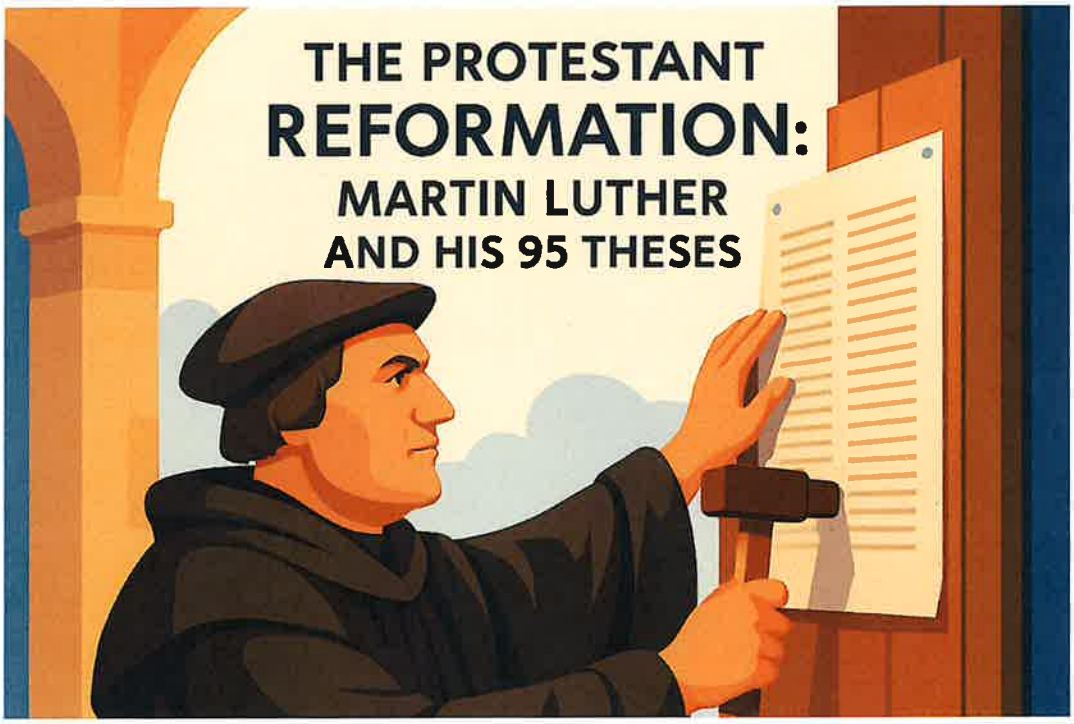
CONNECTIONS

Living Water Lutheran Church

October 25, 2026

Reformation Sunday



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:

O Lord God, you are the holy lawgiver, you are the salvation of your people. By your Spirit renew us in your covenant of love, and train us to care tenderly for all our neighbors, 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**



Reformation Potluck Luncheon

TODAY, 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.

All are welcome!



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.

Scan to schedule an appointment.

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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.





Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: November 4



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.

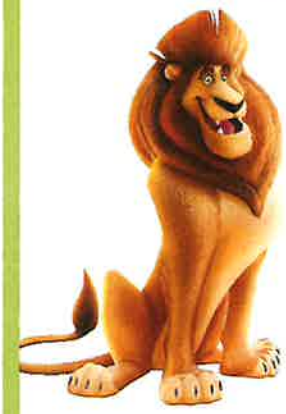
If you like to sew and are looking for some small projects, we always have quilt tops ready to be assembled. 12 to 16 pieces, using ½" seams. Assemble at your leisure! Ask Lynda Cales, Kay Bonar, Mary Nyberg, Cindy Ophaug or Myrna Ulland. You can also learn more about this ministry at www.lwr.org/quilts-and-kits

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, November 8, 9:00am** – God Spares the Israelites at Passover
- **Sunday, November 22, 9:00am**- ADVENT FAIR
- **Sunday, December 6, 9:00am** – Christmas Lesson

