CONNECTIONS

Living Water Lutheran Church

November 8, 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
- 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
- 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 justice and love, you illumine our way through life with the words of your Son. Give us the light we need, and awaken us to the needs of others, 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**

Join us for Thanksgiving worship service on Tuesday November 24th at 5:00pm



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!





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.

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

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.



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
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Doris.Yock@aol.com



Piecemakers Quilters

Next Session: November 18



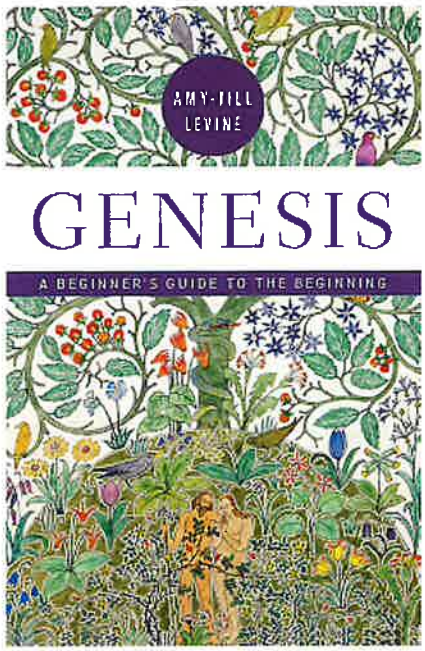
Join us on the first and/or third Wednesday of each month to tie mission quilts for Lutheran World Relief (LWR) for a few hours. We meet at 9 am and conclude between 11:30 and noon.

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

The autumn altar bouquet for this week was donated
in celebration of
Patti and Don Pick's
41st Wedding Anniversary





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.

The blue and yellow altar bouquet for this week
was donated
by Lou Handley
to honor the confirmands and the baptisms of
Heath and Tate Handley.

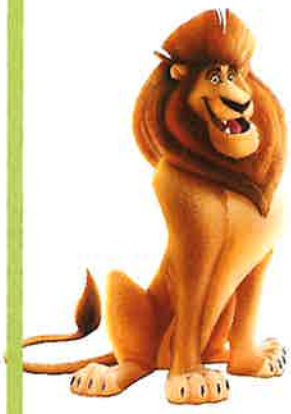


Family Sunday School returns this fall with the curriculum entitled "Simply Loved." We will be exploring a Jesus-centered journey through God's story of Love. Our fall semester will focus on one simple Bible Point and Bible Verse:

*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.

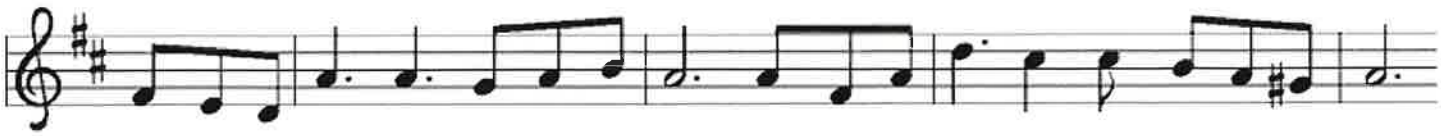
Good Works With a Living Water Connection

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!

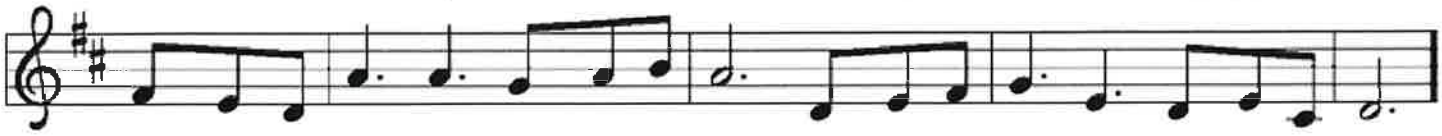
More good works will come about because of Select Ed's October service project to distribute "Boo Bags" filled with healthy snacks and water bottles to the homeless community in the greater Phoenix area. Select Ed is the Montessori school operating in Living Water's Education Building. The "Boo Bags" 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!

