CONNECTIONS

Living Water Lutheran Church

November 1, 2026

All Saints Sunday



ALL SAINTS DAY

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
- 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:

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.
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**



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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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!



Annual Advent Dinner

Saturday, December 5
5:00 to 7:30 PM
Spirit in the Desert
$40 per person*

Please join us in celebrating this Advent season in the scenic ambience of Spirit in the Desert (7415 E Elbow Bend Road, Carefree, AZ, 480-488-5218). Dinner will include wine, appetizer, entrée, sides and dessert. Soft drinks, tea and coffee will also be available.

* Note: Payment by check to: Living Water Lutheran Church, and write "Advent Dinner" in memo line. (By no later than November 22 please!)

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





HOW TO BE AN ANGEL

Hear Yea! Hear Yea! It's time. We hearken all to be angels and gift children who are receiving services from the inner-city charity, Nourish Phoenix. On Sundays November 15th, 22nd, and 29th, the Angel Tree will be in our church Narthex. The tree will be decorated with angels lovingly crafted for you. **Take an angel off the tree and keep it as our gift to you because you are an angel!** As an angel you then take as many child labels off the list as you want to give gifts to. Each child you chose will be given Christmas Joy. Also take a list of suggested toys or go to the Amazon website and choose toys. You can donate as many gifts as you want and you can duplicate gifts. Just don't exceed $50 per gift. Take a blue canvas bag to return you gifts in.

Next, purchase the gift or gifts you choose and bring them back **unwrapped** and place them under the Angel Tree. The deadline for bringing back your gift is **by November 29th**. You can buy the toys wherever you want. But if you want, here is a link you can use to see and order any of the Wishlist toys.
https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/1B9PG4RGXPBU9/ref=hz_ls_biz_ex

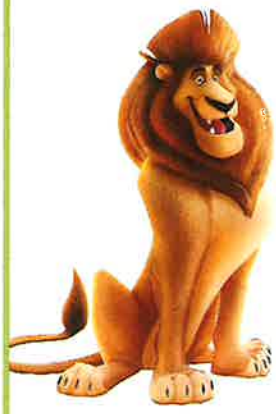
We will also provide Nourish with a bundle of 100 angels so they can give them out to their recipient families.

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)

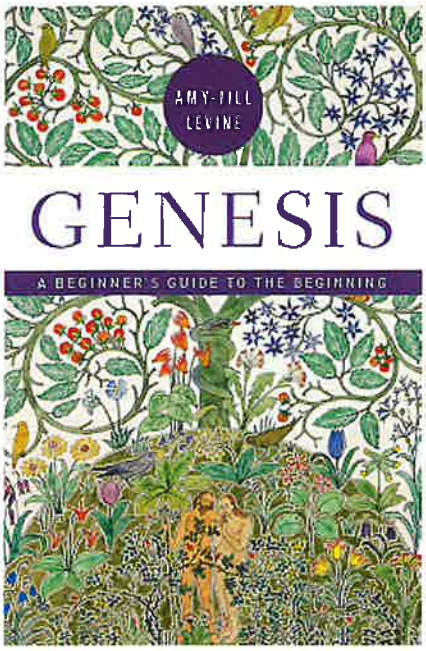




- **Sunday, November 8, 9:00am** – God Spares the Israelites at Passover
- **Sunday, November 22, 9:00am**- ADVENT FAIR
- **Sunday, December 6, 9:00am** – Christmas Lesson



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.

