

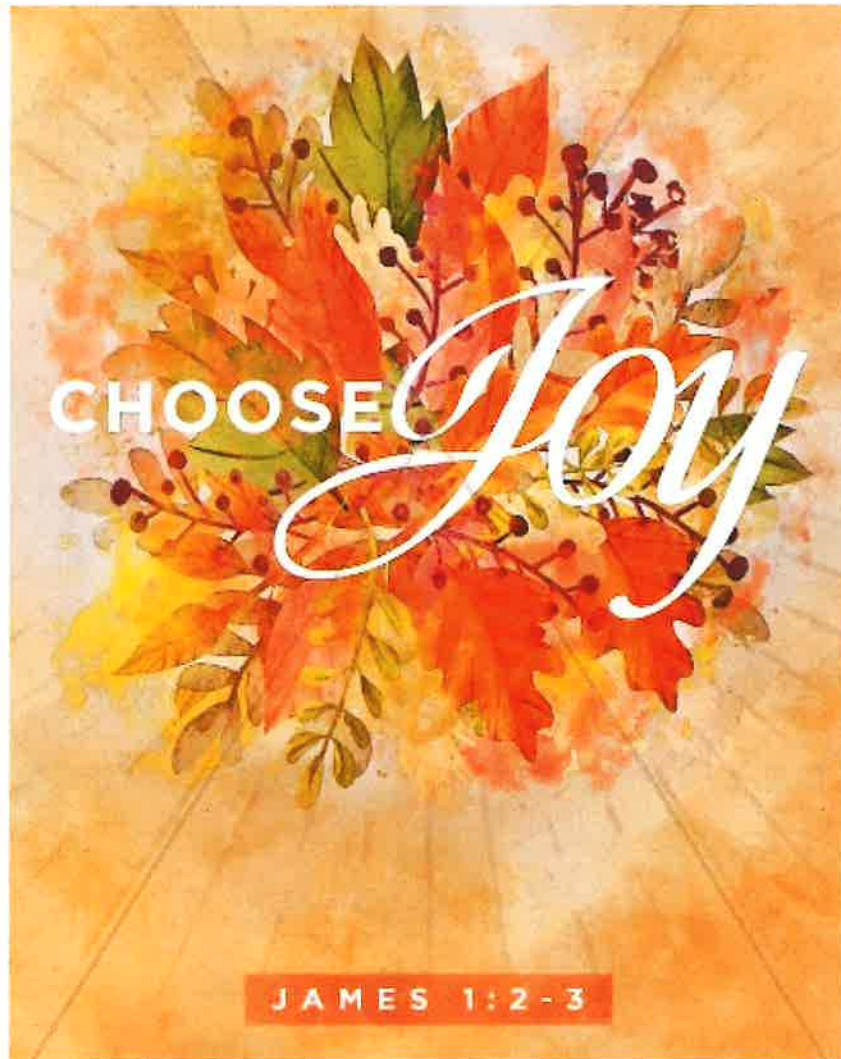
CONNECTIONS



Living Water
Lutheran Church



September 27, 2026



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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- v Joyce Bash—Health Concerns
- v Sylvia Behler (Mother of Laurie Shabbick)—Hospice Care
- v Jeff & Eric Bemby (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- v Brian (Judy Tornowske's nephew)—Cancer
- v Lizzy Caddow (Friend of Diane Salinas)—Cancer
- v Christi (Daughter of Charlie and Sue Boyd)—Health Concerns
- v Julia Conner (Friend of Frances DeBruyn)—Health Concerns
- v Larry Coutts (Father of Missy Laudenschlager)—Recurring Health Issues
- v Gene Dehnbostel (Brother of Marilyn Nartker)—Health Concerns
- v Don Doench (Brother-in-law of Joan Sprinkle) – Health Concerns
- v Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—Health Concerns
- v Jenna Fjeld—Health Concerns
- v Dave and Joy Gallimore—Health Concerns
- v Frank Gasparino—Health Concerns
- v Paul Heinze (Friend of the Pettengill's)—Knee Replacement and Broken Femur
- v Sandy Heinze (Friend of the Pettengill's)—Upcoming Surgery
- v Robert Hutson—Health Concerns
- v John (Friend of Diane vanMaanen)
- v John (Friend of Lou Handley)—Health Concerns
- v Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- v John Kelsh (Spouse of Jennifer Kelsh)—Health Concerns
- v Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- v Terry Nelson—Recovering from Hip Surgery
- v Prestyn Oglesby (David's grandson)—Air Force Deployment
- v Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- v Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- v Jana Richter (Family Member of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- v Karen Roessler—Health Concerns
- v Del Rogge—Heart Concerns
- v Keith Runge (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- v Jim Samlaska (Father of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- v Dale Schoenbeck (David's Brother)—Health Concerns
- v Kristen Stenehjerm (Niece of Sue and Lee Stenehjerm)—Health Concerns
- v Bob Ulland—Health Concerns
- v Michael Umland (Son of Steve & Sue Umland)—Health Concerns
- v Iris Van—Eyesight Issues
- v Peter Vasiliades (Nephew of Rick Sherrin)—Health Concerns
- v Marge Vessey (Close Friend of Carol and Lance Jacobson)—Health Concerns
- v Andy Walker (Family Friend of Henri & Lynda Breault) –Health Concerns
- v Kelly White (Niece 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.*

Prayer of the Week:

Almighty and eternal God, you show perpetual lovingkindness to us your servants. Because we cannot rely on our own abilities, grant us your merciful judgment, and train us to embody the generosity of your Son, 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