Gathering Hymn... "Blessed Assurance"

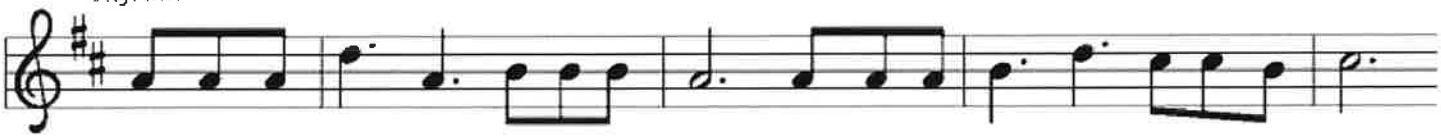


1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine! Oh, what a fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine!
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of rap-ture now burst on my sight;
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest; I in my Sav-ior am hap-py and blest,

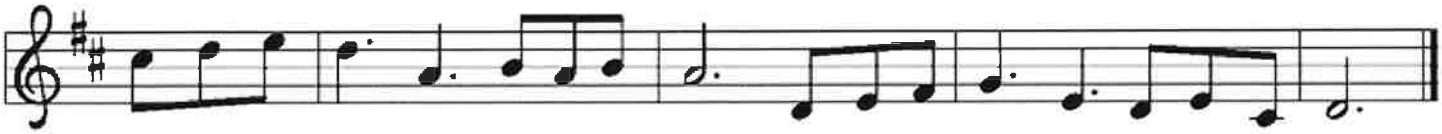


Heir of sal-va-tion, pur-chase of God, born of his Spir-it, washed in his blood.
an-gels de-scend-ing bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of love.
watch-ing and wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his good-ness, lost in his love.

Refrain



This is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long:

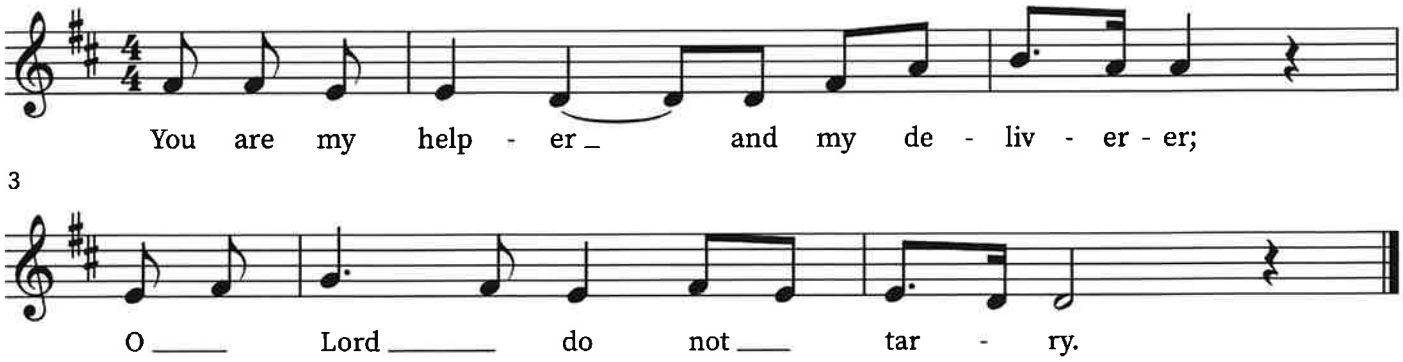


this is my sto-ry, this is my song, prais-ing my Sav-ior all the day long.

Text: Fanny J. Crosby, 1820–1915
Music: ASSURANCE, Phoebe P. Knapp, 1830–1908

Psalm 70-You Are My Helper and Deliverer

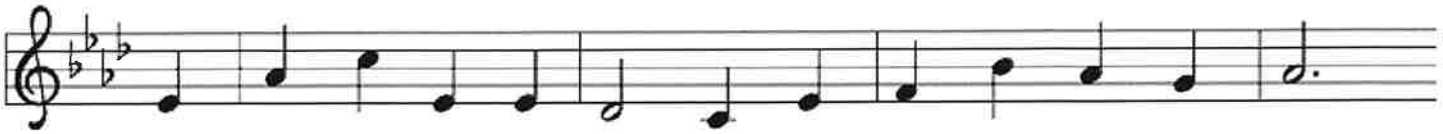
Refrain



1-2
Be pleased oh God to deliver me;, Oh Lord, make haste to help me. Blessed the man whom the Lord imputes not guilt, in whose spirit there is no guile.
Refrain.

