

CONNECTIONS

Welcome to our guest preacher Rev. Dr. Caroline Lewis!

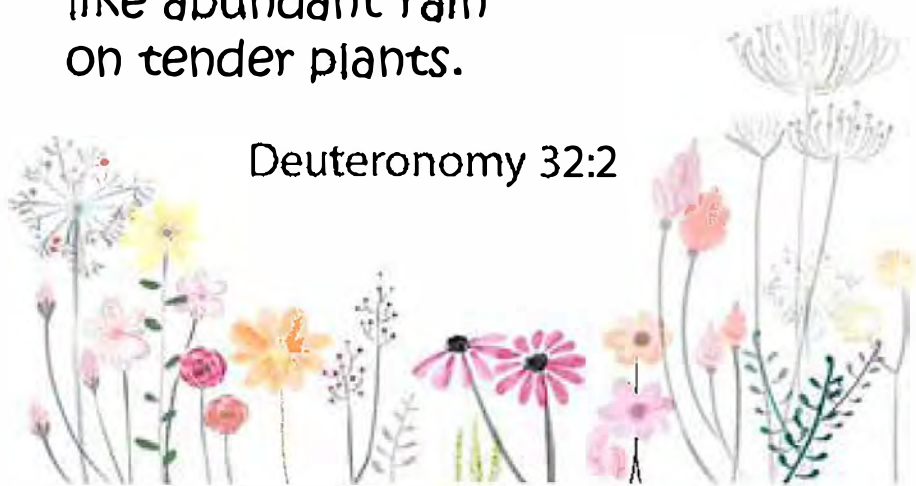
Living Water
Lutheran Church



April 12, 2026

Let my teaching fall like rain
and my words descend like dew,
like showers on new grass,
like abundant rain
on tender plants.

Deuteronomy 32:2



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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Jeff & Eric Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Brian (Judy Tornowske's nephew)—Cancer
- Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts (Father of Missy Laudenschlager)—Recurring Health Issues
- Katie Dawson (Daughter of Tod and Bonnie Dawson)—Health Concerns
- Gene Dehnbostel (Friend of Marilyn Nartker)—Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- John Goesling—Health Concerns
- Dick Gunderson—Recovering from Hip Surgery
- Tricia Heidemann (Cherrie's Daughter)—Life Concerns
- Robert Hutson—Health Concerns
- John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- Barbara Nelson (Sister of Janet Guthrie)—Health Concerns
- Jason Oglesby (Dave's son)—Life Concerns
- Prestyn Oglesby (David's grandson)—Air Force Deployment
- Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Linda Perry (Daughter-in-law of Gene and Shirley Perry)—Health Concerns
- Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Kathie Roenigk—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Geri Skogen (Friend of Myrna Ulland)—Post-operative Treatment
- Kristen Stenehjem (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjem)—Health Concerns
- Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- Iris Van—Eyesight Issues
- Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- Marge Vessey (Close Friend of Carol and Lance Jacobson)—Health Concerns
- Kelly White (Neice of Sharon Westergreen)—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.*

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: **lwlcas.org***

Prayer of the Week:

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Thank you for your generosity. Your generosity makes a difference and is helping change lives. Thank you for believing in the mission of Living Water and helping us to continue our ministry.

If you are looking for an easy way to give a financial gift via your phone, see QR code below to access Living Water's online giving platform.

*Thank
You*



Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at **8:00am**

\$8 for breakfast

Spirit in the Desert Retreat Center

7415 East Elbow Bend Rd.

Carefree, AZ 85377

Food Donations

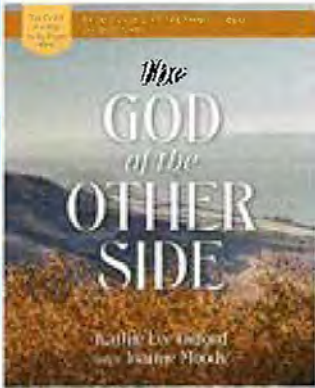
Food insecurity is a continuous problem. Living Water contributes food and daily essentials, such as products for oral hygiene, diapers, school supplies and more, to local organizations on a continuing basis. We have two main destinations for our donations:

La Sagrada Familia Church: The grocery cart found in the Narthex during the week and outside on Sundays is for food and daily essential products.