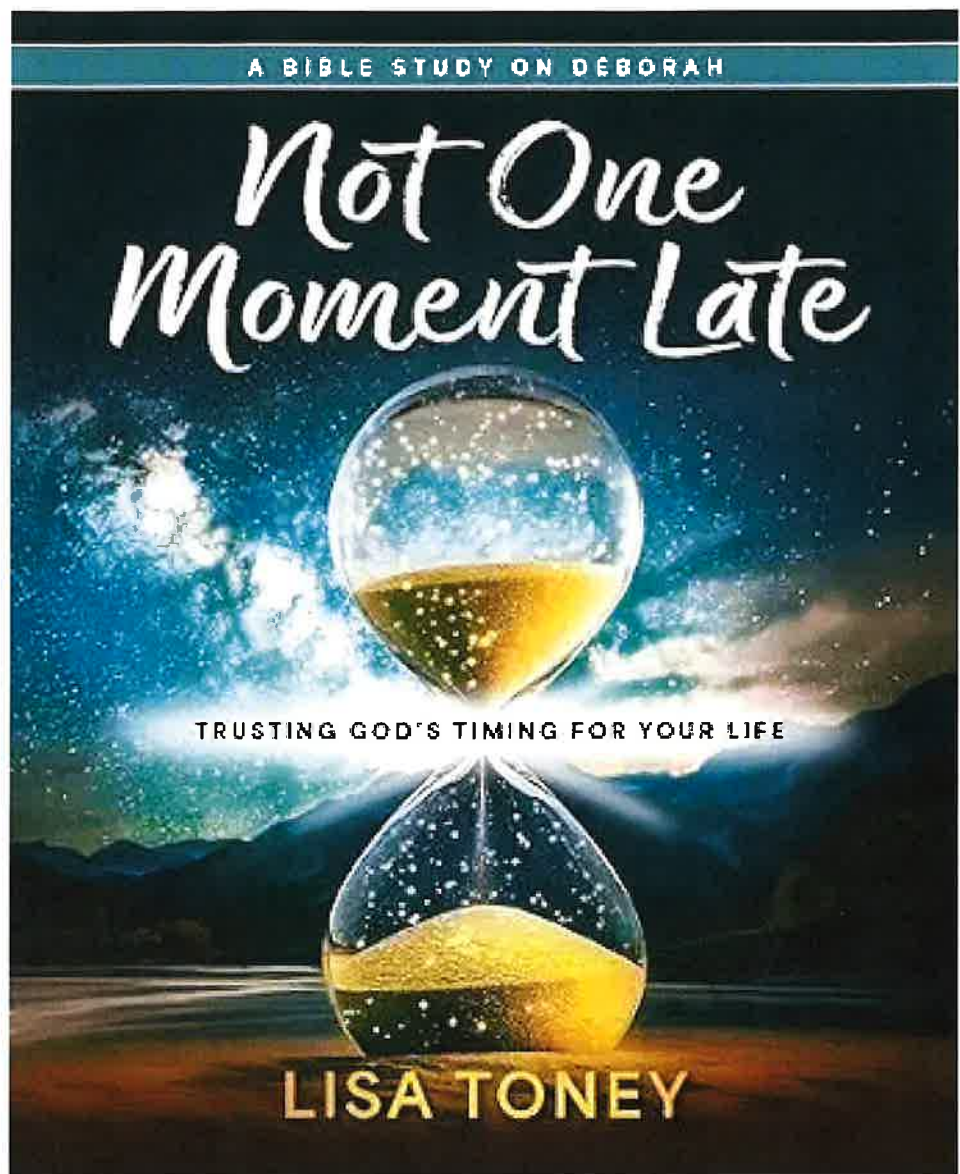
Bible Study Outlines available on

*our website: **lwlcaz.org***

TUESDAY WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY FOR SEPT-OCT 2026

All women are invited to our weekly women's bible study, resuming Tuesday, Sept. 8 at 10 am MST. Have you ever felt frustrated with God's timing for your life? Perhaps you find it difficult to see God's hand? Join us for a seven-week video series on a prophetess and judge, Deborah, from the Old Testament book of Judges, with material newly released by author, pastor, teacher and professor Lisa Toney. Gain insight in living with confidence in every season of your life.

"Not One Moment Late"



The first session on Sept. 8 will be introductory and about 60 minutes. Participant books are encouraged and they will be available for purchase at \$20 each on Sept. 8. A Kindle version of the participant book is also available through Amazon. The study book is not required, however, but do bring your favorite Bible translation. We'll then resume each Tuesday for about 90 minutes for six more sessions, taking us through the end of October. We also offer a Zoom connection so you can join us from anywhere you have Wifi access!