4-5
Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say forever, Great is the Lord! *Refrain.*
Refrain.

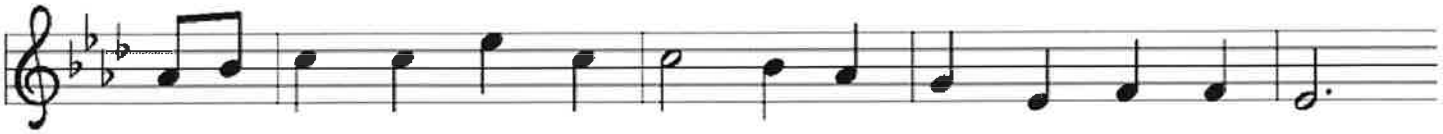
Sermon Hymn... "Rejoice, Rejoice Believers"



1 Re - joice, re - joice, be - liev - ers, and let your lights ap - pear;
2 The watch - ers on the moun - tain pro - claim the bride - groom near;
3 The saints, who here in pa - tience their cross and suf - f'rings bore,
4 Our hope and ex - pec - ta - tion, O Je - sus, now ap - pear;



the eve - ning is ad - vanc - ing, and dark - er night is near.
go forth as he ap - proach - es with al - le - lu - ias clear.
shall live and reign for - ev - er when sor - row is no more.
a - rise, O Sun so longed for, o'er this be - night - ed sphere.



The bride - groom is a - ris - ing and soon is draw - ing nigh.
The mar - riage feast is wait - ing; the gates wide o - pen stand.
A - round the throne of glo - ry the Lamb they shall be - hold;
With hearts and hands up - lift - ed, we plead, O Lord, to see



Up, pray and watch and wres - tle; at mid - night comes the cry.
A - rise, O heirs of glo - ry; the bride - groom is at hand.
in tri - umph cast be - fore him their di - a - dems of gold.
the day of earth's re - demp - tion that sets your peo - ple free!

Text: Laurentius Laurenti, 1660–1722; tr. Sarah B. Findlater, 1823–1907
Music: HAF TRONES LAMPA FÄRDIG, Swedish folk tune

Affirmation of Baptism

Pastor: Dear friends, we give thanks for the gift of baptism and for Heath and Wesley, one with us in the body of Christ, who are making public affirmation of their baptism.

Pastor: Let us pray. Merciful God, we thank you for these young people, whom you have made your own by water and the Word in baptism. You have called them to yourself, enlightened them with the gifts of your Spirit, and nourished them in the community of faith. Uphold your servants in the gifts and promises of baptism, and unite the hearts of all whom you have brought to new birth. We ask this in the name of Christ.
Amen.

Pastor: I ask you to profess your faith in Christ Jesus, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Pastor: Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?
Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the powers of this world that rebel against God?
Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?
Confirmands: I renounce them.

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Father?
Congregation: **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

Pastor: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?
Congregation: **I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

Pastor: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?
Congregation: **I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Pastor: Heath and Wesley; you have made public profession of your faith. Do you intend to continue in the covenant God made with you in holy baptism: to live among God's faithful people, to hear the word of God and share in the Lord's supper, to proclaim the good news of God in Christ through word and deed, to serve all people, following the example of Jesus, and to strive for justice and peace in all the earth?
Confirmands: I do, and I ask God to help and guide me.

Pastor: People of God, do you promise to support these young people and pray for them in their life in Christ? If so, please answer with....

