

CONNECTIONS

Living Water
Lutheran Church



July 26, 2026

Never
underestimate
what
God can
do through
small acts
of faith.



Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

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



We Remember in Our Prayers

Prayer List 7.26.2026

- Sylvia Behler (Mother of Laurie Shabbick)—Hospice Care
- 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
- Julia Conner (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- Larry Coutts (Father of Missy Laudenschlager)—Recurring Health Issues
- Gene Dehnbostel (Brother of Marilyn Nartker)—Health Concerns
- Don Doench (Brother-in-law of Joan Sprinkle) - Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- Gary Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- Robert Hutson—Health Concerns
- John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- Pastor Robert Klein—Health Concerns
- Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- Jeff Millis (Son of Karen Welnhofner)—Recovering from Back Surgery
- Sandy Moses—Health Concerns
- Marilyn Nartker—Health Concerns
- Barbara Nelson (Sister of Janet Guthrie)—Health Concerns
- Prestyn Oglesby (David's grandson)—Air Force Deployment
- Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Karen Roessler—Health Concerns
- Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- Dale Schoenbeck (David's Brother)—Health Concerns
- Regan Shea (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Roger Smedberg (Nephew of Karen and Ronald Roessler)—Brain Cancer
- Frank Steen (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Cancer treatment
- Kristen Stenehjerm (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjerm)—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 (Niece of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- Pr. Nanette Christofferson (Love of Christ, Mesa, AZ)—Health Concerns
- Family and Friends of Carrie (daughter of Sharon Augenstein)
- Family and Friends of Betty Copenhaver (Aunt of Pastor Mark)

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:

Beloved and sovereign God, through the death and resurrection of your Son you bring us into your kingdom of justice and mercy. By your Spirit, give us your wisdom, that we may treasure the life that comes from Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.
Amen

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

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***



Women
of the
EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN
CHURCH
IN AMERICA

July 1, 2026

Living Water Lutheran Church
Women of the ELCA
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255-2228

Dear Living Water Lutheran Church Women of the ELCA,

Thank you for your recent gift of \$490.00 supporting the ministries of Women of the ELCA. Your gift makes a real difference to the organization and those we serve.

As the new Interim Executive Director of WELCA, it is a great joy to be part of this community in which members share their gifts of time, talent, and financial resources in order to support each other in our callings, engage in real action and healing ministry, and promote love and justice in the church, society, and the world. Your gift helps the organization do its work.

It is an honor to be part of an organization whose funding began with women over a hundred years ago, women who did not yet have the right to vote nor the ability to be ordained in the Lutheran church. These women knew they had great gifts and they could do great things. By coming together and pulling their resources, their faithful generosity continues to support women today and continues to inspire others to give. Thank you for being part of the faithful community of givers with your financial contribution.

Indeed, thank you for your generosity. Together, we can do so much good in the world. For regular updates on our ever-growing work together, please see our website, www.womenoftheelca.org.

With gratitude,

Jennifer Hockenbery
Interim Executive Director.

P.S. Your itemized receipt appears on the reverse side of this letter. If this acknowledgement does not agree with your records, please contact our office at women.elca@elca.org



Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
God's work. Our hands.

Gift date: 6/15/2026
Gifts are designated for:

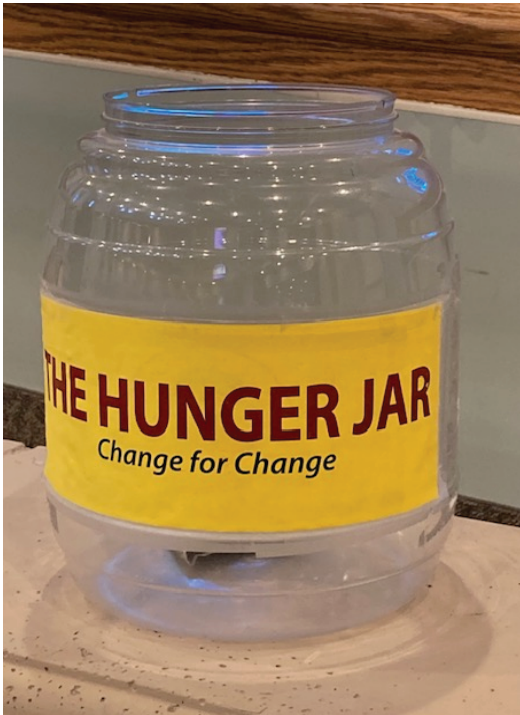
Thankofferings	\$490.00
Total contribution:	\$490.00

Donor ID: 30373

No goods or services were provided in consideration of this gift.