Coffee and hot water for hot chocolate/tea are available each week. No prior Bible study experience needed and you don't need to be Lutheran to join us. Occasionally we also begin with a treat. On the last Tuesday each month we try to get together for lunch following our study time at a local restaurant. There is a spot for you at our study table!

Mark your calendar now and plan to join us beginning September 8. If you're not on our Tuesday Women's email list, please contact Myrna Ulland at myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added so you're up to date with our communications!

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 - "God takes care of us."

*Bible Verse - "If God is for us, who can ever be against us?" (Romans 8:31)



- **Sunday, October 18, 9:00am** – Moses Talks to God at a Burning Bush

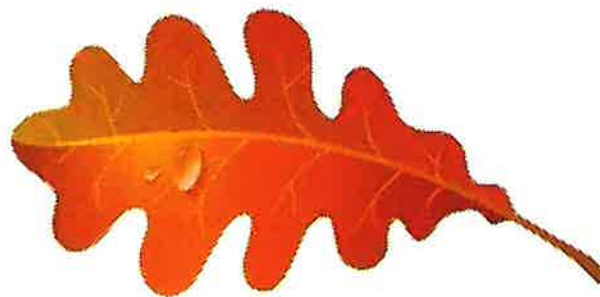
- **Sunday, November 8, 9:00am** – God Spares the Israelites at Passover

- **Sunday, November 22, 9:00am**- ADVENT FAIR

- **Sunday, December 6, 9:00am** – Christmas Lesson



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.



Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: October 7



Join us on the first and/or third Wednesday of each month to tie mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for a few hours. 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, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

DAY OF REMEMBRANCE



HONORING TRUTH / EMBRACING HEALING / BUILDING OUR FUTURE

Open invitation! Everyone is invited!

