

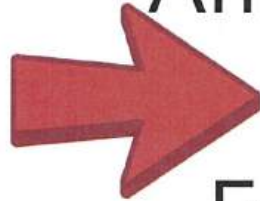
CONNECTIONS



February 9, 2025

join us for

Living Water's
Annual Meeting



TODAY

February 9th

directly after service

Living Water
Lutheran Church



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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

We Remember in Our Prayers

- ALL impacted by the Los Angeles, CA Wildfires
- Jeff & Eric Bemby (friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Pastor Shari Bernau—Hand Surgery Recovery
- Charlie Boyd—Health Concerns
- Terry Brooke (Daughter of Maria Tillotson)—Health Concerns
- Barbara Brooks—Health Concerns
- Lizzy Cadow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Pastor Michael Dubsky (friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Sheila Fankhauser—Back Surgery
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- Vicki Grimsley (Mother of Mason Rossman)—Cancer
- Tyler Hornacek (Grandson of John and Sue Hornacek)—Life Concerns
- Mark Jacobson (brother of Lance Jacobson)—Health 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
- Don Martin (Friend of Ron and Karen Roessler)—Health Concerns
- Betty McCarthy (Sister of Stephen McCarthy)—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
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Pastor Mark Rossman—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
- Sharon Westergreen—Health Concerns
- Friends and Family of David Cales (Brother of Gerry Cales)
- Friends and Family of Joyce Chatry (Friend of Tracy Rossman)
- Family and Friends of Pam Landon

Send your prayer requests to prayer@lwlcas.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.*

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
\$8 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: **lwlcaz.org***

Why Your Legacy Gift Matters

You may have heard that “leaving a legacy” is important to organizations like Living Water Lutheran Church. But what makes legacy giving so different from writing a check or donating online?

Legacy gifts...

1. Focus on the future.

The support our ministries receive from annual gifts each year is critical. But a legacy gift is like a support system that Living Water’s ministries can count on to continue work for generations to come. This is one of the major reasons we created the Living Water Lutheran Church Endowment Fund.

Ask yourself: If you could live forever, would you continue to support Living Water and the ministries that matter to you? If the answer is yes, a legacy gift can immortalize your support.

2. Do not affect your current finances.

You can take care of your top priorities — yourself and your loved ones — now, while providing for Living Water and its ministries in the future.

Here are two of the most popular gift types:

- A gift in your will: A few sentences is all it takes to include Living Water or the Living Water Lutheran Church Endowment Fund in your will.
- A beneficiary designation gift: Name the Living Water Lutheran Church or our Endowment Fund as a beneficiary of your retirement plan, IRA, donor advised fund, or life insurance policy. This does not mean you have to gift 100% to the church, you can set a percentage on your beneficiary change form for any amount you want thus leaving the rest for your heirs.

3. Help you recognize Living Water’s role in your life.

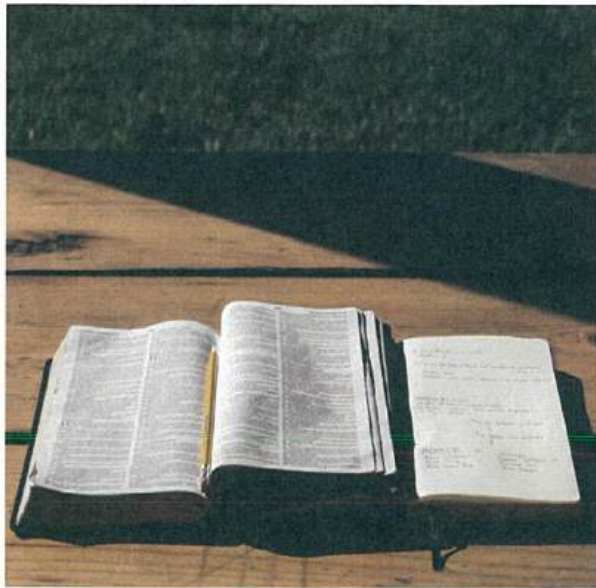
If a Living Water ministry has had a significant impact on your life or the life of someone you love, a legacy gift is a heartfelt way to honor that relationship.

You Can Do Amazing Things

Through your legacy gift, you have a special chance to reflect the caring person you are today far into the future. And, if you tell us about this gift now, we can ensure it is used exactly as you intend.

How do you get more information?

