CONNECTIONS

Living Water Lutheran Church

October 11, 2026



Galatians 6:9: "Let us not grow weary in doing good, for in due time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up."

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

Weekly CONNECTIONS Deadline—*Tuesdays at NOON*

We Remember in Our Prayers

- Joyce Bash—Health Concerns
- Sylvia Behler (Mother of Laurie Shabbick)—Hospice Care
- Jeff & Eric Bembry (Friends of Diane vanMaanen)—Health Concerns
- Cole Berry (Grandson of Pat and Janet Guthrie)—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
- Dimitri and Eileen (Friends of Frances DeBruyn)—Cancer
- Don Doench (Brother-in-law of Joan Sprinkle) – Health Concerns
- Angelika Dumpf (Wife of Brett Stone)—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)
- John (Friend of Lou Handley)—Health Concerns
- Tom Kelland—Health Concerns
- John Kelsh (Spouse of Jennifer Kelsh)—Health Concerns
- Lois Lucas—Health Concerns
- Matt (Jim and Alison Swanson)—Health Concerns
- Terry Nelson—Recovering from Hip Surgery
- 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
- Keith Runge (Friend of Pastor Mark)—Health Concerns
- Jim Samlaska (Father of Pastor Shari)—Health Concerns
- Dale Schoenbeck (David's Brother)—Health Concerns
- 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
- Andy Walker (Family Frend of Henri & Lynda Breault) —Health Concerns
- 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:

Lord of the feast, you have prepared a table before all peoples and poured out your life with abundance. Call us again to your banquet. Strengthen us by what is honorable, just, and pure, and transform us into a people of righteousness and peace, through 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**

NEW! Pray Ground

At Living Water Lutheran Church, we welcome children of all ages as integral members of the body of Christ!

And we are super excited to share that we have a new PRAY GROUND designed for children to experience and participate in worship in a different way from adults. Everyone is welcome to use it! We just ask that parents sit near the Pray Ground.

Some kids may prefer to sit in the seats, and that is just fine. We also have busy bags near the entrance, hanging from the bulletin board with the nametags. Please feel free to bring a busy bag to your seat.





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!

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)

