

VERSE OF THE WEEK

"To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; in you I trust, O my God."
Psalm 25:1-2a

WORSHIP SERVICES

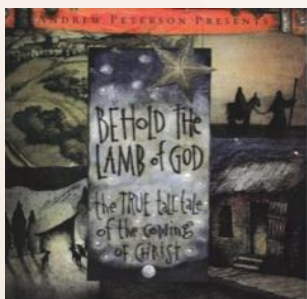
Saturday 4:00 pm
Sunday 8:30 & 10:30 am



AMERICAN LUTHERAN SUN CITY

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 1

4:30 BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD



5:15 CATERED DINNER

Baked Ham, Scalloped Potatoes, Jell-O Salad, Carrots, Apple Crisp

6:00 ADVENT SERVICE



See www.alcsuncity.org/WednesdayNightAlive to buy tickets!

SCRIPTURE FOR SERVICE

Lesson: Jeremiah 33:14-16

Psalm 25:1-10

Gospel: Luke 21:25-36

MIDWEEK MESSAGES

November 24, 2021

MESSAGE FROM PASTOR LOWELL THANKSGIVING 2021!

Happy Thanksgiving!

Special prayers of protection for anyone who is traveling to be with family along with prayers for family members coming to Sun City/West Valley! Special prayers of thanksgiving for all who will gather for worship on this Wednesday, November 24th, for "An American Celebration of Thanksgiving!" Special thanks to all who participate in the service to boldly declare our utter dependence upon God's provision and love for our country and those who have served in our armed forces.

Bishop Deborah Hutterer issued her Thanksgiving letter today with wise counsel:

*"Rejoice always,
pray without ceasing,
give thanks in all circumstances;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."
— 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

For most of our lives, we've been aware that the promise of Thanksgiving—warm and loving reunions of family and friends around a common table heaped with abundance—can set us up for disappointments. A pumpkin pie that doesn't set. A flight cancelled because of weather. A political argument. A hoped-for reconciliation with a loved one that fizzles in silence.

This year, in our first post-vaccination Thanksgiving, our hopes may even be higher as we finally gather in the larger groups we've yearned to be in. We're striving for a "normal" Thanksgiving.

Yet with our increasingly polarized viewpoints and ways we see the truth, the number of topics to be avoided in conversation have doubled or tripled. After months of social isolation, we are all clumsy and awkward with our social skills.

In these gatherings of people who are so important to us, I feel what we really want is to know that we are loved. We want to know that we belong. And at that table of plenty, we sometimes struggle to let them know they belong to us.

I ask you to put this Thanksgiving into God's hands. While we celebrate and give thanks for the generous fruits of God's creation on the table, we should double that celebration and thanksgiving for the presence of God's love in the room in which we gather. Pray for God's love to fill us to capacity. Pray that God's love cannot help but consume us and be manifest in our words and actions.

We are not called to fix the world. The world is in God's hands. We cannot heal humanity's brokenness, of which we all equally share.

We can, however, walk with each other. In such a variety of ways, we are indeed called to accompany one another.

And when we are too tired to walk, we can stop and rest. We can share what we have at a common table. We can give thanks for the food and people—all small miracles—present in that room. Above all, we can celebrate the glorious wonder that we are all equally beloved by God.

Thank you, Bishop Deborah! We are thankful for your compassionate leadership in these challenging times! Let's follow our Bishop's lead and treat our Thanksgiving gatherings as celebrations of loving respect for the dignity for each beloved child of God including you and me!

Love,

Pastor Lowell

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MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR ARLIS K. RIEDEL



**Saturday, December 11, 2021
1:00 pm in the Sanctuary**

ARLIS K. RIEDEL

Born August 30, 1934
Called Home November 11, 2021

SENIOR SCAMS

We were pleased to have Tiffany Lam from the Arizona Attorney General's office join us on November 17th, for Wednesday Night Alive to discuss Senior Scams. For more information, please go to **AZAG.GOV**, select **Seniors**, then **Senior Scams**. There you will find the slides that Tiffany presented and more.

WELCOME BACK

Happy Hour Neighborhood Group will meet on Saturday, December 4th, at 8:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Coffee and donuts/bagels will be served. We will meet to discuss getting a fresh start for 2022.

HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Women's Ministry wishes to thank everyone for the tremendous support of our recent Holiday Bazaar. You showed your Mission Hearts, and we so appreciate you!