Join the Tuesday Women's Bible Study on September 29 at 10 am in the Fellowship Hall. Coffee and treats will be provided.

Rev. Wanda Frenchman from Native American Urban Ministry in Phoenix will be with us to lead a discussion about the ELCA's National Day of Remembrance for US Indian Boarding Schools. This day of remembrance is held on September 30 each year to honor the children, survivors, families and communities impacted by the Indian Boarding School era. Come and learn how we can be involved in honoring the truth and embrace healing.

This special presentation and discussion will replace our usual Tuesday Women's Bible Study on September 29. Please join us!

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Saturday, October 3, 2026 – 2:00 – 4:00 pm – Forum with Reception to Follow
Sunday, October 4, 2026 – 9:00 am – Preaching at Sunday Worship

Christ the Lord Lutheran Church
9205 E. Cave Creek Rd.
Carefree, AZ 85377

You're invited to a Saturday forum and Sunday morning worship with presenter, **Pastor Eric C. Shafer**, Pastor in Residence at **Global Refuge** (formerly Lutheran Immigration and Refugee Service) sharing information about the state of Refugee Resettlement around the world. For 85+ years, **Global Refuge** has partnered with congregations nationwide to support refugees, immigrants and asylum seekers through welcome, resettlement and long-term integration.



Pastor Shafer brings many gifts to his ministry as Pastor in Residence at **Global Refuge**. His passion for service includes Senior pastor, development of the first shelter for homeless college students in the US, Director of Communications at ELCA churchwide, teaching in Madagascar and South Africa, multiple trips to Jerusalem and the West Bank and host of the You Tube program **Hope Matters**.

Saturday afternoon Forum – Pastor Shafer will:

- Share the overall mission of **Global Refuge** and give examples of their work,
- Offer practical ways congregations can partner to continue our ministry to refugees,
- Suggest action steps congregational leaders and members can take to embody Lutheran accompaniment in our communities and
- Provide opportunity for questions and informal discussion.

A wine and cheese reception will follow in Nelles Hall. To **RSVP** at no charge, please send an email to admin@ctlcarefree.org by **Friday, October 2nd** with your name and how many will be attending.

Sunday morning – Pastor Shafer will be preaching at 9:00 am worship



Reformation Potluck Luncheon

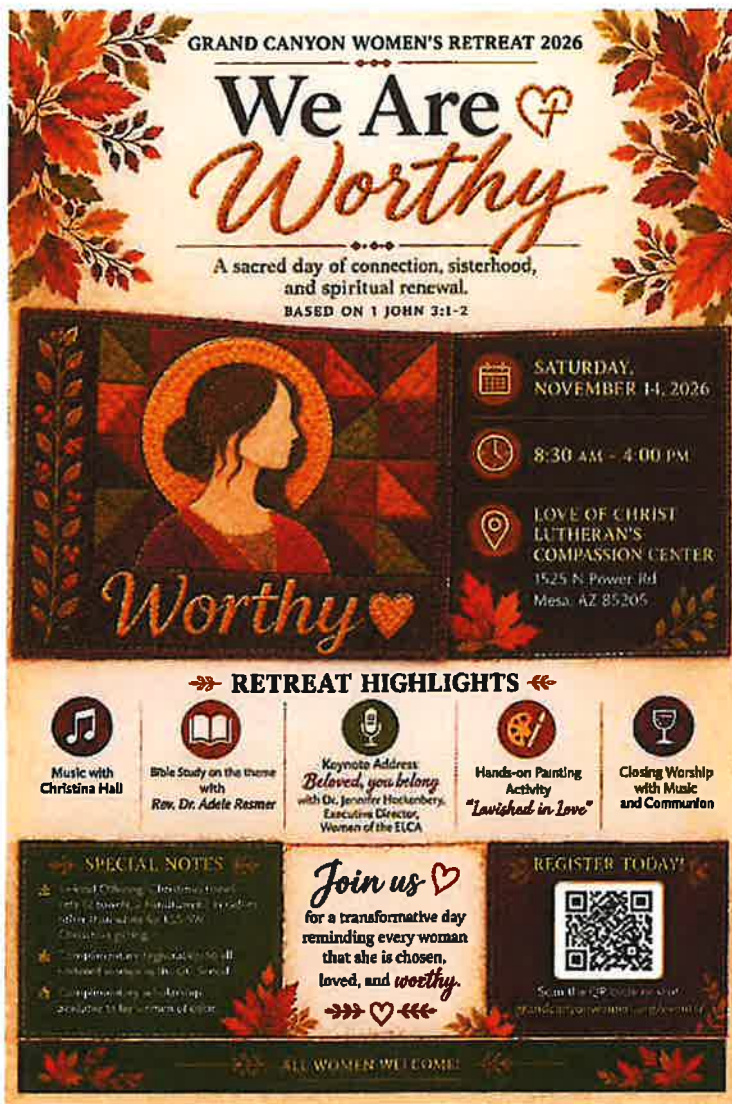
Sunday, October 25 (Following Service)