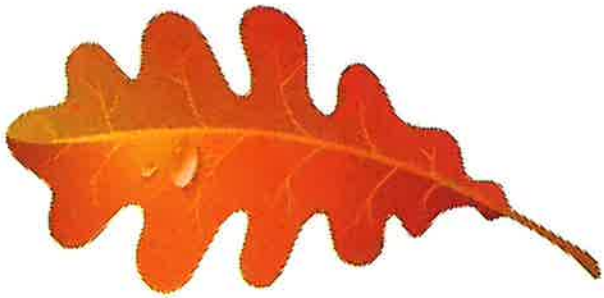




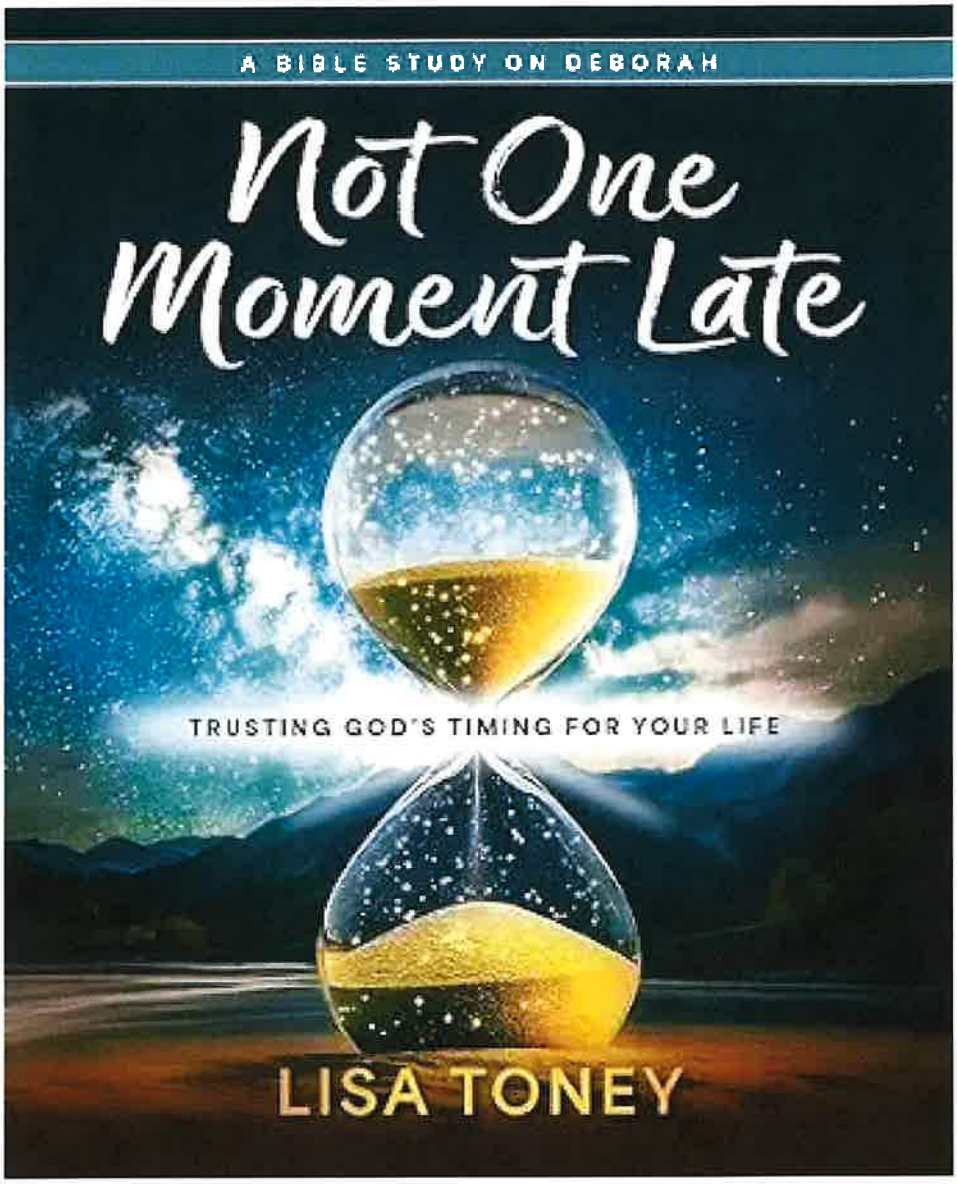
- **Sunday, October 18, 9:00am** – Moses Talks to God at a Burning Bush
- **Sunday, November 8, 9:00am** – God Spares the Israelites at Passover
- **Sunday, November 22, 9:00am**- ADVENT FAIR
- **Sunday, December 6, 9:00am** – Christmas Lesson



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.



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!



Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Quilt and Kit Blessing Sunday

Today we are blessing quilts made by our Piecemakers Quilting Ministry during the past year. We're also blessing Personal Care Kits that were contributed through generous donations from the congregation during the 2026 Lenten season. A Thrivent Action Team grant helped us purchase additional items for those personal care kits. Tuesday Women assembled the personal care kits in May. The quilts and kits will be delivered to a LWR Phoenix area "in-gathering" in Glendale later this week. From there, they'll be on their way to a LWR warehouse in the St. Paul, MN to be repackaged for shipment through LWR's U.S. and global connections. Eventually they will become tangible ways to express love to our neighbors in need.

Helping with shipping costs: You can help LWR get our quilts and kits shipped to their final destinations by making a donation in the envelopes pinned to quilts in the sanctuary. **Please do not remove the envelope from the quilt!** LWR estimates the cost to transport, process, store and deliver quilts and kits near and far is $4 per item. Anything you can donate to help these quilts and kits reach their destination is appreciated! If you're writing a check, please note in the memo line "LWR Shipping." You can also give directly through https://lwr.org/donate/shippingfund

Thank you to everyone at Living Water for supporting these two important ministries of Lutheran World Relief.



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/

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: October 21



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



Blood Drive

Living Water Lutheran Church

Fellowship Hall
9201 E Happy Valley Rd
Scottsdale, AZ 85255

Wednesday, November 4, 2026
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

For more information or to schedule an appointment,
please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767)
or visit www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code: LivingWater

Scan to be directed to RapidPass®

Come to give blood Oct. 19-Nov. 22 for a $10 Amazon Gift Card by email PLUS earn 200 bonus points toward exclusive Donor Rewards! See rcblood.org/Maze for details.

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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

$25
for both online
and in person.
For administrative costs.

Snacks and Lunch will be served.

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

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Select Ed Montessori School

Since council last updated the congregation in May, the Scottsdale Planning and Zoning Commission has approved a conditional use permit for the school to operate at Living Water. On any given day, 7-10 students are currently in attendance. Next, the Scottsdale City Council must approve. Once the Scottsdale City Council approves, Select Ed will obtain permits to modify the parking lot for the car line. Select Ed will also then publicize the school and formally enroll new students. Later this fall, we anticipate an open house where anyone interested can tour the classroom and learn more about the school.

**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.

AA Meetings at Living Water

Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

Closed meetings are for A.A. members only, or for those who have a drinking problem and have a desire to stop drinking.