Foothills Food Bank: Collection tubs placed in the Narthex with the sign "food donations" are for **tuna, peanut butter, and soups.**

THANK YOU for any and all donations you make. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR LENT



We are continuing to a six-week video study called “The God of the Other Side” with material from Kathie Lee Gifford and Janne Moody. This study illuminates how Jesus breaks the barriers to reach those whom society has abandoned, those who are lonely, lost or left out.

All women are welcome! Just bring yourself and your favorite Bible translation. We meet on Tuesday mornings at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall and also by Zoom for approximately 90 minutes each week. If you aren't on our email communication list, please contact myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added.

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: April 15



Join us each month to tie mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for a few hours each month. We meet at 9 am and conclude between 11:30 and noon.

No experience required! You'll find us in the Education Building – Matthew/Mark or the Martha Room. Bring your coffee/tea for a mid-morning break.

If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects, we always have quilt tops ready to be assembled. 12 to 16 pieces, using ½” seams. Assemble at your leisure! Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

Family Sunday School



returns this spring 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 rescues us."

*Bible Verse - "He saved us, not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy" (Titus 3:5)



Sunday, May 3, 9:00am- Jesus Comes Back to Life

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.



New accounting assistance

Living Water has hired Shellee Snoke to supplement Stephanie McLean with financial duties. Shellee's email is ssnokes@lwicaz.org. She will be in the church office every Tuesday morning from 9:00 am to Noon. Stephanie will continue to be in the church office the second Sunday of every month.

1 WEEK PROGRAM



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 15-19, 2026
9:00-11:30AM



Living Water
Lutheran Church

Register Today!

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Scottsdale, AZ 85255
480-473-8400



Admission
**Free +
T-shirt**

For 4-12
Years Old



More info:

www.lwlcaz.org/vbs2026/

VBS

Book Drive

COLLECTING NEW AND GENTLY USED
BOOKS FOR BABIES THROUGH ADULTS

APRIL 6 - JUNE 30, 2026

LIVING WATER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Please bring
**Children's Books, Baby
Board Books, Early
Phonics Books, Youth Books, Young
Adult Books, Adult Books, Cookbooks, and
even Magazines with recipes (Financial
Donations are welcome too) to Living
Water Lutheran Church: 9201 E Happy
Valley Road, Scottsdale, AZ 85255
(Open Mon-Thurs 9am-2pm)**

Remember
no rips,
tears, marks
or wormholes.



Delivering Dreams of Arizona constantly collects new and gently used books for babies through adults. These collections are distributed throughout the Phoenix core area by their volunteers, striving to put books in the homes of families who are financially challenged. For many, your donation could be the first book owned by an individual.

Please contact coordinator Sue Brash with questions, large pick-up requests or offers to donate: suebrash7@gmail.com or 602-317-9444

<https://deliveringdreamsaz.org>

Diapers for Dollars Drive to Benefit

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet



Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides diapers for 120-150 infants and toddlers impacting 90 to 110 families. **In 2025, Alleluia provided 148,292 diapers and 218,252 wipes through a (paid) association with the AZ Diaper Bank and through *generous donations*.** This ministry is a stand-alone, not-for-profit organization with a distribution center at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Phoenix, a location that has allowed the organization to increase the number of clients it serves.

Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet provides a two-week supply of diapers and wipes on the third Saturday of each month to approximately 150 infants and toddlers in its service radius. Babies and toddlers need an average of 8 diapers a day (more for newborns). That means 112 diapers per child for two weeks (on average). With 120 to 150 infants and toddlers, that is a lot of diapers!

Did you know that diapers cannot be bought with food stamps and are not provided as part of the WIC program? 30% of low-income moms report they cannot change their children's diapers as often as they would like. 32% of low-income families report re-using diapers to pay critical household expenses. Many families who need diapers are working parents, but their low-wage jobs do not cover the basic needs of their children. Childcare providers require parents to have a supply of disposable diapers – no diapers, no daycare - which may mean no employment for parents. In Arizona, one in six of our children lives below the Federal Poverty Line.