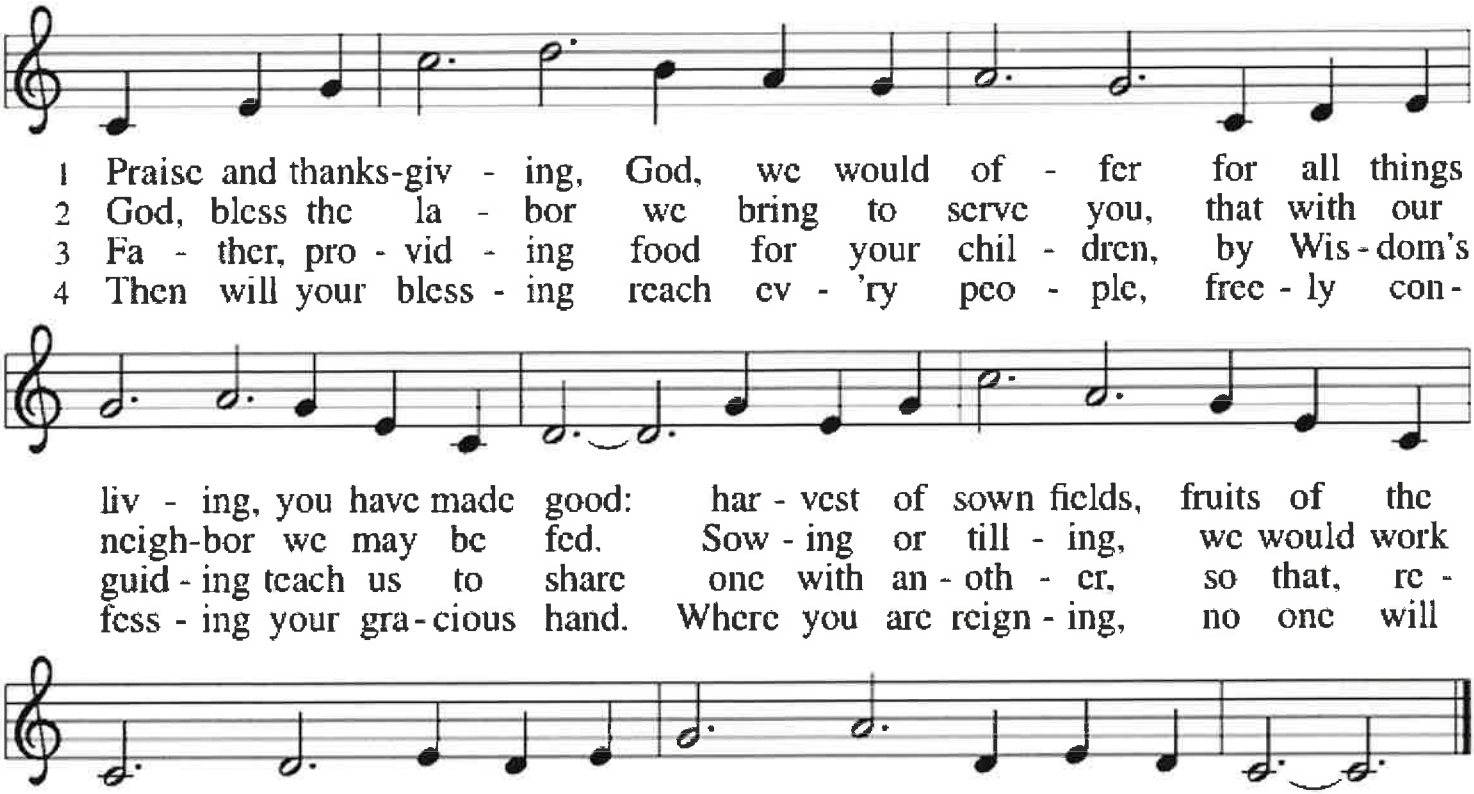
Congregation: **We do, and we ask God to help and guide us.**

Pastor: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give us new birth, cleanse us from sin, and raise us to eternal life.

Students will walk forward with their family when their name and Bible verse are read for a prayer.

Pastor: Let us congratulate and rejoice with these brothers in Christ with an applause.

Sending Hymn... "Praise and Thanksgiving"



Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune
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LIVING WATER

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

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