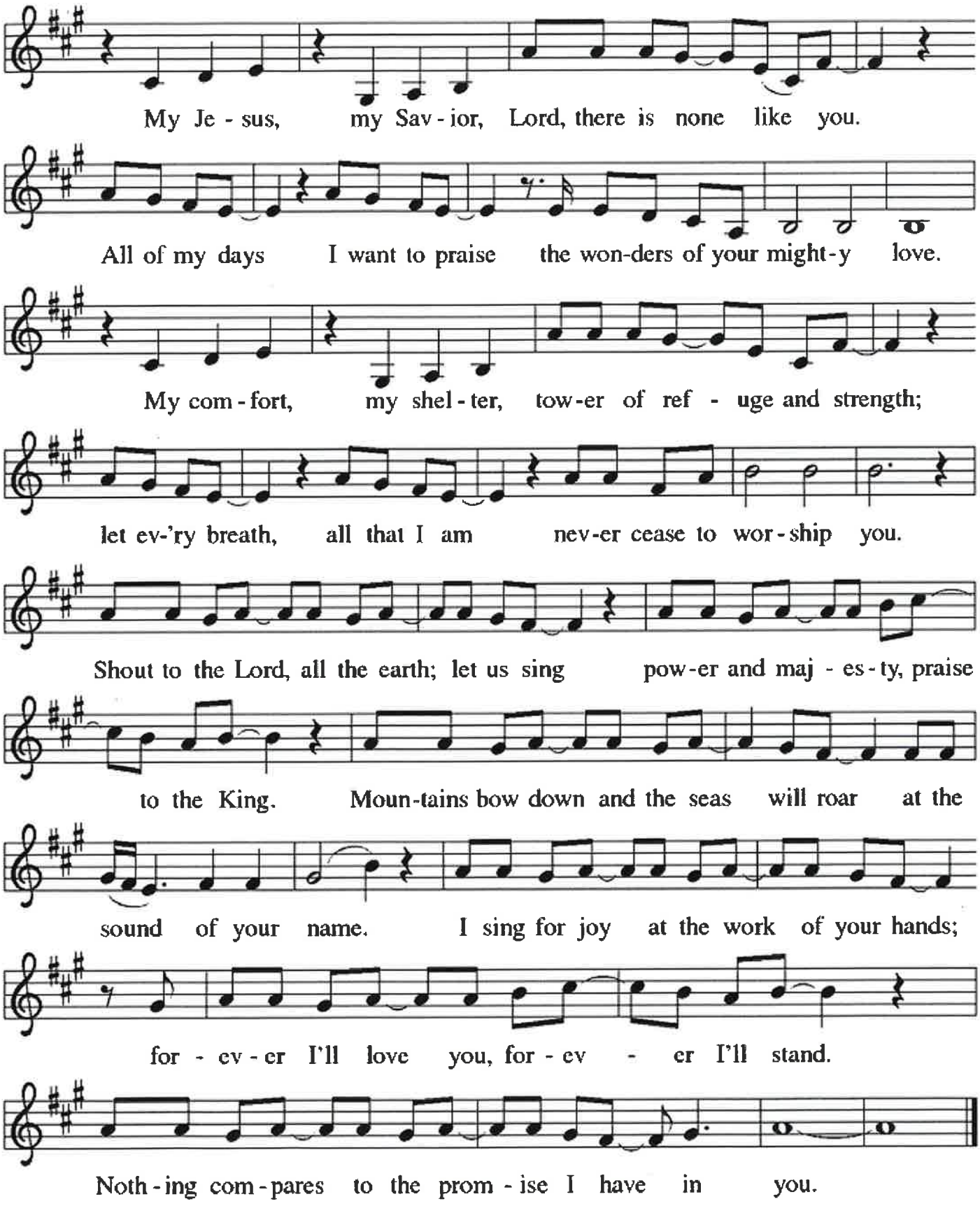
Whether open or closed, anonymity of the attendees is to be respected. No need to call before you attend but if you would like a contact, please call the AA 24 Hour Help Line 602-264-1341 or the church at (480) 473-8400.

- Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm Happy Valley East, Big Book Meeting, Matthew/Mark rooms, OPEN

- Wednesdays 6:30pm to 7:30pm Language of the Heart, Matthew/Mark rooms, CLOSED, men and women

- Saturdays 8:30am to 9:30am A Safe Place, Matthew/Mark rooms, CLOSED, women only

Gathering Hymn... "Shout to the Lord"



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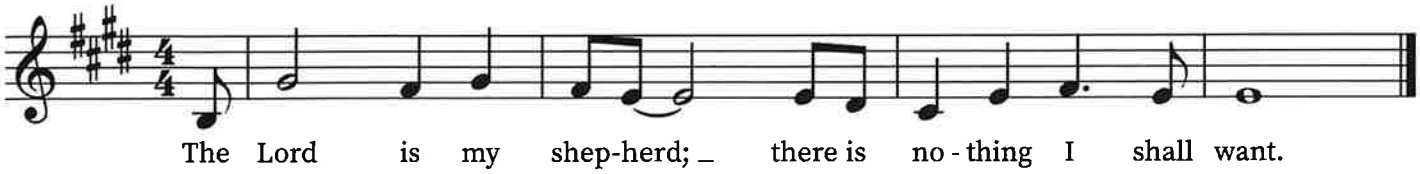
Psalm 23: The Lord Is My Shepherd

Refrain



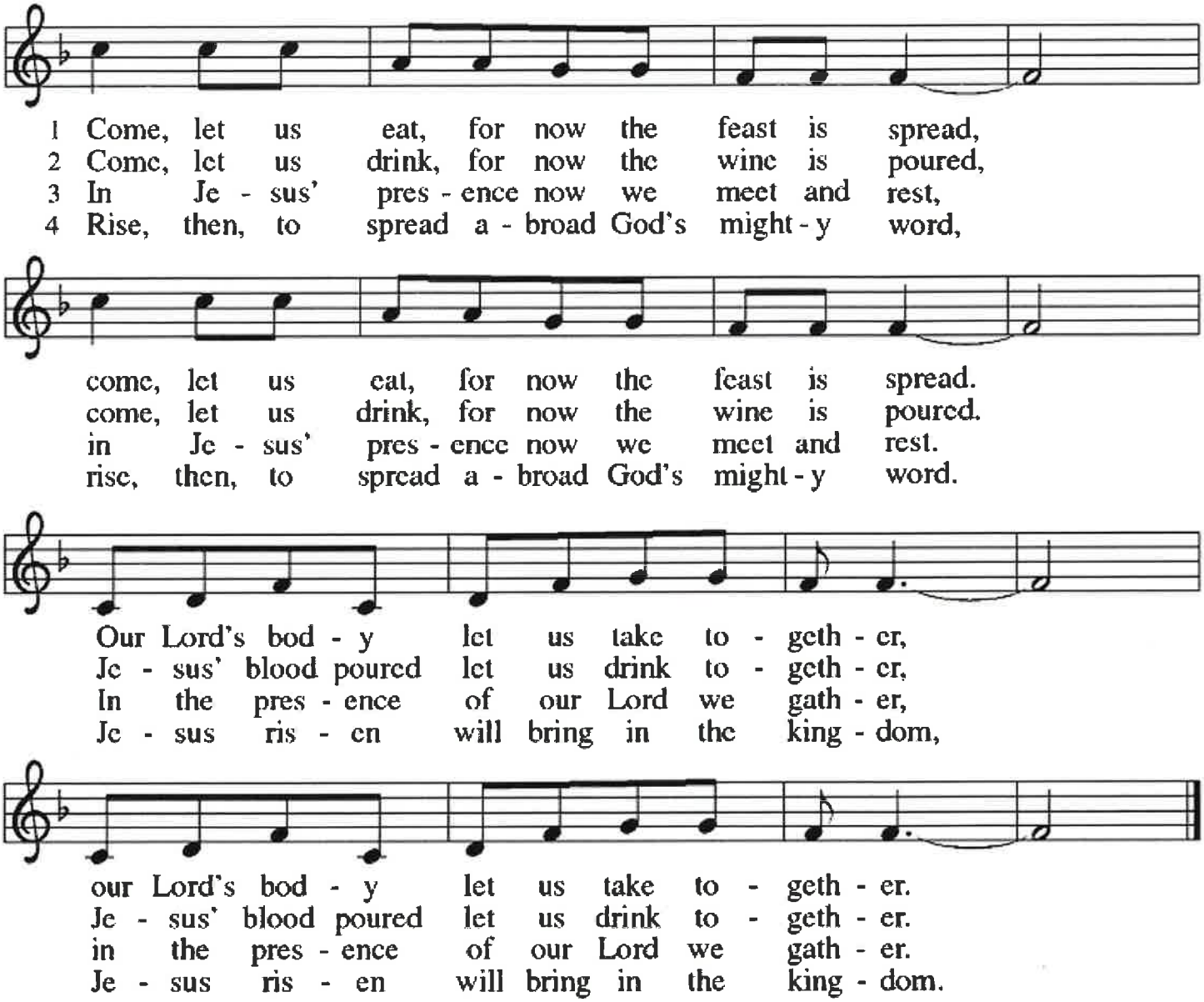
1-3a The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. In verdant pastures he give me repose; beside restful waters he leads me; he refreshes my soul.
Refrain.

