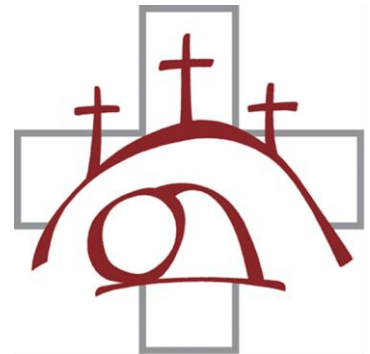


☞ ...if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous.

1 John 2:1 (ESV)



☞ **For Reflection before Worship**

Christ is God and man in one person. He has neither sinned nor died, and is not condemned, and he cannot sin, die or be condemned; his righteousness, life and salvation are unconquerable, eternal, omnipotent. By the wedding ring of faith he shares in the sins, death, and pains of hell which are his bride's. As a matter of fact, he makes them his own and acts as if they were his own and as if he himself had sinned; he suffered, died and descended into hell that he might overcome them all. Now since it was such a one who did all this, and death and hell could not swallow him up, these were necessarily swallowed up by him in a mighty duel; for his righteousness is greater than the sins of all men, his life stronger than death, his salvation more invincible than hell. Thus the believing soul by means of the pledge of its faith is free in Christ, its bridegroom, free from all sins, secure against death and hell, and is endowed with the eternal righteousness, life and salvation of Christ its bridegroom.

Martin Luther in *The Freedom of a Christian*

☞ **Welcome Guests! Here is what's going on at Living Water:**

- ☞ For general information, such as our nursery during the service and our communion practice, please see the back of the The Weekly.
- ☞ **TODAY – Sunday morning Growth Hour** after the worship service with classes for elementary, youth and adults as well as a nursery for children 0-4.
- ☞ **April 22** - Each month on the 4th Sunday we offer a traditional Christian-Lutheran worship service. We will do our best to explain the meaning behind the service so that you can be spiritually enriched even if you aren't familiar with it.
- ☞ **May 13 – Mother's Day!** To express our appreciation for mom's on Mother's Day, we will have a photographer on hand to take family pictures at no cost to you. This is also the second Sunday of the month, which means that you're invited to a pot-luck meal after the service (instead of Growth

Hour). Everyone is encouraged to also bring a non-perishable food item, which we will donate to the local food bank.

☞ **June 11-15 – Vacation Bible School!** Learn more and register your children at our website, www.livingwateraz.org.

☞ **Understanding Jesus: New Sermon Series.** Today we focus on 1 John 2:1, where Jesus is called our “Advocate”, which means, “One who speaks for us in our defense.”

☞ **God's Wisdom for Marriage and Parenting** – Over the next four weeks, the Adult Growth Hour class will be studying proverbs about marriage and parenting from the book of Proverbs (April 15 & 22 – Marriage; April 29 & May 6 – Parenting). If you would like to strengthen the most important relationships in your life, come to this class to learn how! If you are single but are considering marriage, the marriage classes will be helpful to you in considering what marriage is and what to look for in a spouse. In the parenting classes we will consider how to pass the Christian faith to the next generation, therefore we hope those classes will be especially helpful to those in the midst of parenting challenges and joys, but also to those who are not. This class meets in the gym @ 10:30am Sundays and is led by Pastor Marty.

☞ **Growth Hour Classes Today after the Service (10:30am):** The theme for Growth Hour this year (Fall 11 – Spring 12) is “Home Grown Faith”.

☞ **Adult Class:** Led by Pastor Marty on the book of Proverbs (meeting in the gym)

☞ **Jr. & Sr. High Youth:** (6-12th grade) Led by Dane Kurapatskie and Kathy Choitz on the book of Proverbs (north classroom building)

☞ **Promise Land:** (K-5th grade) led by Amanda Strohschein (north classroom building)

☞ **Nursery:** (Preschool and under) led by rotating volunteers (north classroom building)

4-8-12 Attendance Sunrise 57 Giving \$588
10am 94 Giving \$1744

Set-up 4-22-12 7:15am Martinez, Kurapatskies, Kris