CONNECTIONS

Living Water Lutheran Church

November 22, 2026

Plan ahead to join us for:

Thanksgiving Worship on Tuesday November 24th at 5:00pm



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
- 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
- Prestyn Oglesby (David's grandson)—Air Force Deployment
- Gene and Shirley Perry—Health Concerns
- Roy Pester (Friend of Dave Oglesby)—Health Concerns
- Susan Quast—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
- Georgia Self (Frances DeBruyn's Sister)—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 Friend of Henri & Lynda Breault)—Health Concerns
- Kelly White (Niece of Sharon Westergreen)—Health Concerns
- Friends and Family of Sylvia Behler (Mom of Laurie Shabbick)

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 God of power and might, your Son shows us the way of service, and in him we inherit the riches of your grace. Give us the wisdom to know what is right and the strength to serve the world you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Men's Bible Breakfast

We meet on Thursdays at 8:00am

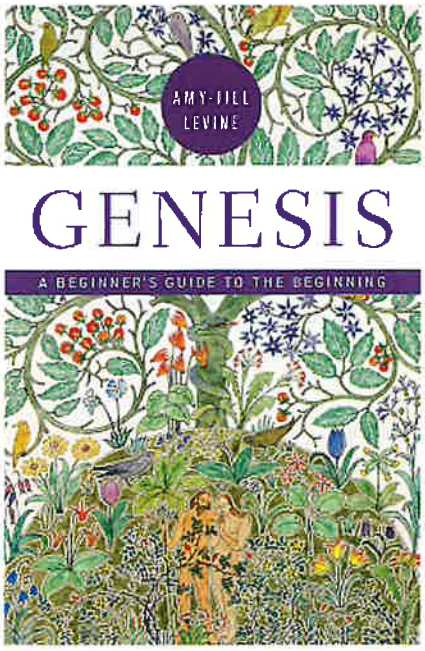
$8 for breakfast

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 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.

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!

Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: December 2



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

November Red Cross Blood Drive Results

On November 4th 28 people came to give blood. We are so grateful to everyone who wants to donate. If you have ever needed blood, even in a non-emergency situation, you understand the importance of this service.

25 units of blood were gathered, exceeding our goal by one. There were four first-time donors. Most of our donors come from the community surrounding Living Water. This is a good way for them to get a look at Living Water.

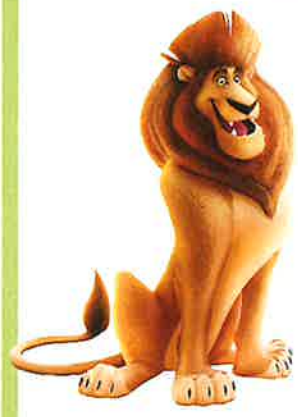
Our next blood drive will be Wednesday, February 24th.

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 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.

Alcoholics Anonymous Meetings
Mathew/Mark Rooms

- Tuesday 6:00pm to 7:00pm Anyone may attend, more info call 208-866-838
- Wednesday 6:30pm to 7:30pm AA members only or those who have a desire to stop drinking, more info call 408-440-8779
- Saturday 8:30am to 9:30am AA Women only or those women who have a desire to stop drinking, more info call 425-231-1125



November 22 is Women of the ELCA's "Thankoffering" Sunday

Women of the ELCA (WELCA) is the women's ministry organization of the ELCA and here at Living Water Lutheran Church, we have an active WELCA community. At the churchwide level, Women of the ELCA is separately incorporated and is not an auxiliary of the church. It is financially independent and gets no money from the ELCA. All financial support comes from individual and group offerings and gifts.

So why do we have an annual Thankoffering Sunday? The Thankoffering is a tradition dating back to the 1800s, when Christian women formed "mite" or "cent" societies to support local and international missions. Each woman collected offerings at home until the community of women gathered with thanks and praise to combine their offerings and offer them up to mission. When Women of the ELCA formed nearly 40 years ago, we committed to continue this tradition of giving in gratitude for blessings. Each year, in thousands of congregations like ours, Thankofferings are collected to support the life-changing and inspirational ministries of the churchwide Women of the ELCA.

Your Thankoffering on November 22 will support Women of the ELCA ministries that reach thousands of communities. Thankofferings provide for justice programs, support advocacy for the health and safety of women, support a publishing ministry that reaches more than 70,000 women through *Gather* magazine and Bible study, the free Bold Café e-magazine, and create free downloadable resources in English and Spanish that bring Lutheran theology to topics that support our spiritual journey. Together with Lutheran women who gather in over 7,000 locations in the U.S. and the Caribbean, our Thankoffering will assist Women of the ELCA in carrying out our mission to mobilize women to act boldly on our faith in Jesus Christ.