In the past we have given diapers, wipes, and dollars, but after discussion last year with the organization, it became clear that money is the easiest and most helpful donation we can make. A check from Living Water allows the Diaper Closet the ability to fill gaps in inventory quickly.

Alleluia needs our help. We are a generous and a giving congregation. Living Water's Service Ministry Team is kicking off a ***Dollars for Diapers Drive*** to support the Alleluia Better Chance Diaper Closet. By Mother's Day, May 10th, our goal is to collect enough dollars to meet the needs of this ministry for two weeks. With our gifts of dollars, we can help provide diapers for babies and toddlers in need.

Please make your checks payable to Living Water Lutheran Church and note "Alleluia Diaper Closet" on the memo line.

Have you wondered?-- **Can I sign up to donate and dedicate the Altar Bouquet for a future Sunday?**

The answer is **Yes!** Anyone who would like to donate flowers for a future Sunday can sign-up via **Sign-up Genius**. We've made the sign-up easy to find on our website. Just visit **lwlcaz.org** and click on the *Sign-ups* heading in the top blue bar.

When you sign up, you can add comments about the specific **occasion**, flower **color request** and/or **dedication**. Then, simply pre-pay for your bouquet \$50.00 to the church office.

The best part: at the conclusion of service for your Sunday, you are welcome to take the bouquet home or pick it up the beginning of the following week from the church office.

*Stay up-to-date with Living Water
even when you need to stay home
or are on vacation:
An online version of our newsletters
Splash! and **Connections**
are available every month on our website
lwlcaz.org
under the 'Communications'
drop-down menu.*

COME AND JOIN US
TO CELEBRATE A STEP OUT OF THE BOAT
...AND ON TO NEW ADVENTURES

SCOTT SIMS FAREWELL PARTY

Scott is moving to Seguin, Texas to be near his son.
Help us show our appreciation for an amazing 20 years
of providing music for worship at Living Water
Lutheran Church.

Sunday, May 3 - 11:00am - Texas BBQ Lunch

You are invited to show your love and appreciation to
Scott with a generous cash gift for him.
Please write "Scott" in the memo line of the check.
Scott has shared his gifts with us for 20 years,
now it's our turn to share our gifts with him.

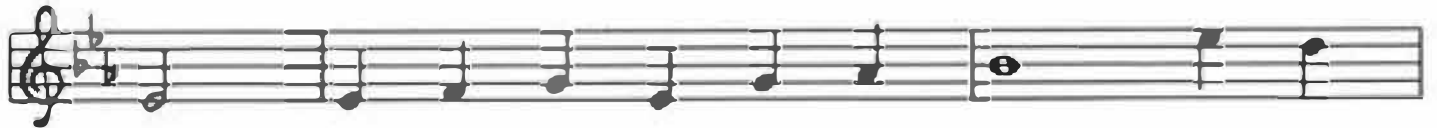
Please sign up in the courtyard to attend party.



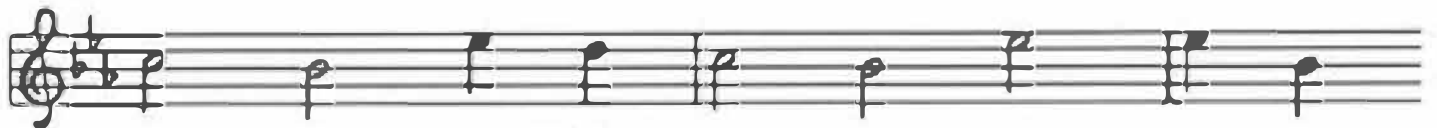
Opening Hymn... "Now All The Vault Of Heaven Resounds"



1 Now all the vault of heav'n re - sounds
 2 E - ter - nal is the gift he brings,
 3 Oh, fill us, Lord, with daunt - less love;
 4 A - dor - ing prais - es now we bring