IMPORTANT: Federal law requires that you retain this receipt to substantiate your charitable deduction.

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 06/30/26 balance of \$ 2,924. We allocated 50% locally to Foothills Food Bank and 50% internationally to ELCA World Hunger.

Each will receive \$1462.

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!

THANK YOU, THANK YOU, THANK YOU

The Service and Caring Committee just voted on the distribution of the Hunger Jar Collections for the first half of the year. Due to your generosity, Living Water collected \$2,924 from January through June. Thank you, Living Water!

We typically send 50% locally and 50% internationally. This time 50% or \$1,264 will be going to Foothills Food Bank and 50% or \$1,264 will be going to ELCA World Hunger.

This will make a difference to those in need! Thank you again!



Dear friend,

You've likely seen the news that two powerful earthquakes struck Venezuela. Entire communities have been shaken to the ground. More than 1,700 lives have been confirmed lost so far, thousands more are injured, and countless families are now without shelter, safety or access to necessities.

Lutheran Disaster Response is already responding through trusted, long-standing partners in the region, including the Lutheran World Federation (LWF) and the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Venezuela (IELV). ELCA partners have deployed assessment teams to affected areas, working together to identify urgent needs, provide immediate relief (e.g. food, shelter, water) and coordinate a plan for long-term assistance.

Your gifts enable this church to provide fast and effective support to communities in need and to remain for as long as recovery takes, whenever and wherever a disaster occurs. Will you give today to provide critical aid in these early days and, crucially, in the months and years to come?

Please consider a gift today. In Venezuela and around the world, your support makes a difference for families facing unimaginable loss. Please write checks to Living Water Lutheran Church, and in memo line write: VENEZUELA



"Kyrie/Now The Feast"

The musical score is written for a Leader and an Assembly. It consists of eight staves of music, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The lyrics are written below the staves, with some words appearing on multiple staves. The music is in a simple, melodic style, with many whole and half notes. The lyrics are: "In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have For the reign of God, and for mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the Lord. For your Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy."

Leader

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Assembly

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have

For the reign of God, and for

mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

peace through - out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray to the

Lord.

For your

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.

Text: Darlene Zschech, b. 1965

Music: SHOUT TO THE LORD, Darlene Zschech

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peo - ple here who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your

word, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Lord, have

Help, save, and de - fend us, O God.

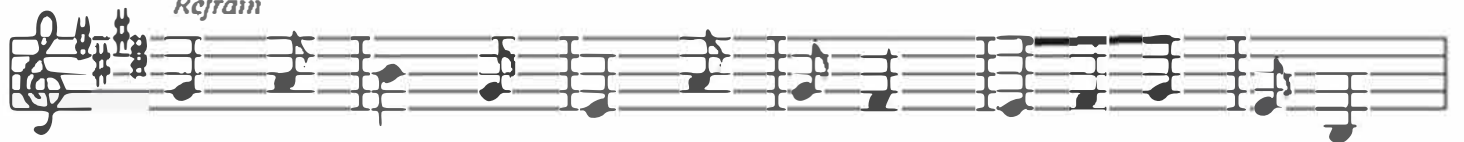
mer - cy. men.

Text: *Lutheran Book of Worship*, adapt. Marty Haugen, b. 1950

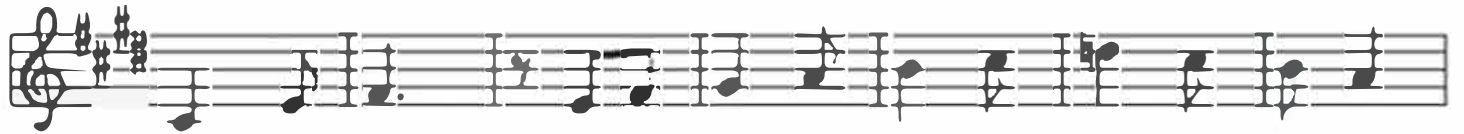
Music: *Now the Feast and Celebration*, Marty Haugen

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Refrain



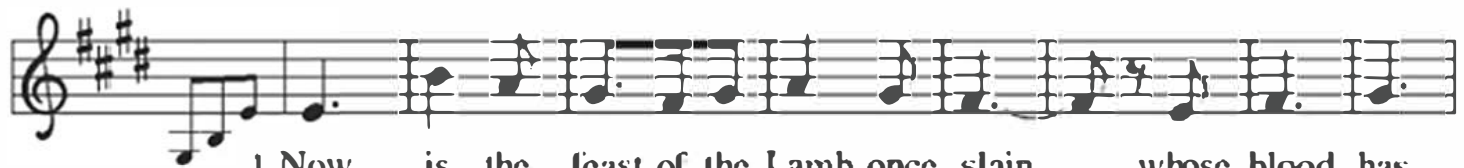
Now the feast and cel - e - bra - tion, all of cre - a - tion