**If you enjoy good food, laughter and
the convivial company of friends...**

Please bring your favorite dish – a main, side or dessert – to share at a good old-fashioned Lutheran Potluck in celebration of Reformation Day. Coffee & tea will be served, and you may bring a beverage of your choice – soft drink, beer or wine. Activities will be available for children.

Sign-up will be in the Narthex, beginning Sunday, September 27. For questions, please call Diane Klumpp at 406-224-0612 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.

All are welcome!



**GRAND CANYON WOMEN'S
RETREAT
SATURDAY, NOVEMBER
14th, 2026
LOVE OF CHRIST
LUTHERAN, MESA AZ
8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM**

- ☐ **Music with Christina Hall**
- ☐ **Bible Study on 1 John 3:1-2
with Rev. Dr. Adele Resmer**
- ☐ **Keynote: "Beloved, you
belong" with Dr. Jennifer
Hockenbery, Executive Director,
Women of the ELCA**
- ☐ **Hands-on painting activity
"Lavished in Love"**
- ☐ **Closing Worship with music
and communion**

Join us for a transformative day reminding every woman she is chosen, loved, and worthy! Bring a friend! You don't need to be Lutheran! Registration forms in the church entryway. You can give your registration and payment to Joan Sprinkle vs. mailing it. Questions? See Myrna Ulland. For more information visit www.grandcanyonwomen.org/events/



REGISTER NOW

Grand Canyon Growing In Faith Program Presents:

Guest Speaker: Shelley Bryan Wee,
Bishop of the Northwest Washington
Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran
Church in America

A DIFFERENT WAY: JESUS AND THE CALL BEYOND CHRISTIAN NATIONALISM - Hope, Courage and Community for such a time as this



November 14, 2026



9:30 AM – 3:00 PM



American Lutheran Church
Sun City, Arizona



In-person or virtual



Snacks and Lunch will be served.



\$25

for both online
and in person.

For administrative costs.



TO REGISTER:

www.diakonia.education > Menu >
Classes/Events > Upcoming Events >
Click the Sign Up Button.



Living Water Lutheran Church Grief Support Group



Have you lost a loved one recently or are you still grieving from a former loss? Everyone is welcome.

Group Facilitator: Diane Klumpp

Pastoral Support: Pastor Shari Bernau

**This is an 8-week program on Wednesdays 1:00-2:30pm
running from September 30 – November 11**

Please call or email Pastor Shari Bernau to sign up,
and note that this group is capped at 8 people.

480-473-8400 - pastorshari@lwlcaz.org



Living Water Lutheran Church
9201 E Happy Valley Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85255
*Education Building

Malicious email alert from **Monday, September 21st**

Many received a suspicious Google email this week supposedly from Pastor Mark. We wanted to address this event and the proliferation of such spam:

First thing to do when you receive a questionable email is to look at the FROM address. Any emails from Living Water will have the extension '@lwlcaz.org' and never just a generic extension like @gmail.com. Also, please know that Living Water will never solicit personal information or requests for gift cards online. If you have any question about an email or text first verify that the sender address is legitimate. If it is spam, here are some steps to take:

You can report spam in Gmail by selecting the email and clicking the "Report spam" button, which moves it to the Spam folder and helps Gmail filter similar messages in the future:

Reporting Spam on Desktop

Open Gmail and log in to your account.

