CONNECTIONS

Living Water Lutheran Church

October 18, 2026



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:

Sovereign God, raise your throne in our hearts. Created by you, let us live in your image; created for you, let us act for your glory; redeemed by you, let us give you what is yours, 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**

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)

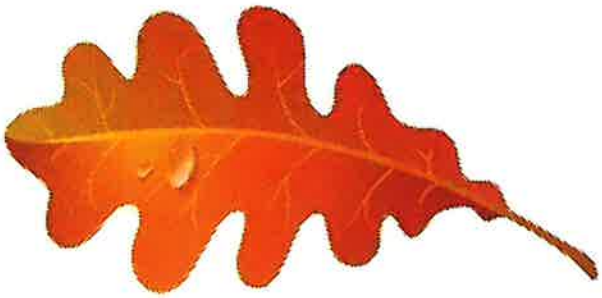




- **Sunday, October 18, 9:00am** – Moses Talks to God at a Burning Bush
- **Sunday, November 8, 9:00am** – God Spares the Israelites at Passover
- **Sunday, November 22, 9:00am**- ADVENT FAIR
- **Sunday, December 6, 9:00am** – Christmas Lesson

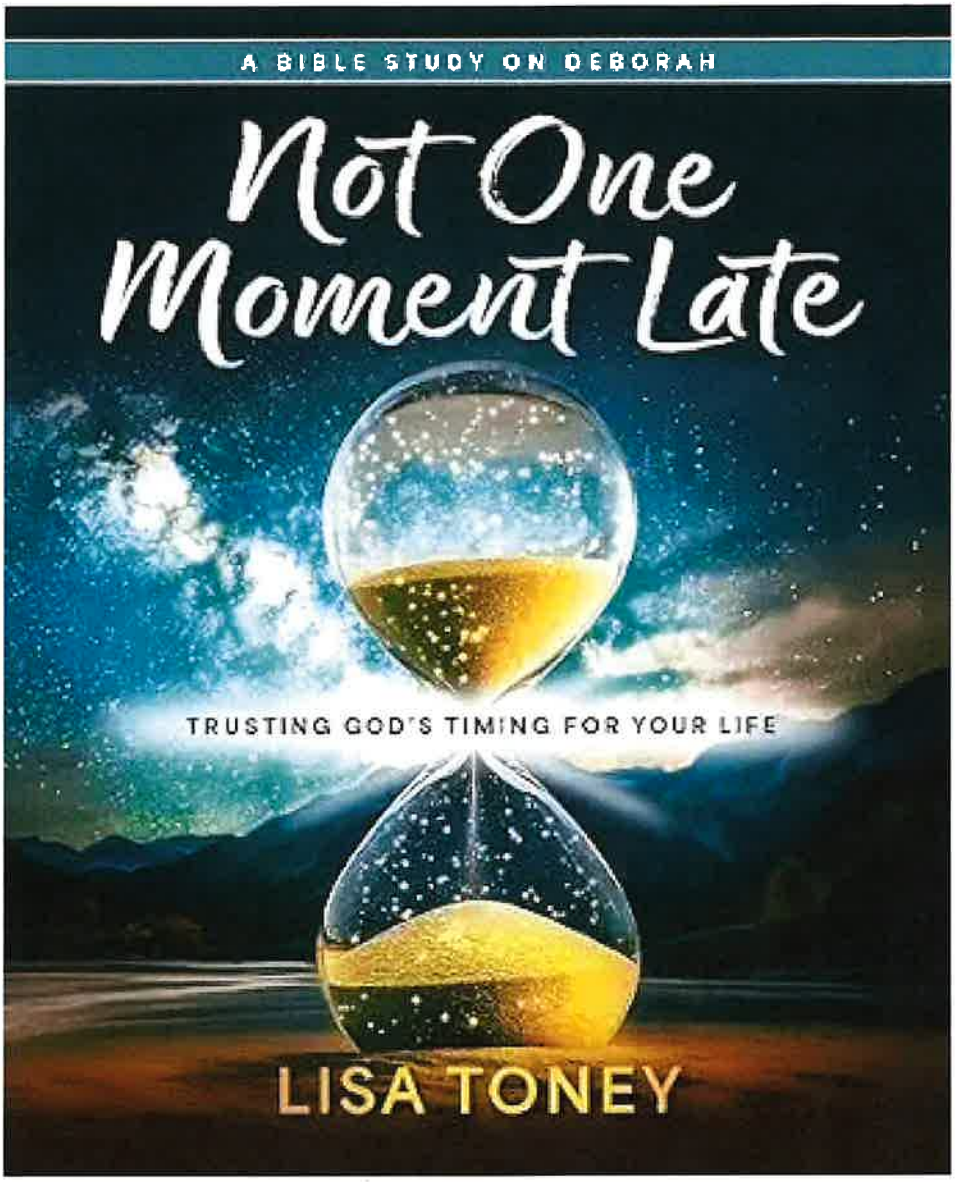


We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.