If you are interested in supporting Living Water Lutheran Church and our ministries into the future, our partner, Lisa Maria Higginbotham at the ELCA Foundation can help you find a gift option that makes sense for you. Contact Lisa by email at lisa.higginbotham@elca.org or by phone at (773) 380-2477 for no-obligation help.



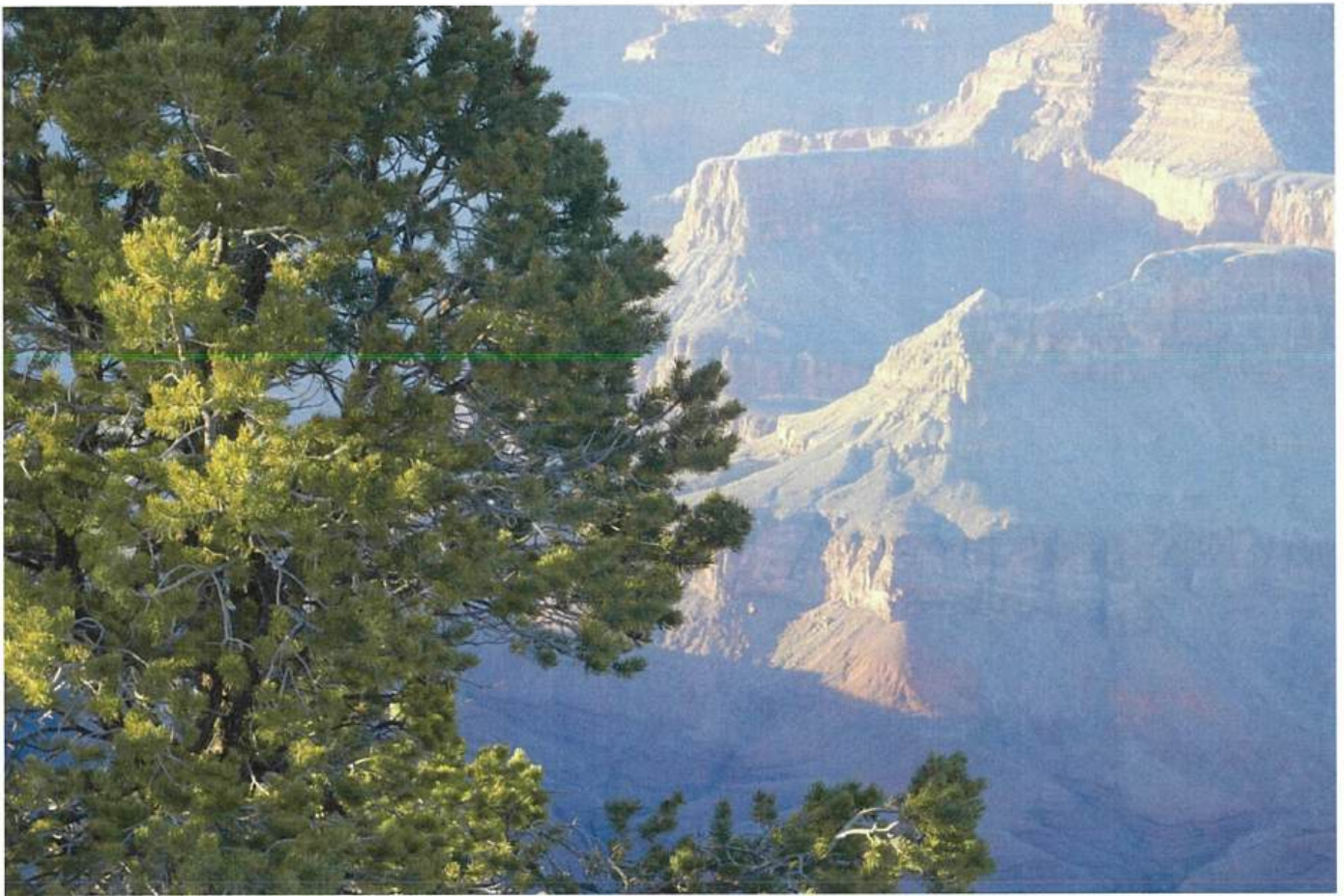
Tuesday Women's Bible Study

Join us on Tuesday morning (2/18) 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](mailto:myrna.ulland@gmail.com) to be added.

Our next meeting is February 18th. **NO BIBLE STUDY** next week: February 11th.



Deepen your connection to our Grand Canyon Synod

Sign up for the Synod Newsletter!