3b-4 He guides me in right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk in the dark valley I fear no evil; you are at my side with your rod and your staff that give me courage.
Refrain.

5n You spread the table before me in the sight of my foes; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. *Refrain.*

6 Only goodness and kindness follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord for years to come.
Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "Come Let Us Eat"



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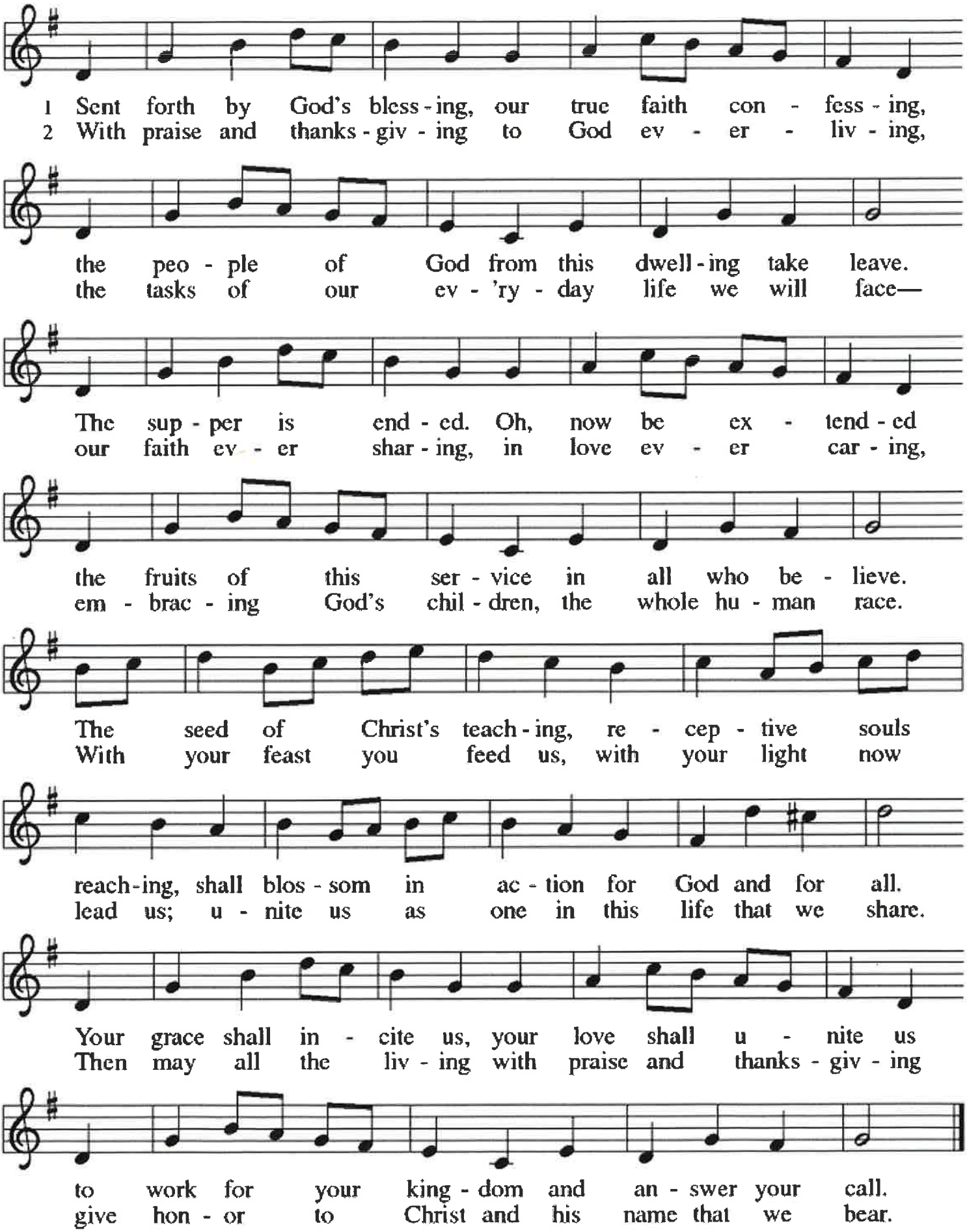
Sending Hymn ... "Sent Forth By God's Blessing"



LIVING WATER

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

The Living Water QR code for giving:

In case of Pastoral Emergency, please call Pastor Mark at 973-699-7777 (mobile)

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