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!



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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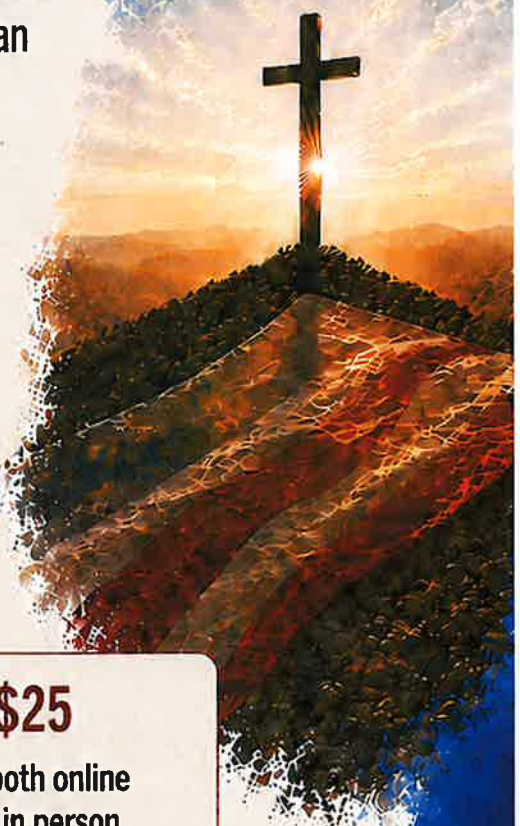
Grand Canyon Growing In Faith Program Presents:

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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Good Works With a Living Water Connection

For the past 2 years, Living Water has allowed the U. S. Golf Association to use our parking lot for volunteers working an event at Troon Golf Club. In addition to receiving charitable contributions, that relationship is now leading to additional good works in the Phoenix area. Living Water was asked by the Troon Women's Golf Club to suggest a charity for the club's Christmas luncheon toy and food drive. Nourish Phoenix, Living Water's Angel Tree partner, will receive toys and food from the estimated 80-90 women who will attend the luncheon. As an added benefit, Jay Lucas, Living Water's Angel Tree Coordinator, reports that this has enhanced our Angel Tree relationship with Nourish. Good news all round!

More good works will come about because of Select Ed's October service project to distribute "Boo Bags" filled with healthy snacks and water bottles to the homeless community in the greater Phoenix area. Select Ed is the Montessori school operating in Living Water's Education Building. The "Boo Bags" will be distributed by Robert and Andrea Heil, the homeless couple to whom we provide a safe place to park their vehicle on our parking lot. They have a ministry where they assist other homeless individuals.

These are just two examples of good works being done indirectly via Living Water. Something for us all to feel good about!

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.

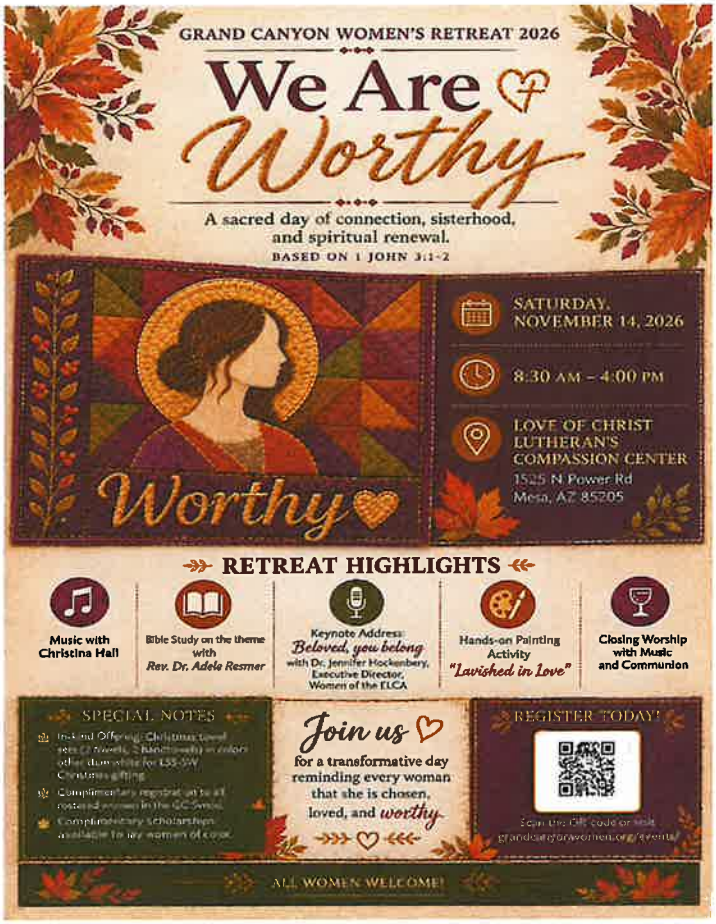
Some kids may prefer to sit in the seats, and that is just fine. We also have busy bags near the entrance, hanging from the bulletin board with the nametags. Please feel free to bring a busy bag to your seat.