A special offering envelope will be in the bulletin on November 22. If you're writing a check, make it payable to Living Water Lutheran Church. Thankofferings of any amount are encouraged and they can come from anyone! Together, we can do more than we could ever do apart.

With appreciation,

Myrna Wells-Ulland
Immediate Past President
Churchwide Women of the ELCA

VISTA DEL CAMINO THANKSGIVING FOOD DRIVE

A big thank you to Living Water for helping Vista Del Camino purchase Thanksgiving meals for families in Scottsdale. In just three weeks you donated $3,065 that will provide turkeys and fixings (including leftovers!) to more than 30 families.

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.

Tamales!!

Last year, Doris Yock graciously agreed to take over Living Water's participation in La Sagrada Familia's tamale fundraiser by organizing orders and supervising the December delivery to the congregation.

This year, Doris would like to work with a partner who, potentially, will take over the tamale ordering and delivery for 2027. The responsibilities include announcing the sale in the November Connections and Splash, taking orders on two Sundays in early December, picking up the tamales at La Sagrada Familia, and distributing them to members of Living Water on the Sunday before Christmas.

Please contact Doris directly, if you are interested in working with her on this very popular time-limited fundraiser that provides Living Water's congregation with a delicious addition to holiday meals.

Doris Yock
612-805-2561
Doris.Yock@aol.com



This week's altar bouquet was donated by
Frances DeBruyn

Thankful for my Living Water family!