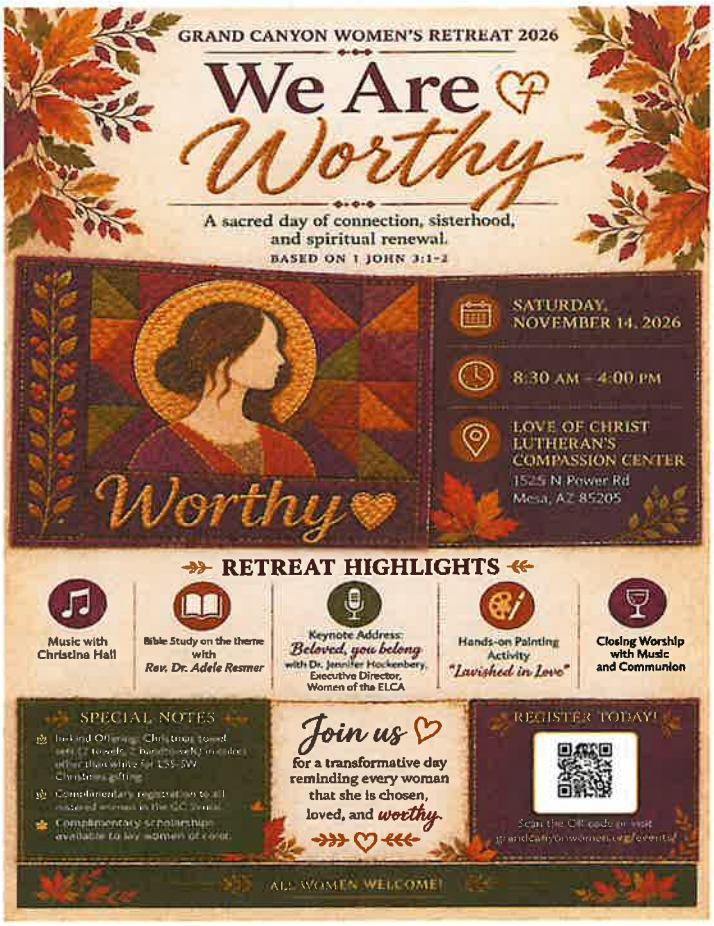


Tuesday Women's Bible Study for November and December

You're invited to join us for a brand new study on the book of **Genesis: A Beginner's Guide to the Beginning**, authored by Amy-Jill (AJ) Levine. Levine is the author of many beginners' guides to various biblical texts. She will guide us through interpretive strategies and understanding Hebrew words to make thoughtful scholarship accessible to everyday readers. Levine is a professor of New Testament and Jewish Studies and an internationally renowned teacher.

This study is guaranteed to generate lots of questions as we look at Adam and Eve, Cain and Abel, Noah, The Akedah (the near sacrifice of Isaac), Jacob's Dream at Bethel, and Joseph, Potiphar and Mrs. Potiphar. This will take us through the end of this calendar year. The book is highly recommended and there will be copies available on Tuesday until they're gone! $18 for the paperback. A Kindle version is also available.

10 am on Tuesday mornings in the Fellowship Hall or through a Zoom connection. Coffee and hot water for tea/hot chocolate are always available. We meet for approximately 90 minutes. No prior Bible study experience needed. If you're not already on our Tuesday Women's group email, contact myrna.ulland@gmail.com to be added.



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: 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

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!

2027 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
Milwaukee, Wisconsin





When: July 18-23, 2027

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

Cost: $400 + help with fundraisers

Deadline to register with $100 deposit: November 22

Our group will have the opportunity to serve alongside local organizations supporting the Milwaukee community. Community partners include food pantries, meal centers, local gardens, and intergenerational care centers—many of which are interconnected in efforts to reduce food insecurity throughout the city. During the trip, we will explore Milwaukee and spend time with community members to gain a deeper understanding of urban life. YouthWorks has partnered with this community since 1999.

If you have any questions, see Pastor Shari: pastorshari@lwlcaz.org

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

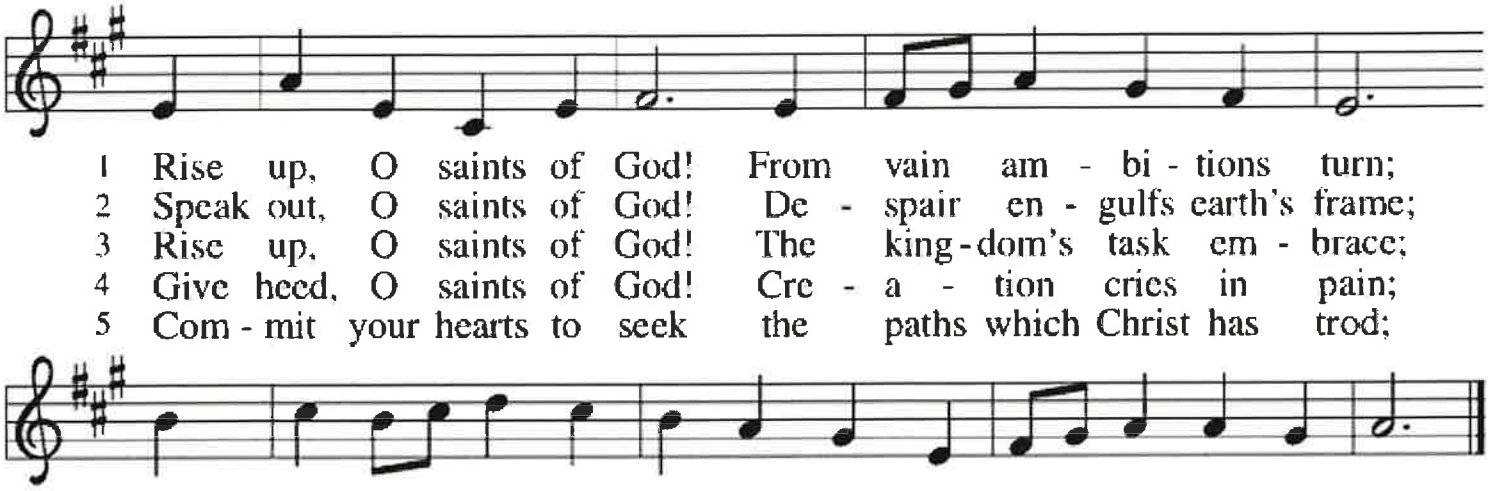
note for check offerings:

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... "Rise Up, Oh Saints of God"



1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulfs earth's frame;
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

Text: Norman O. Forness, b. 1936
Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825–1893
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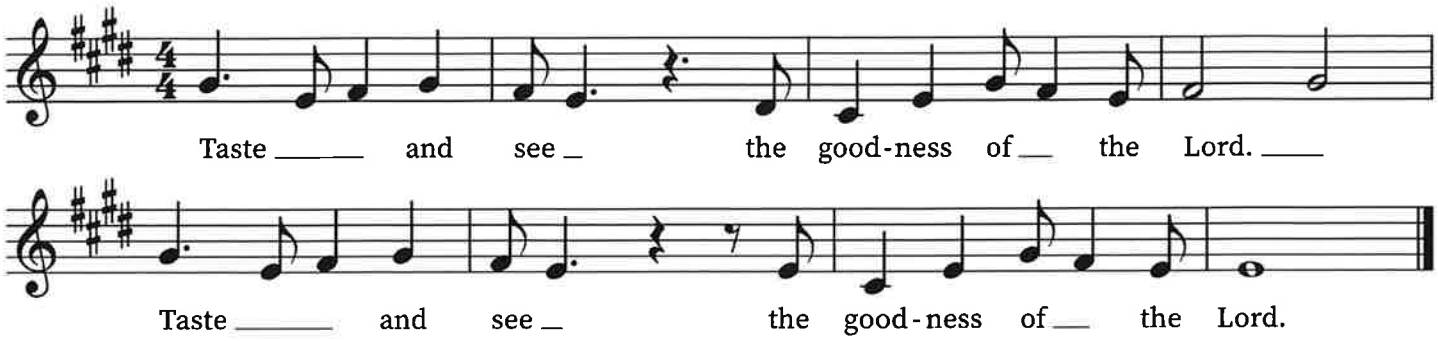
Psalm 34-Taste And See