**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.



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/



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 is in the Narthex. For questions, please call Diane Klumpp at 406-224-0612 or Linda Hoenig at 480-766-0816.

All are welcome!

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

THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

LIVING WATER'S ANNUAL DRIVE IN SUPPORT OF VISTA DEL CAMINO FOOD BANK AND THANKSGIVING MEAL PROGRAM IS UNDERWAY!

Our participation in the Vista del Camino Food Bank and Thanksgiving Meal program is one way we fight hunger on a local level. Vista del Camino serves members of the Scottsdale community who are families or seniors in need, are experiencing homelessness, or are otherwise in crisis.

With the rising cost of groceries, it is important to stretch each dollar we donate to the maximum. The Food Bank has access to bulk purchasing. As a result, our donation of cash gives them the ability to provide more people with Thanks-giving meal fixings than we could by ourselves.

To contribute, please write a check to Living Water Lutheran Church (note "Vista del Camino" in the memo line) and place the check in the offering plate. If you want to give cash, please mark your envelope clearly for Vista del Camino.

Please give your donation by Sunday, November 8, to provide time for Vista del Camino to have food packed up for Thanksgiving dinners.

Thank you for your generosity!



AA Meetings at Living Water

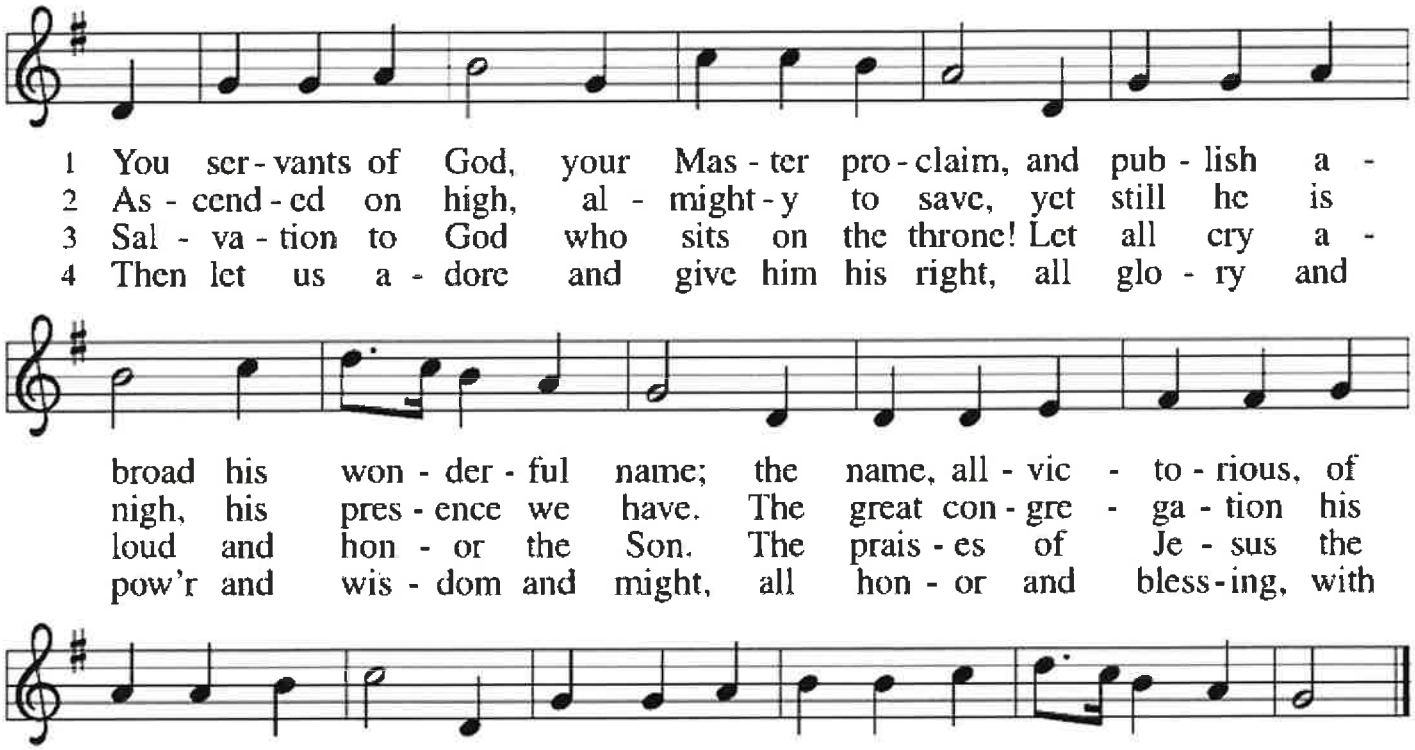
Open meetings are available to anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous' program of recovery from alcoholism. Nonalcoholics may attend open meetings as observers.