2027 YOUTH MISSION TRIP
Milwaukee, Wisconsin





When: July 18-23, 2027

Who: Youth in grades 6-12

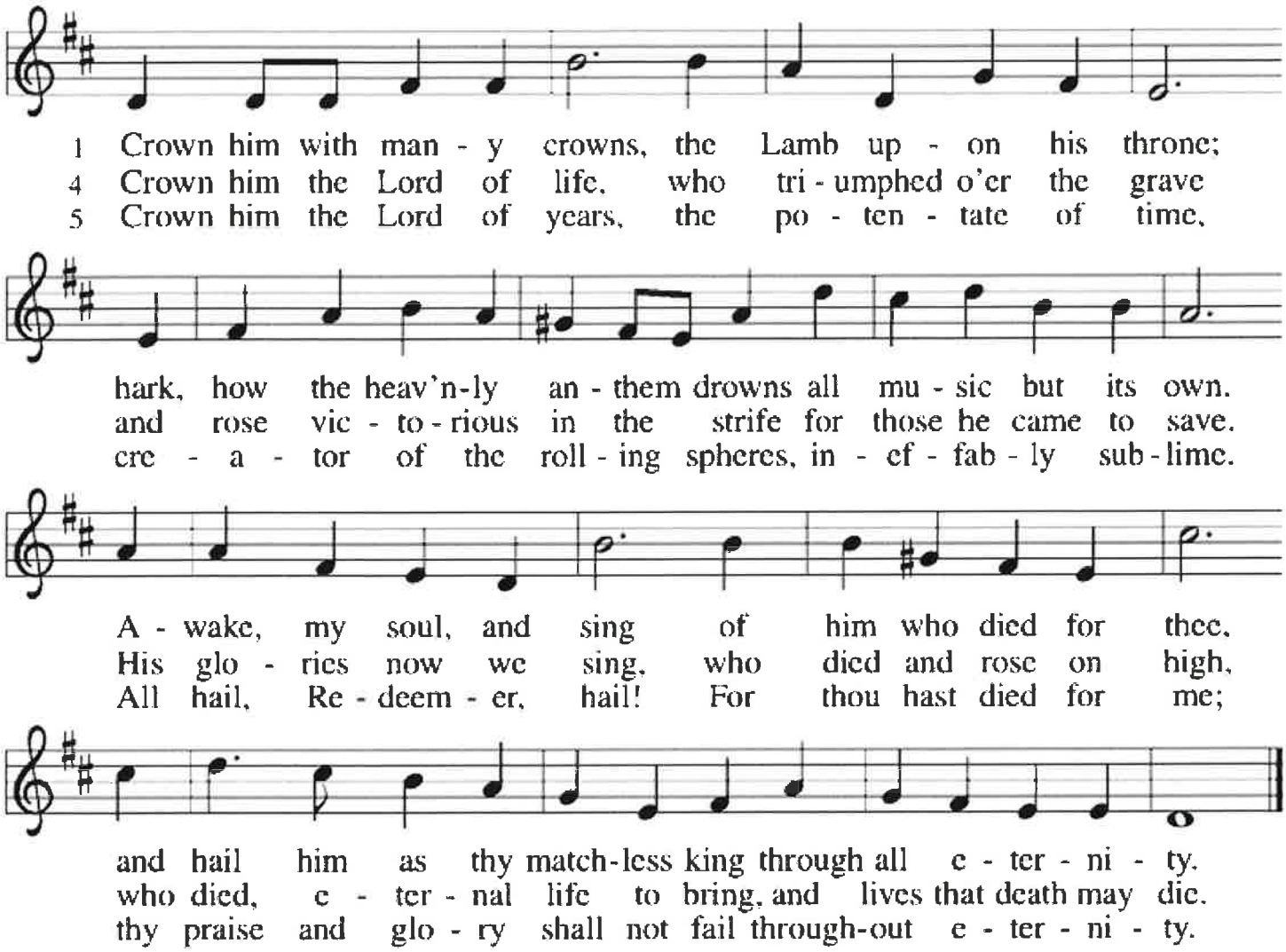
Cost: $400 + help with fundraisers

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

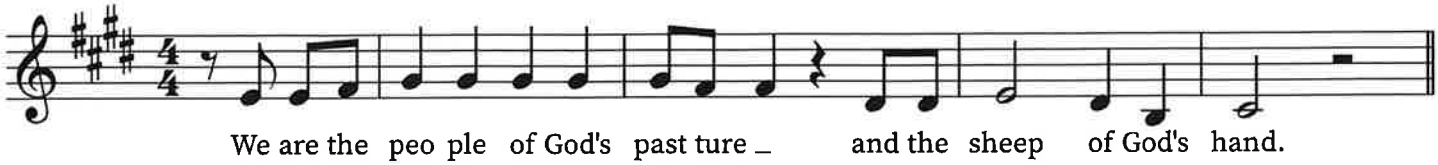
Gathering Hymn... "Crown Him With Many Crowns"



Text: Matthew Bridges, 1800–1894, sts. 1–3, 5; Godfrey Thring, 1823–1903, st. 4
Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1816–1893

Psalm 96-We Are The People of God's Pasture

Refrain



2, 5 Let us come before with God's presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to the Lord with psalms of praise.
Refrain.

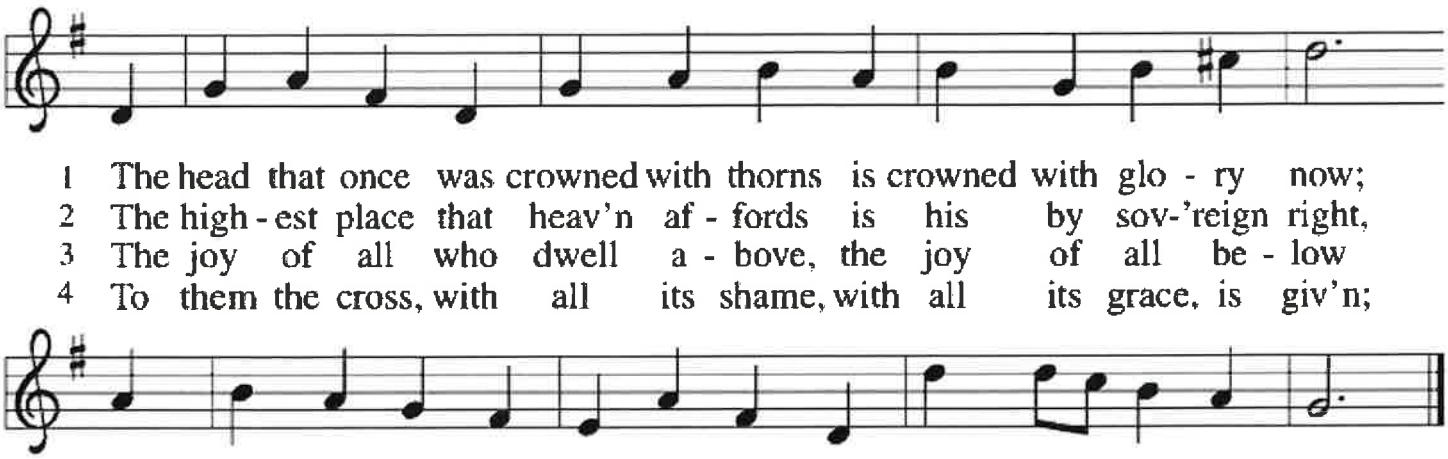
6-7 The sea is yours, for you made it, and your hands have molded the dry land. Come let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord our God.
Refrain.

GOODGIFTS 2026



There will be a table with new catalogs and ideas on the patio from November 29 - December 20. Please stop by and check it out as part of your Christmas shopping!!