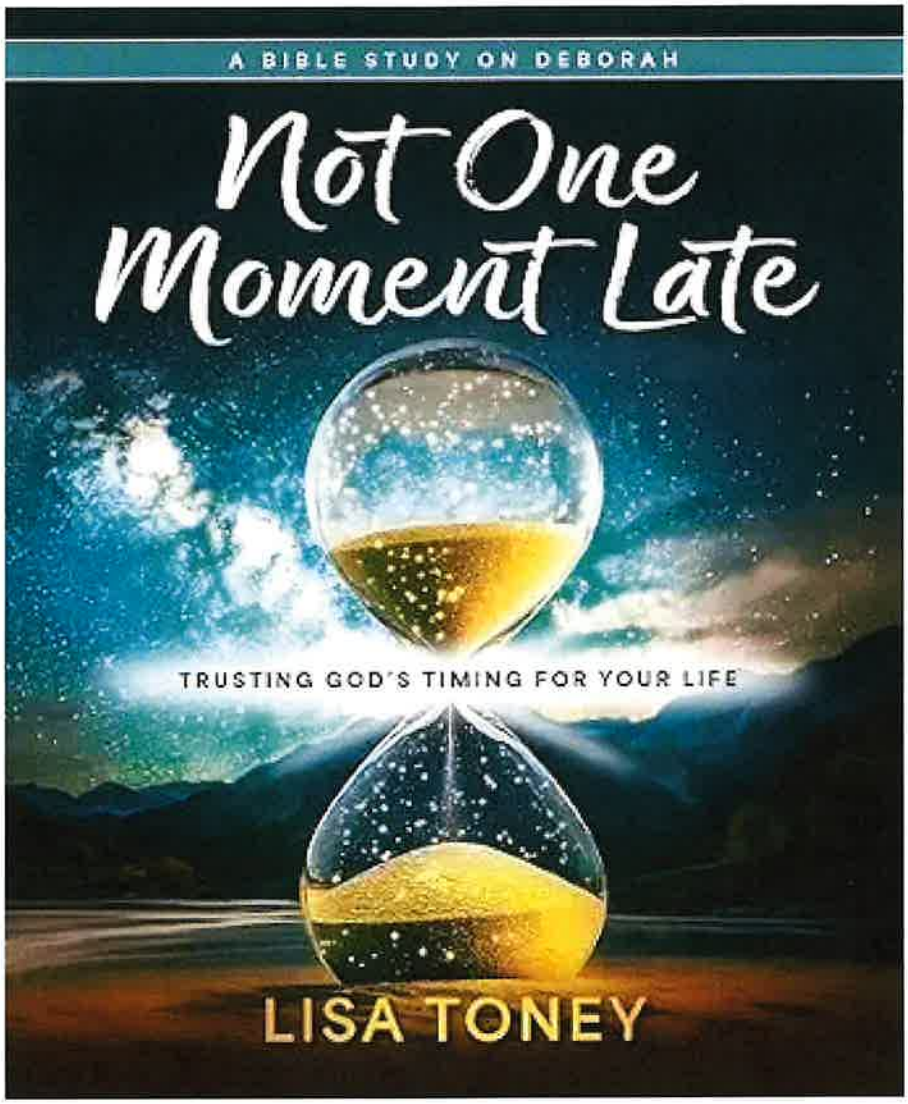


We will meet in the Matthew/Mark classrooms in the Education Building. All families with children ages two through sixth grade are welcome to participate.

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.

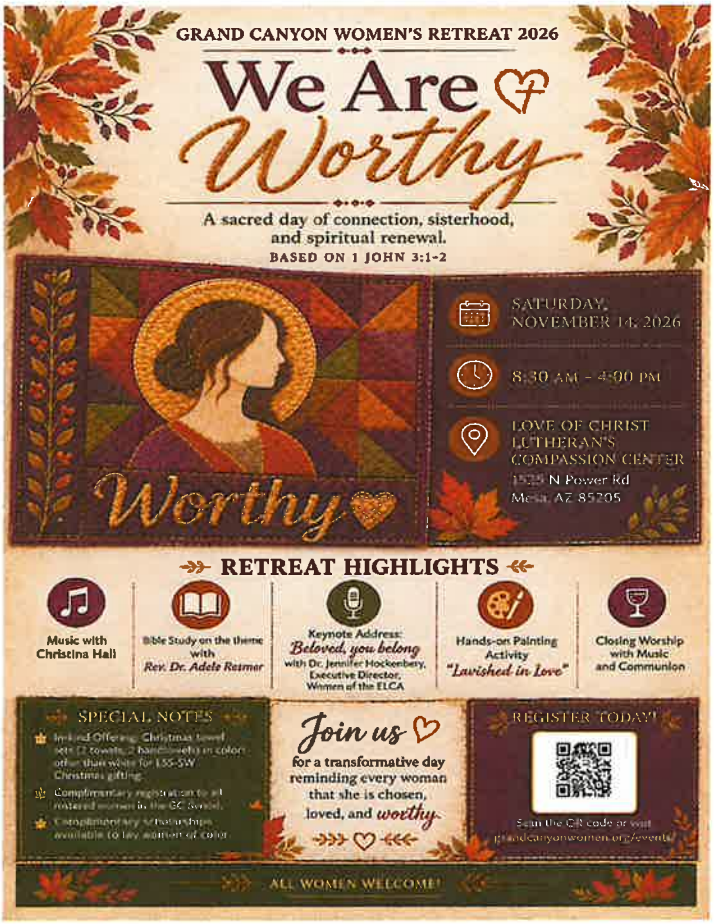
"Not One Moment Late"



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!