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... "You Servants Of God"



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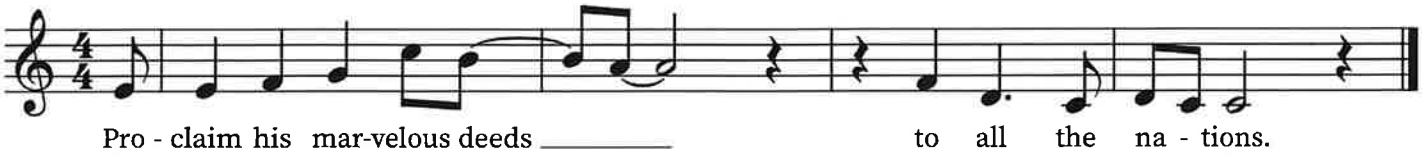
Music: LYONS, attr. Johann Michael Haydn, 1737–1806

Psalm 96-Proclaim His Marvelous Deeds To All The Nations

Refrain



1-2 Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all you lands. Sing to the Lord, bless his name.

2-3 Announce his salvation, day after day. Tell his glory among the nations; among all peoples, his wondrous deeds.

7-8 Give to the Lord, you families of nations, give to the Lord glory and praise; give to the Lord the glory due his name!

9-10 Worship the Lord in holy attire. Tremble before him, all the earth; Say among the nations: the Lord is king. He governs the peoples with equity.

Sermon Hymn... "We Give Thee But Thine Own"



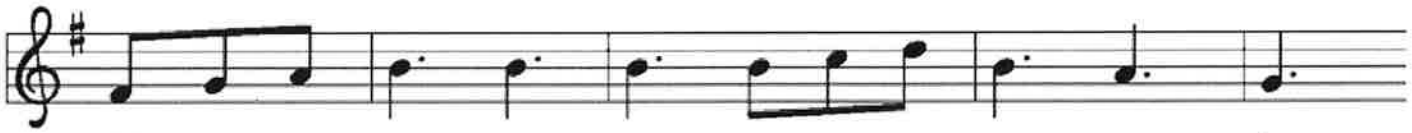
1 We give thee but thine own, what - e'er the gift may be;
2 May we thy boun - ties thus as stew - ards true re - ceive,
3 The cap - tive to re - lease, to God the lost to bring,
4 And we be - lieve thy word, though dim our faith may be:



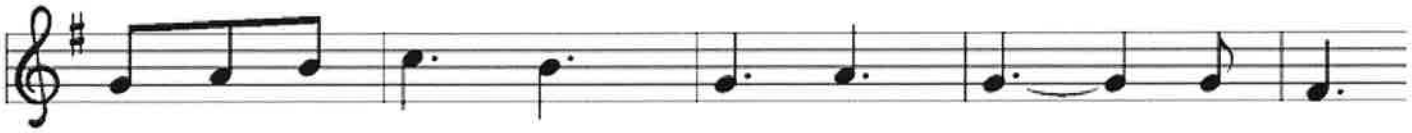
all that we have is thine a - lone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.
and glad - ly, as thou bless - est us, to thee our first - fruits give.
to teach the way of life and peace—it is a Christ - like thing.
what - e'er we do for thine, O Lord, we do it un - to thee.