Select the email you want to report by checking the box next to it.

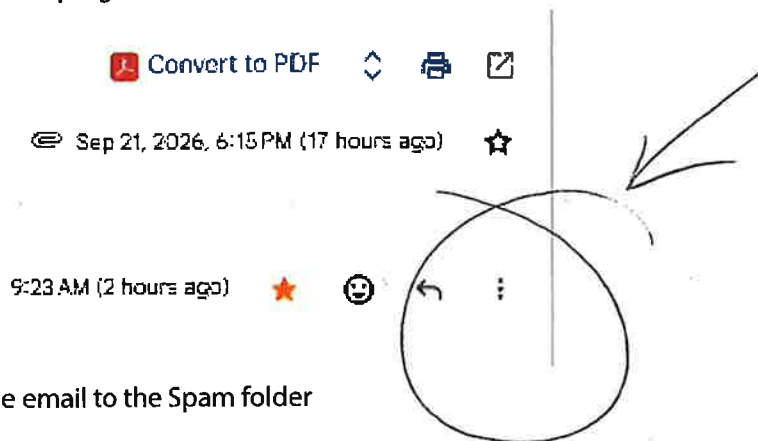
Click the "Report spam" button at the top of the email list. This will move the email to your Spam folder and notify Google to improve spam detection for similar messages

If you accidentally report a legitimate email, go to the Spam folder, select the email, and click "Not spam" to restore it to your inbox

Reporting Spam on Mobile (Gmail App)

Open the Gmail app and tap the email you want to report.

Tap the three-dot menu (...) in the top-right corner. (This will be a stacked, vertical, series of three dots)



Select "Report spam" to move the email to the Spam folder

Reporting Phishing or Scam Emails

For emails that attempt to steal personal information or contain malicious links:

Open the suspicious email.

Click the three-dot menu in the top-right corner.

Select "Report phishing". Gmail will analyze the email and take action to protect users

Reporting spam not only keeps your inbox clean but also helps Gmail improve its spam detection algorithms, protecting you and other users from phishing, malware, and other malicious emails

**note about check offerings:*

Please remember to write any checks out to:
Living Water Lutheran Church (in full).

Otherwise the bank will not accept them.



Interested in joining the Living Water church family?

If so, please rsvp with the front office or
signup on the clipboard in the Narthex for our next
New Members Orientation (and dinner)
on Saturday, October 10th from 4:00-6:00pm

Gathering Hymn... "God Is Here



1 God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer
2 Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of our life - long
3 Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's
4 Lord of all, of church and king - dom, in an age of



praise and prayer, may we find in full - er mea - sure
need of grace; here are ta - ble, font, and pul - pit;
flock and fold; here as bread and wine are tak - en,
change and doubt, keep us faith - ful to the gos - pel;



what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the
here the cross has cen - tral place. Here in hon - es -
Christ sus - tains us as of old. Here the ser - vants
help us work your pur - pose out. Here, in this day's



world a - round us, all our var - ied skills and arts
ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore
ded - i - ca - tion, all we have to give, re - ceive;



wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.
we, who can - not live with - out you, we a - dore you! We be - lieve!