Refrain

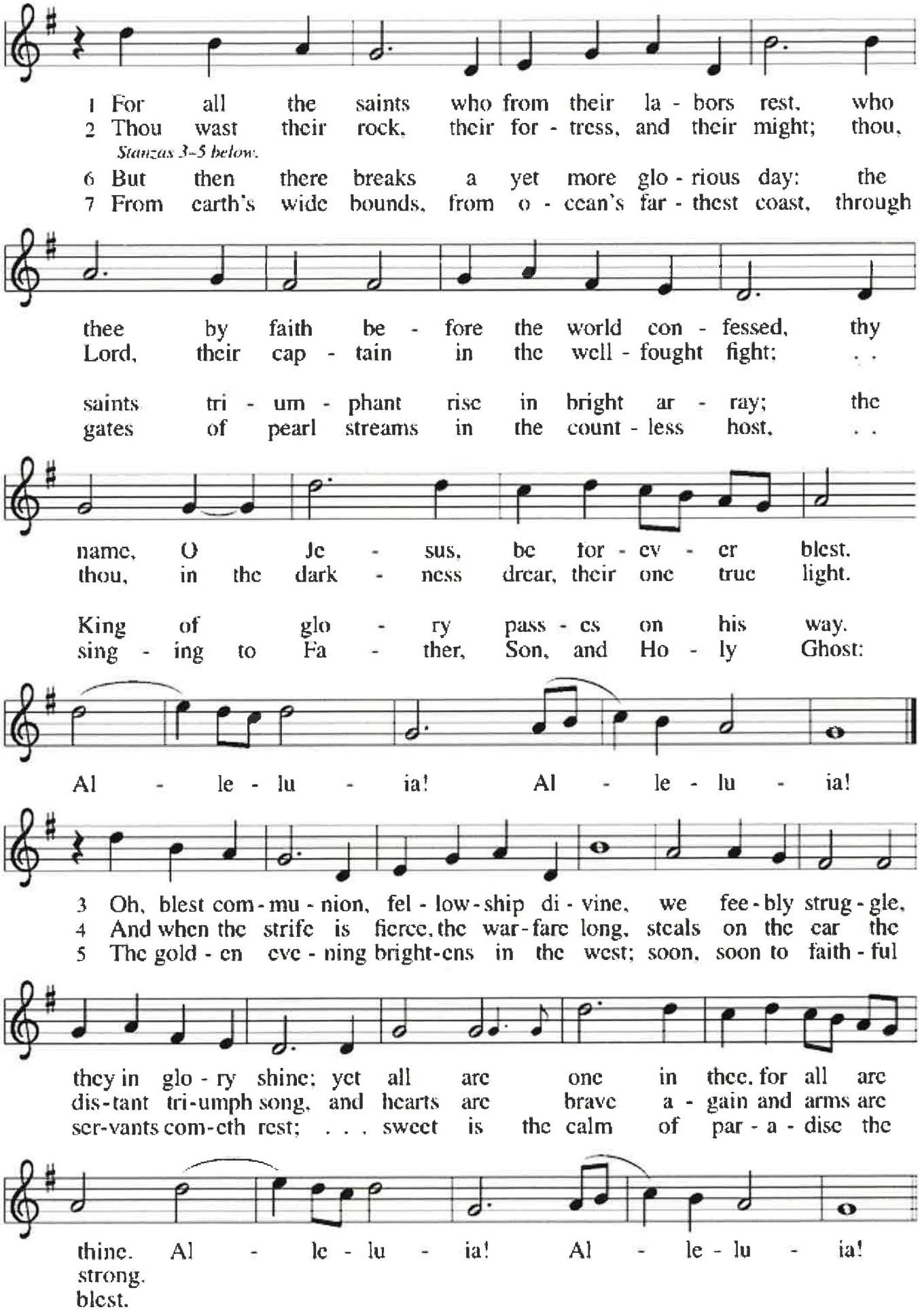


2-3 I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall be ever in my mouth. Let my soul glory in the Lord; the lowly will hear me and be glad.
Refrain.

4-5 Glorify the Lord with me, let us together extol his name. I sought the Lord, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.
Refrain.

6-7 Look to him that you may be radiant with joy, and your faces may not blush with shame. When the poor one called out, the Lord heard, and from all his distress he saved him.
Refrain.

Sermon Hymn... "For All The Saints"



Text: William W. How, 1823–1897
Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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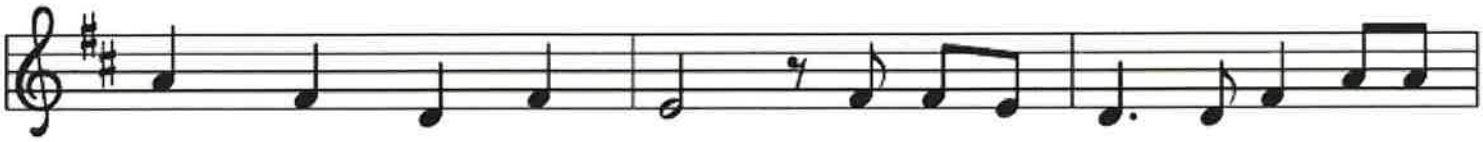
Sending Hymn... "Oh When The Saints Go Marching In"



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
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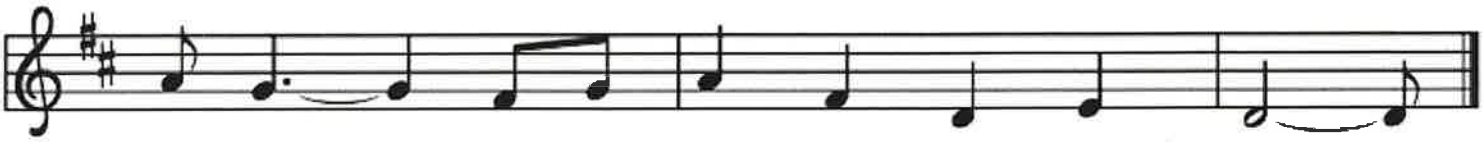

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Text: African American spiritual
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual

LIVING WATER

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

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