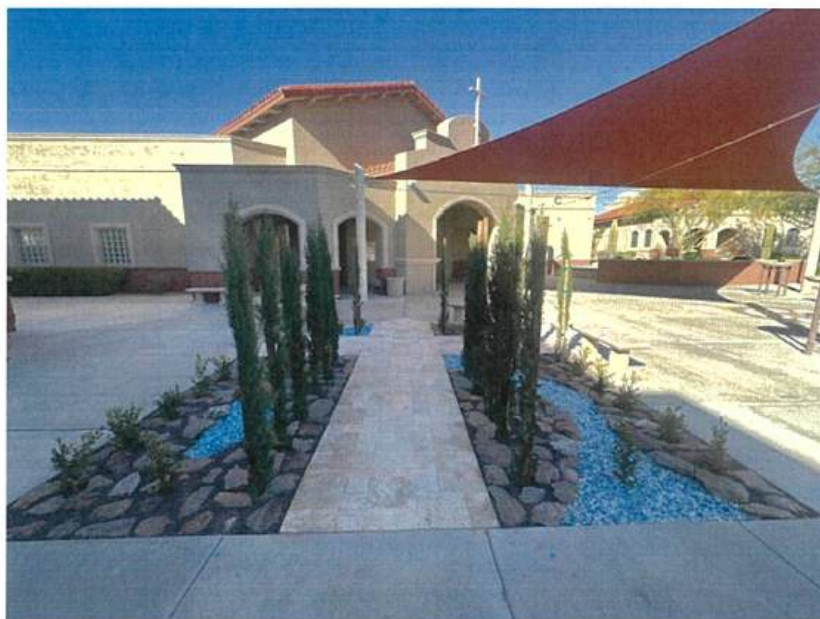
The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

All are welcome to join us, directly after service, for the
MEDITATION PRAYER GARDEN
DEDICATION



Dedication of Prayer Garden

Sisters and brothers in Christ, we are gathered to ask God's blessing as with thankfulness we dedicate this Garden of Prayer to the glory of God and in memory of our friend, Lee Stenejhem.

Matthew 26:36-44

Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I go over there and pray." He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me." And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed, "My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want." Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." Again he went away for the second time and prayed, "My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done." Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, creator of the universe, for your abundant gifts. By your holy wisdom all things have been made to reflect your glory, for the sustenance of life, and for the use and delight of your living creatures. We give you thanks for the gift of Lee which so enriched our lives. Send your blessing upon us and upon this Garden of Prayer, which we set apart today to your praise and honor and in memory of Lee.

Give us joy in all your works, and grant that this Prayer Garden may always be a place where your will is done and your name is glorified; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

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Amen.

Poem of Dedication

You can shed tears that he is gone,
Or you can smile because he has lived.

You can close your eyes and pray he'll come back,
Or you can open your eyes and see all he has left.

Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,
Or you can be full of the love you shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember him only that he is gone,
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live.

You can cry and close your mind,
Be empty and turn your back.

Or you can do what he would want,
Smile, open your eyes, love and go on.



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