Sermon Hymn... "The Head That Once Was Crowned"



1 The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo - ry now;
a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the might - y vic - tor's brow.

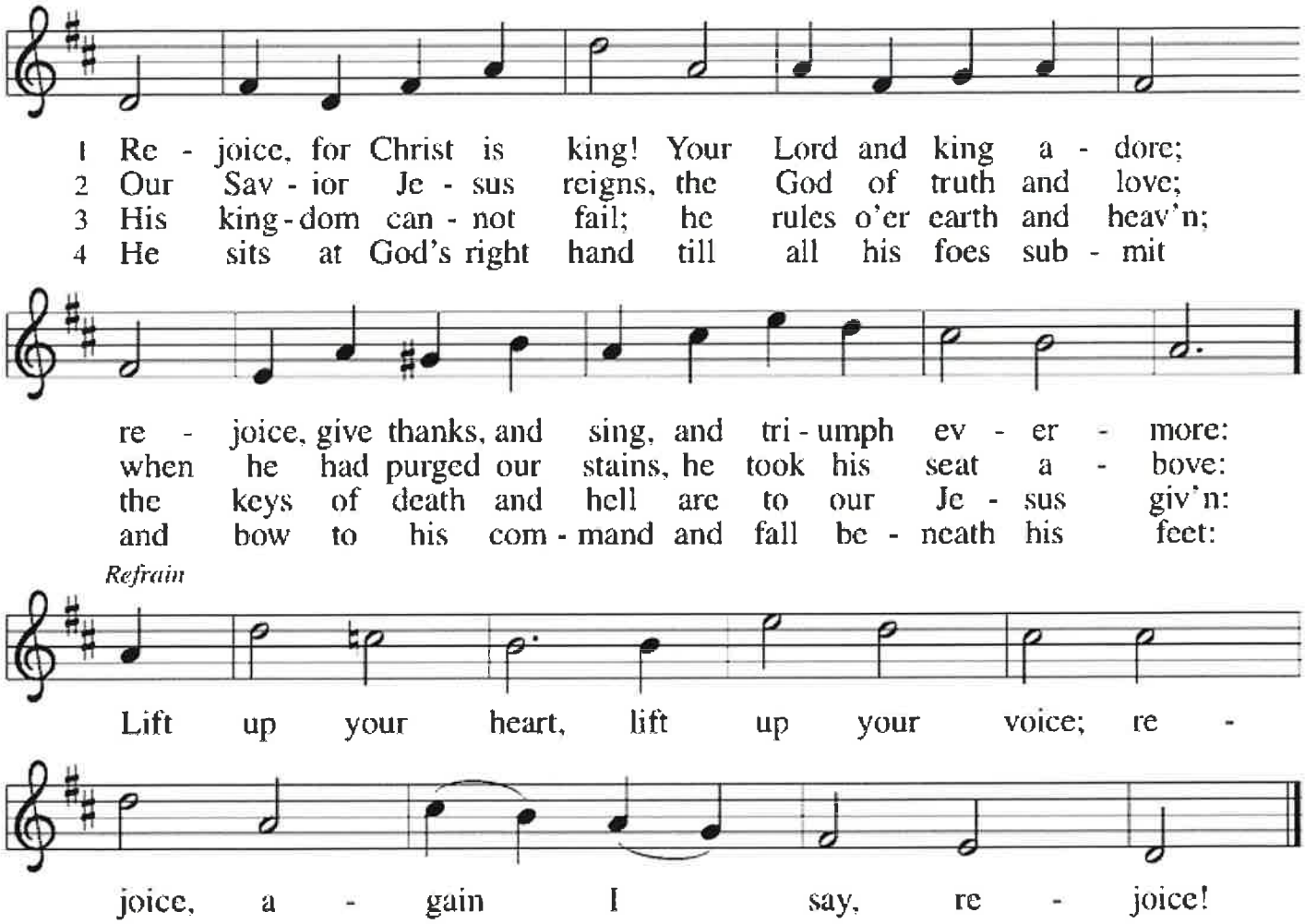
2 The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is his by sov-'reign right,
the King of kings, and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal light.

3 The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low
to whom he man - i - fests his love, and grants his name to know;

4 To them the cross, with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;
their name, an ev - er - last - ing name, their joy, the joy of heav'n.

Text: Thomas Kelly, 1769–1855
Music: ST. MAGNUS, Jeremiah Clarke, 1669–1707

Sending Hymn... "Rejoice, For Christ Is King"



Text: Charles Wesley, 1707–1788, alt.
Music: LAUS REGIS, William E. Fischer, 1849–1936

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

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The Living Water QR code for giving:

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