You are invited to subscribe to the Grand Canyon weekly synod e-newsletter. It arrives in your in-box every Friday morning at 8 a.m. The newsletter offers a wealth of stories from congregations and ministries within our synod, uplifting tales of faith in action, and insights into the work being done at the ground level within our broader church. The newsletter also brings you news from the partner ministries and organizations at the synod level, Region 2, the wider ELCA, and even updates from the global church, including Lutheran World Federation.

Be inspired by the work of others and help us weave a tighter fabric of community across our synod and beyond. Click one of the links below to subscribe:

[Get our newsletter — Grand Canyon Synod of the ELCA](https://www.gcsynod.org/newsletter)

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Adult Forum February 16

Join Rev. Robert Hutson for
conversations about
Luther's Small Catechism.

Sunday Morning
February 16
9:00-9:45am

in the *Psalms room* (2nd story
of the Education Building)

Living Water's "Hunger Jar"

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



The Service and Caring Team Ministry at LWLC periodically determines how to distribute offerings to the Hunger Jar. Most recently, we split the 12/31/24 balance of **\$1,899.00** between Foothills Food Bank and ELCA World Hunger. Each received \$944.50.

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, and 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!



New Member Class

Saturday March 8 from 4:00 to 6:00pm.

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



If so, we would love for you to join us for an informative
Orientation and dinner learn more about Living Water
followed by dinner
on **Saturday March 8 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 Class on 3/8

Saints and Sinners 2025

Sign-up for the 2025 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. 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 single 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.

REMINDER:

For on-line giving at Living Water please visit **LWLCaz.org** and Click on “**Online Giving.**”

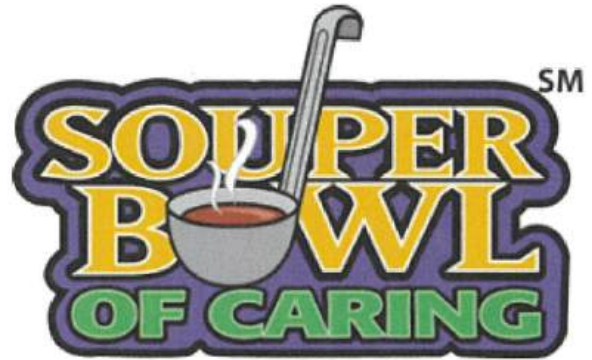
This will provide navigation for both new users to this method and allow editing for current users to update their intentions for 2025.

Souper Bowl of Caring

TODAY!

Today is not only Super Bowl Sunday, but it is also "Souper Bowl of Caring" Sunday. LWLC Youth each February solicits an offering to combat hunger and Souper Bowl Sunday is traditionally set aside to do this. And we can help!

Look for the three boxes labeled with the name of the two Super Bowl football teams and a third box labeled with, "I don't care." These will be located near the Hunger Jar. Please vote with your checks or cash for your preferred team and let's see how many dollars we can raise for Hunger in the process! Go Team!



*Today's Altar Bouquet
was donated
by Frances DeBruyn
"In loving memory of
our dad, Frank Klanduch
from Frances DeBruyn
and her sisters.*



Blood Drive

Living Water Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
9201 E. Happy Valley Rd.
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Wednesday, February 26, 2025
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to make an appointment,
please call the American Red Cross at 1(800) 733-2767
or log onto redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: LivingWater



Scan to be directed to
RapidPass®

**Create a flurry of hope! Come give blood Jan. 27 to Feb.
28 for a \$15 e gift card rcblood.org/flurry**



Scan to schedule
an appointment.

LWLC BOOK DRIVE NEVER ENDS!

Yes, this project has received great summer support during Vacation Bible School. However, please note we have a Book Drive basket located in the narthex all year poised to serve the needs of Phoenix social service agencies. New or gently used books are made available to babies through adults.

As a reminder, cookbooks and magazines with recipes continue to be requested. The chapel at UMOM New Day Centers is especially grateful for religious publications for children (and also adults.)