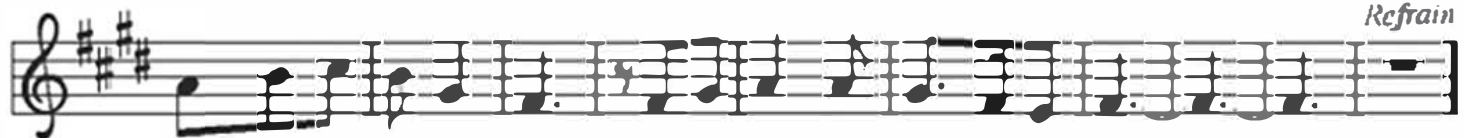
sings for joy to the God of life and love and free-dom;



praise and glo - ry for - ev - er - more!

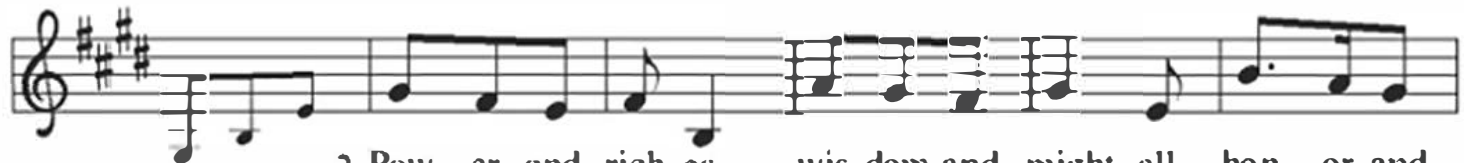


1 Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has



freed and u - nit-ed us to be one great peo-ple of God.

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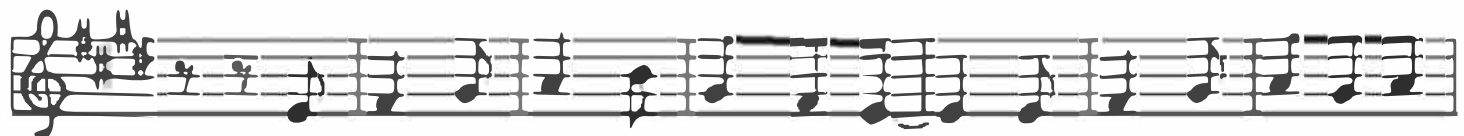


2 Pow - er and rich-es, wis-dom and might, all hon - or and



glo - ry to Christ for - ev - er.

Refrain



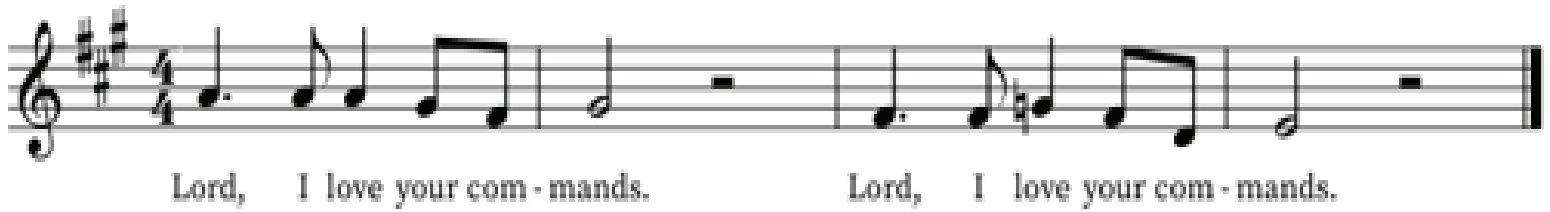
3 For God has come to dwell with us, to make us peo-ple of



God; to make all things new.