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!



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/

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!

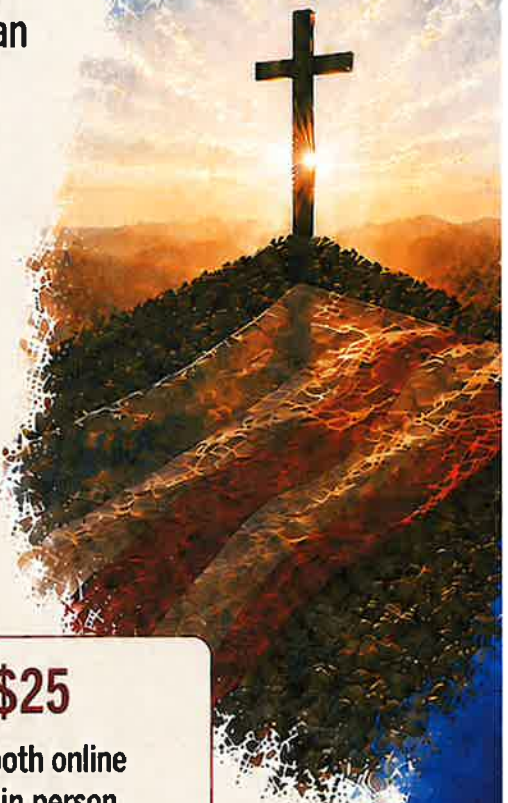
REGISTER NOW

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

$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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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

For anyone interested in Alcoholics Anonymous's program of recovery from alcoholism.

For all meeting times, anonymity of the attendees is to be respected. No need to call before you attend.

Feel free to contact the AA 24 Hour Help Line 602-264-1341 if you need immediate assistance.

AA Meeting times and contact info:

- Tuesdays 6:00pm to 7:00pm--Happy Valley East, Big Book Meeting
Matthew/Mark rooms, for anyone recovering from alcoholism. Observers are welcome too.
For more information call 208-866-8388

- Wednesdays 6:30pm to 7:30pm--Language of the Heart
Matthew/Mark rooms, for AA Members only or those currently combating a drinking problem, men and women
For more information call 408-440-8779

- Saturdays 8:30am to 9:30am--A Safe Place
Matthew/Mark rooms, for AA Members only or those currently combating a drinking problem, women only
For more information call 480-231-1125

note for check offerings:

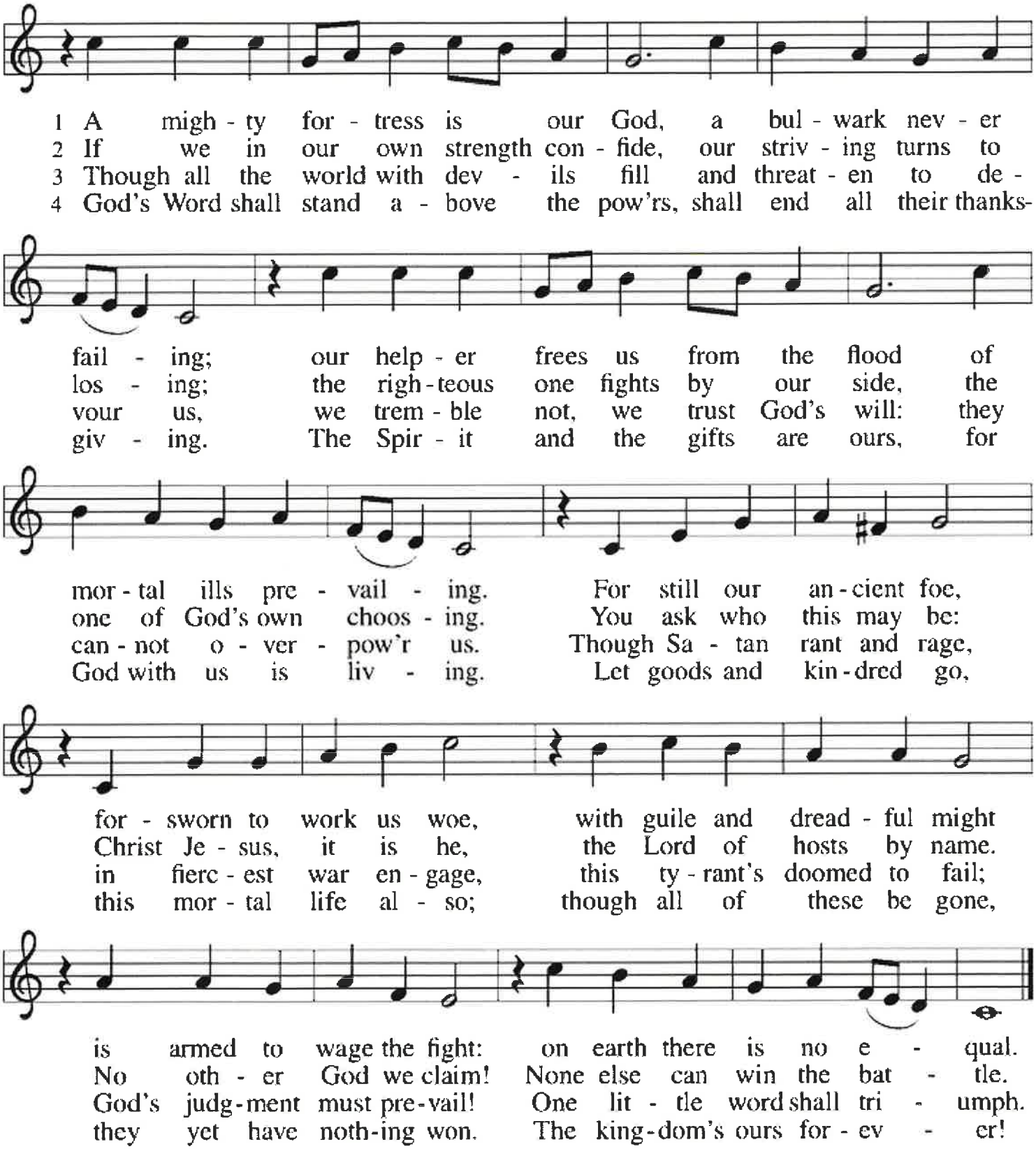
Please remember to write any checks out to:
Living Water Lutheran Church (in full).

Otherwise the bank will not accept them.

Thank you!



Gathering Hymn... "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"



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Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther, 1483–1546
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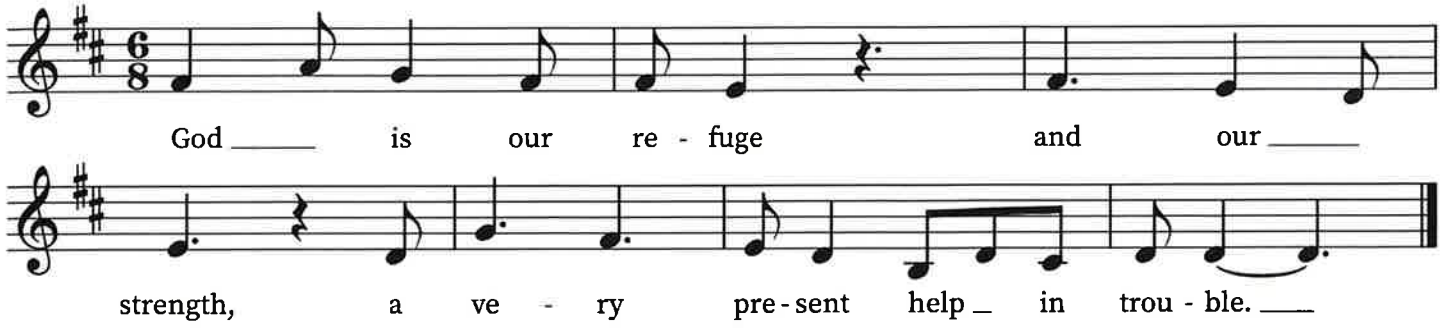
Psalm 46-God Is Our Refuge