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897, alt.
Music: HEATH, L. Mason and G. Webb, *Cantica Lauda*, 185

Sending Hymn ... "Lift Every Voice and Sing"



1 Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing till earth and heav - en ring,
2 Ston - y the road we trod, bit - ter the chas - t'ning rod,
3 God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent tears,



ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er - ty.
felt in the days when hope un - born had died;
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way;



Let our re - joic - ing rise high as the lis - t'ning skies,
yet with a stead - y beat, have not our wea - ry feet
thou who hast by thy might led us in - to the light,

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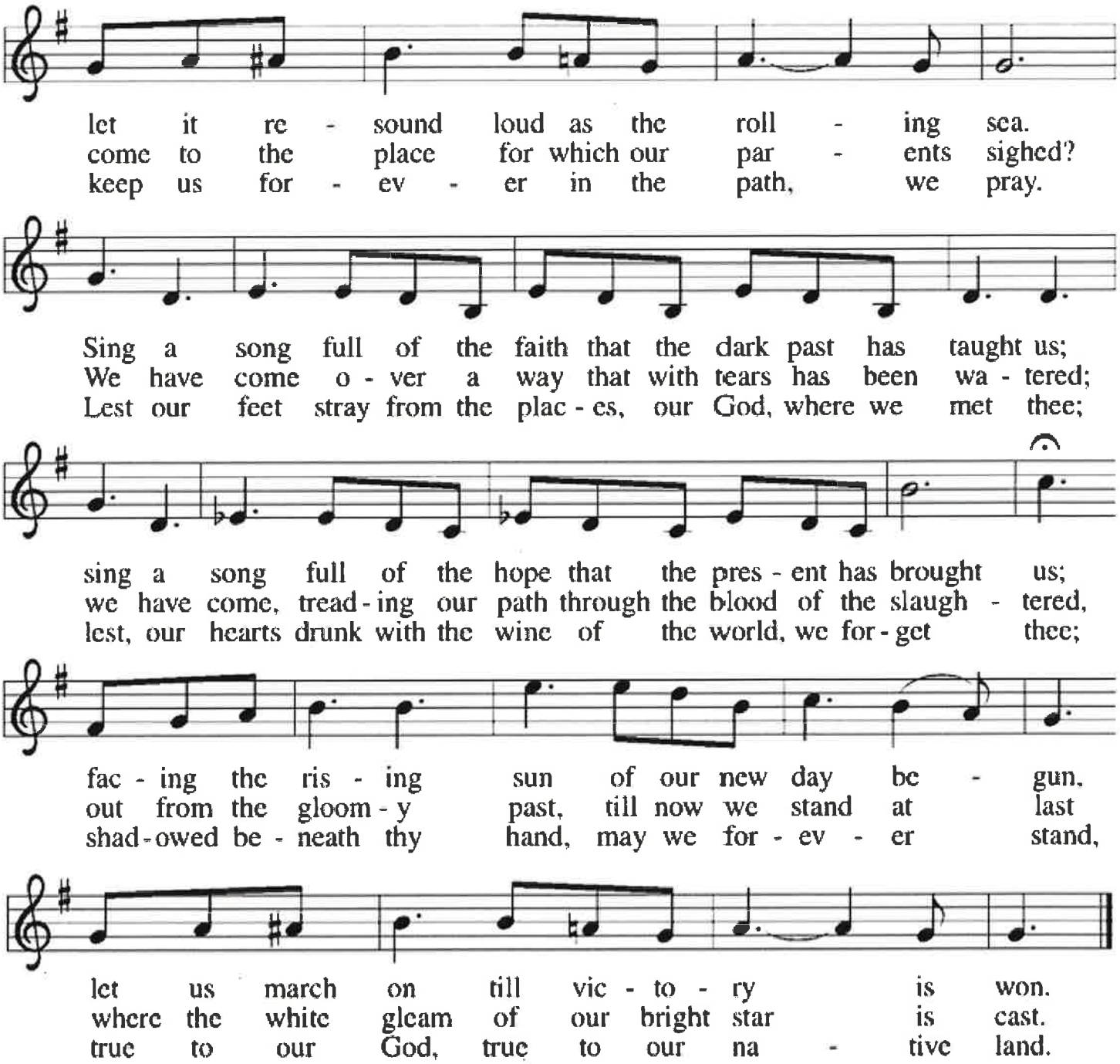

Text: James W. Johnson, 1871–1938
Music: LIFT EVERY VOICE AND SING, J. Rosamond Johnson, 1873–1954

LIVING WATER

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

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