(Questions? Contact Sue Brash, 602-317-9444, or suebrash7@gmail.com)



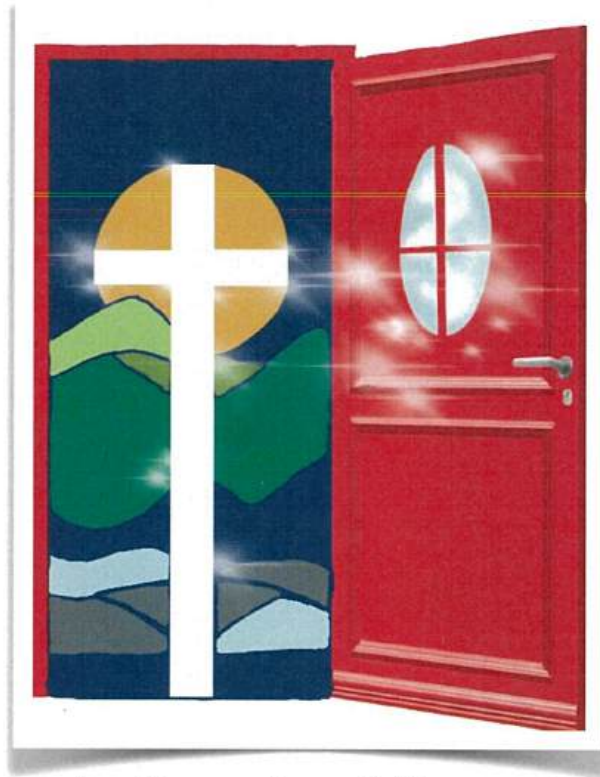
Piecemakers Quilting

Join us on February 19

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

Open the Door to Do More



When I came to the city of Troas to preach the Good News of Christ, the Lord opened a door of opportunity to me.

II Corinthians 2:12

Living Water's 25th Anniversary

Sunday, April 27

10:00am Worship

5:00pm Dinner at Troon North Golf Club

\$50.00 per person

Reservations start Jan. 26 through February.

Reserve your spot today!

Reservations through February

Gathering Hymn... "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty!"



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.




Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
which wert and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783–1826, alt.
Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1823–1876

Psalm 138: 1-2, 2-3, 4-5



The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first two lines of the psalm, and the second staff contains the melody for the next two lines. The lyrics are written below the notes.

In the sight_ of_ the an - gels_ I__ will_ sing_ [I will
sing your prais - es, __ Lord. [I will sing your prais - es __ Lord.]

1-2 I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with all my heart, for you have heard the words of my mouth; in the presence of the angels I will sing your praise; I will worship at your holy temple and give thanks to your name. *Refrain.*

2-3 Because of your kindness and your truth; for you have made great above all things your name and your promise. When I called, you answered me; you built up strength within me. *Refrain.*

4-5 All the kings of the earth shall give thanks to you, O Lord, when they hear the words of your mouth; and they shall sing of the ways of the Lord; "Great is the glory of the Lord." ["Great is the glory of the Lord."] *Refrain.*

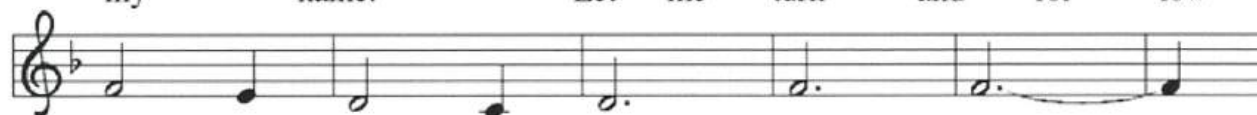
Sermon Hymn... "Will You Come And Follow Me"



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
 2 "Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
 4 "Will you love the you you hide if I but call
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
 your name? Will you care for cruel and
 your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
 your name? Will you quell the fear in -
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



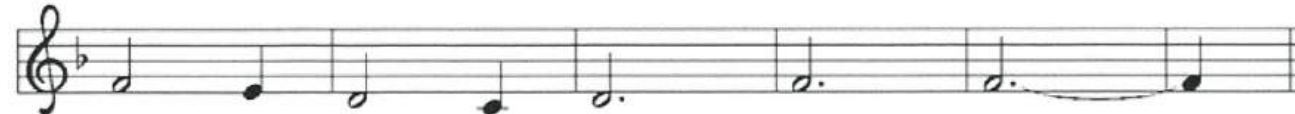
know and nev - er be the same?
 kind and nev - er be the same?
 free and nev - er be the same?
 side and nev - er be the same?
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
 Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
 this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
 world a - round, through my sight and touch and
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"
 pray'r in you and you in me?"
 mean in you and you in me?"
 sound in you and you in me?"
 grow in you and you in me.

Sending Song... "Sent Forth by God's Blessing"



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,



the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—



The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,



the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.



The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now



reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.



Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing



to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune

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Lutheran Church



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

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

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