Refrain

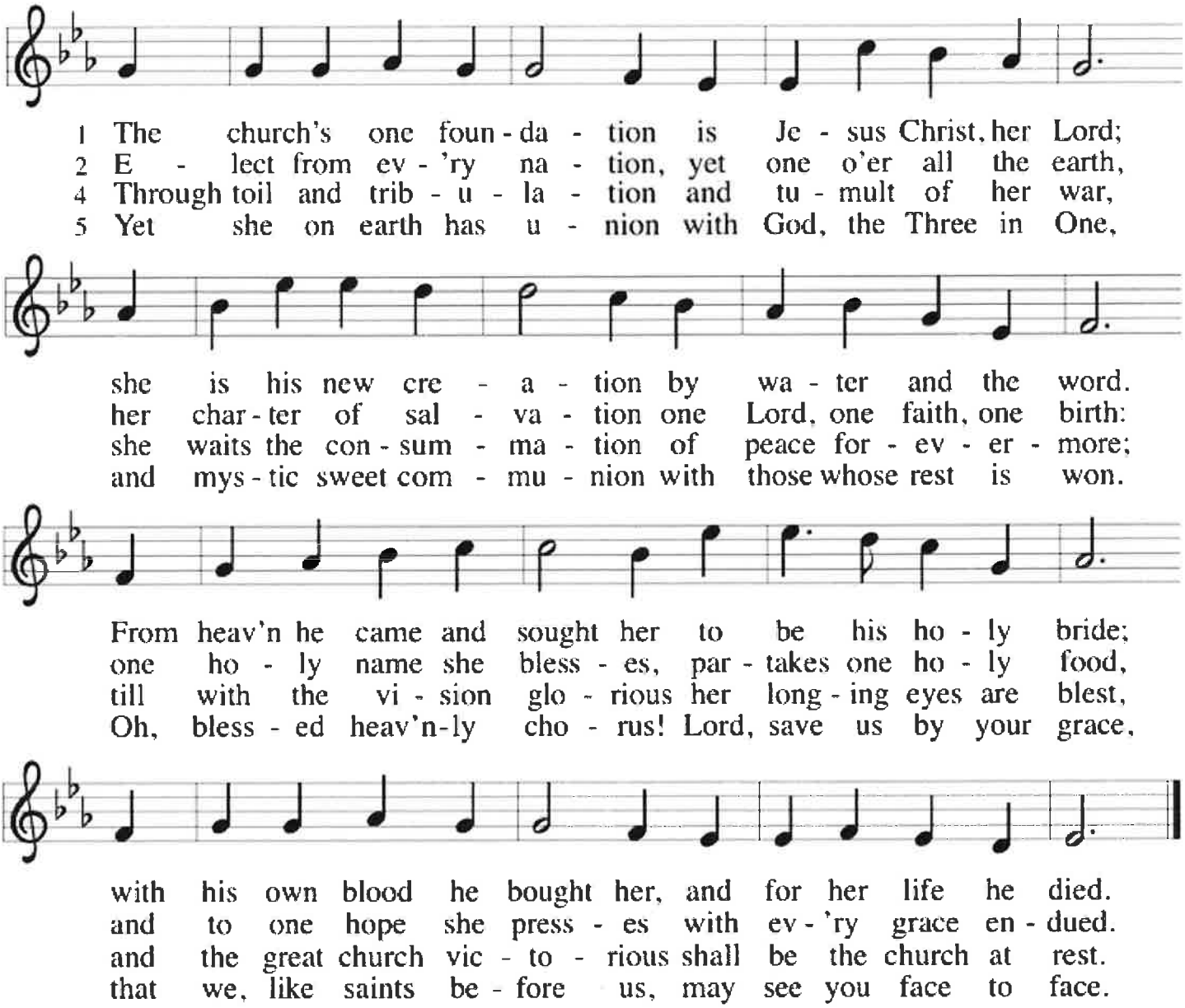


2-3 God is our refuge and our strength, a present help in time of trouble. Therefore, we fear not, though the earth be shaken and mountains plunge into the depths of the sea.
Refrain.

5-6 There is a stream whose runlets glad-den the city of God, the holy dwelling of the Most High. God is in its midst; it shall not be disturbed; God will help it at the break of dawn.
Refrain.

8-9 The LORD of hosts is with us; our stronghold is the God of Jacob. Come! behold the deeds of the LORD, the astounding things he has wrought on earth.
Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "The Church's One Foundation"



Text: Samuel J. Stone, 1839–1900
Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1810–1876

Sending Hymn... "Amazing Grace"

When shadows veiled the truth of grace,
And fear held hearts in thrall,
God raised a voice in Wittenberg
To sound the gospel call.

Martin Luther stood firm in faith,
well known throughout the land
He questioned wrongs and sought the truth,
By Scripture took his stand.

No indulgence could buy God's love,
No coin could cleanse our sin;
Christ paid the price upon the cross,
And welcomes sinners in.

By faith alone the just shall live,
Not trusting works we do;
God's promise, sealed in Christ the Lord,
Makes broken spirits new.

O grace alone, our hope and song,
God's gift so rich and free;
The Reformation's light still shines:
To Christ all glory be!

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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