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1903-2000

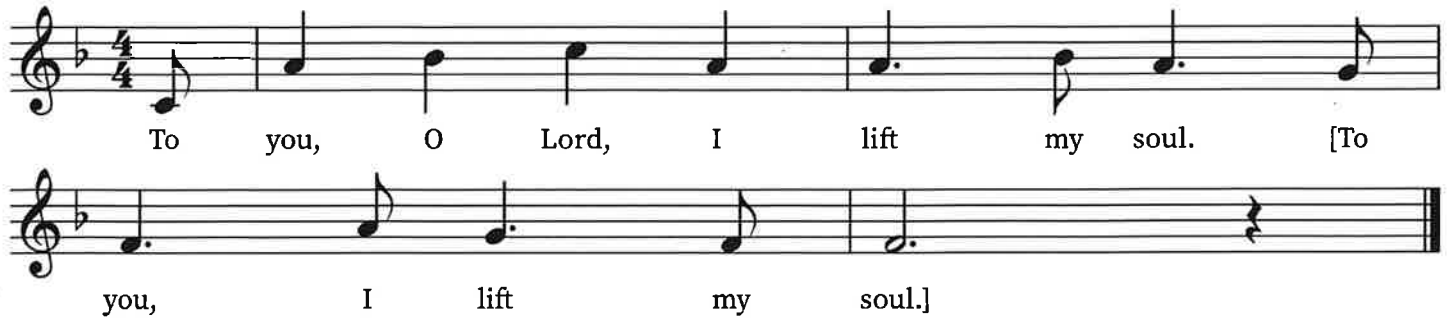
Music: ABBOT'S LEIGH, Cyril V. Taylor, 1907-1991

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Psalm 25 To You, Oh Lord, I Lift My Soul

Refrain



4-5

Your ways, Oh Lord, make known to me; teach me your paths, Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my savior, and for you I wait all the day.

Refrain.

8-9

Good and upright is the Lord; thus he shows sinners the way. He guides the humble to justice, and teaches the humble his way.

Refrain.

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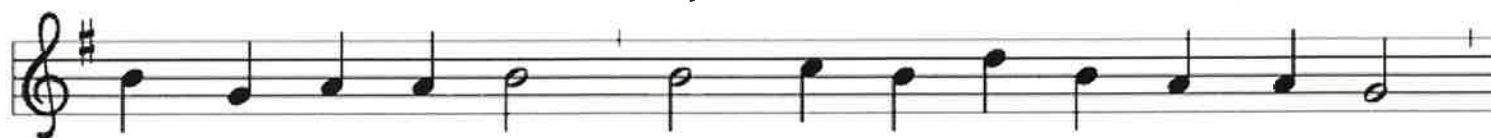
All the paths of the Lord are kindness and constancy toward those who keep his covenant and his decrees. The friendship of the Lord is with those who fear him, and his covenant, for their instruction.

Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "Lord, Keep Us Steadfast In Your Word"



1 Lord, keep us stead - fast in your word; curb those who
2 Lord Je - sus Christ, your pow'r make known, for you are
3 O Com - fort - er of price - less worth, send peace and



by de - ceit or sword would wrest the king - dom from your Son
Lord of lords a - lone; de - fend your ho - ly church, that we
u - ni - ty on earth; sup - port us in our fi - nal strife



and bring to naught all he has done.
may sing your praise e - ter - nal - ly.
and lead us out of death to life.

Text: Martin Luther, 1483-1546; tr. Catherine Winkworth, 1827-1878, alt.
Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

Sending Hymn ... "Thine, the Amen"



1 Thine the a - men thine the praise al - le - lu - ias an - gels raise
 2 Thine the life e - ter - nal - ly thine the prom - ise let there be
 5 Thine the glo - ry in the night no more dy - ing on - ly light



thine the ev - er - last - ing head thine the break - ing of the bread
 thine the vi - sion thine the tree all the earth on bend - ed knee
 thine the riv - er thine the tree then the Lamb e - ter - nal - ly



thine the glo - ry thine the sto - ry thine the har - vest then the cup
 gone the nail - ing gone the rail - ing gone the plead - ing gone the cry
 then the ho - ly ho - ly ho - ly cel - e - bra - tion ju - bi - lee



thine the vine - yard then the cup is lift - ed up lift - ed up.
 gone the sigh - ing gone the dy - ing what was loss lift - ed high.
 thine the splen - dor thine the bright - ness on - ly thee on - ly thee.

Text: Herbert F. Brokering, b. 1926

Music: THINE, Carl F. Schalk, b. 1929

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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.

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