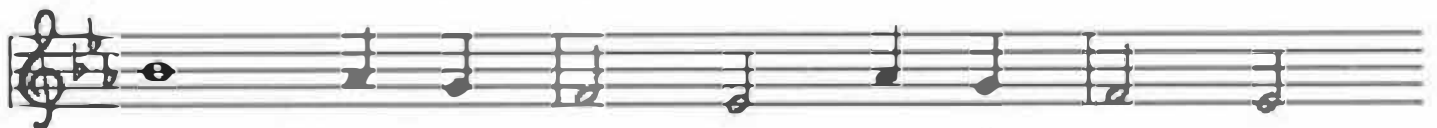
in praise of love that still a - bounds: "Christ has
 there - fore our heart with rap - ture sings: "Christ has
 set heart and will on things a - bove that we
 and with the heav'n - ly bless - ed sing: "Christ has



tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Sing, choirs of
 tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!" Now still he
 con - quer through your tri - umph; grant grace suf -
 tri - umphed! Al - le - lu - ia!" Be to the



an - gels, loud and clear! Re - peat their song of glo - ry
 comes to give us life and by his pres - ence stills all
 fi - cient for life's day that by our lives we tru - ly
 Fa - ther, and our Lord, to Spir - it blest, most ho - ly



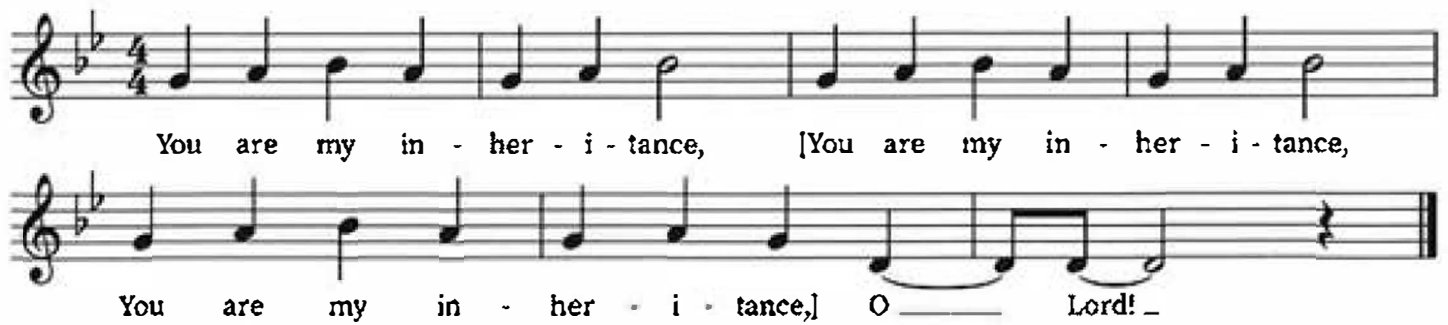
here: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 strife. "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 say: "Christ has tri - umphed! He is liv - ing!"
 God, all the glo - ry, nev - er end - ing!



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Psalm 16 You Are My Inheritance Oh Lord

Refrain



You are my in - her - i - tance, [You are my in - her - i - tance,
You are my in - her - i - tance,] O Lord! _

5, 8 O Lord, my allotted portion and my cup, you it is who hold fast my lot. I set the Lord ever before me; with him at my right hand I shall not be disturbed.

Refrain

9-10 Therefore my heart is glad and my soul rejoices, my body, too, abides in confidence; because you will not abandon my soul to the nether world, nor will you suffer your faithful one to undergo corruption.

Refrain

11 You will show me the path to life, fullness of joys in your presence, the delights at your right hand [at your right hand] forever.

Refrain

Sermon Hymn... "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 Hymn... "We Know That Christ Is Raised"



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows



Em - braced by death, he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born, we share with him an Eas - ter life,
The Spir - it's fis - sion shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of our Sav - ior Christ.
Bap - tized, we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse re - stored and whole will sing:



Hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: John B. Geyer, b. 1932
Music: ENGELBERG, Charles V. Stanford, 1852-1924
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QR code for giving:



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

**Living Water is a congregation of the
Evangelical Lutheran Church in America,
Grand Canyon Synod and
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