Refrain

Psalm 119 — Lord, I Love Your Commands



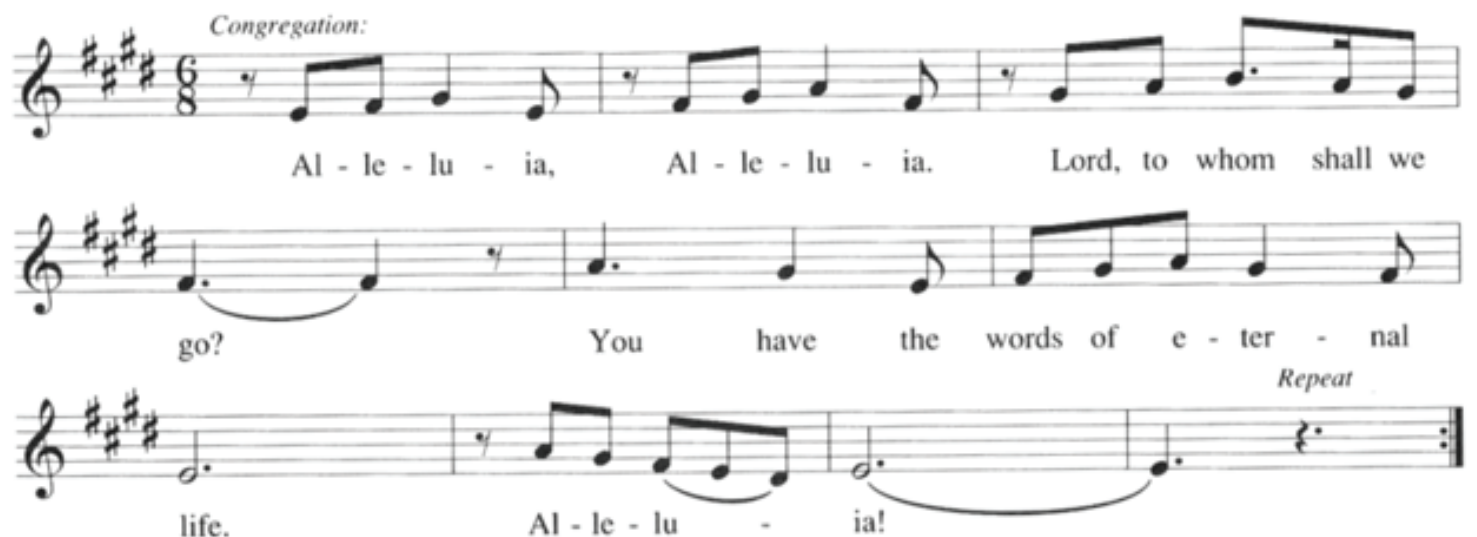
57, 72 I have said, O Lord, that my part is to keep your words.
The law of your mouth is more precious to me than thousands
of gold and silver pieces. Refrain.

76-77 Let your kindness comfort me according to your promise
to your servants. Let your compassion come to me that I may live,
for your law is my delight. Refrain.

127-128 For I love your command more than gold, however fine.
For in all your precepts I go forward; every false way I hate. Refrain.

129-130 Wonderful are your decrees; therefore I observe them.
The revelation of your words shed light, giving understanding to
the simple. Refrain.

Gospel Acclamation... "Alleluia"



Sermon Hymn... "Be Thou My Vision"



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,



naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!



thou my best thought by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tow'r,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Text: Irish 8th–10th cent.; tr. Mary E. Byrne, 1880–1931; vers. Eleanor H. Hull, 1860–1935, alt.
 Music: SLANE, Irish tune

Offering Song..... "As The Grains Of Wheat"

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,

2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.

all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Now the Feast and Celebration: As the Grains of Wheat Text and Music: Marty Haugen, c 1990. GIA Publications, Inc.
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Communion Song.... "Lamb of God"

Congregation: *Congregation or Assistant:*



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
 you break the chains of ha - tred and
 you are the way of jus - tice and
 you are the way of mer - cy and

Congregation:



world: have mer - cy on us, mer - cy on us,
 fear:
 peace:
 love.

Final Stanza

Congregation or Assistant:



mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you

Congregation:



take a - way the sins of the world: grant us peace,



grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sending Hymn... "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

Refrain



Ev - 'ry time I feel the spir - it mov - ing



in my heart, I will pray. Ev - 'ry time I feel the



spir - it mov - ing in my heart, I will pray.



1 Up - on the moun - tain my Lord spoke,
2 All a - round me looked so fine,
3 Jor - dan riv - er, chilly and cold,



out of his mouth came fire and smoke.
asked . . . my Lord if all was mine.
chills the bod - y but not the soul.

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Text: African American spiritual

Music: PENTECOST, African American spiritual

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Lutheran Church



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 Northeast Valley Conference.

Ministers: All the Members of Living Water

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Connections- Every Tuesday by noon
SPLASH! - The 20th of each month by noon

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