



# Love of Christ Lutheran Church

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## Welcome to LOC's Weekly E-News

Sunday, November 9, 2025



### Would You Like to Know the Future?

How we long to know the answers to things that perhaps we are not meant to know. Our reading this week brings us to a question that I am sure the Sadducees, those who deny the resurrection, have been wanting to know. This text shows that Jesus is under a barrage of questions from several different groups. It's interesting that the Sadducees are asking about resurrected life when they claim there is no resurrected life. Their question is interesting. For it has to do with marriage in the afterlife and who can claim a woman if the woman has been married more than once. Here we see Jesus insisting resurrection life is not merely a continuation of earthly existence but a transformation of it. The resurrected are not bound by earthly structures such as marriage because their life is not fully **rooted in God's life**.

**The Church Office will be closed in observance of Veterans Day, Tuesday, November 11.**



Sympathy and comfort to Christina Boldrey family and friends on the death of her dear husband Gordon.

Crystal Minors friends and family on the death of her dear sister in law Sandra.



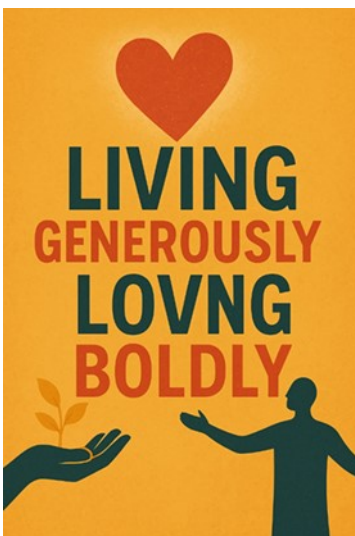
### **A prayer for all who have served**

Gracious God, we give you thanks for all who have served in our nation's military. Bless them for their courage, their sacrifice, and their dedication to the cause of peace and freedom. Grant comfort to those who still bear wounds of body, mind, or spirit, and peace to those who mourn fallen comrades. May we honor their service by striving for justice, mercy, and lasting peace in our world. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.



### **Leadership Needs moving into 2026**

As the LoC Board of Directors looks to 2026 there will be a need beginning March 1 for two new Board members, one to two Endowment Committee members, and six members of the Nominating Committee. If you are curious about any of these areas for possibly sharing your time and abilities, please contact one of the pastors or Board President Doug Price. We invite the congregation to pray for the Holy Spirit to raise the gifted people from this congregation to serve the leadership needs of this congregation.



Everyone who considers this congregation to be their community of faith is invited to consider making a financial commitment for 2026 to support the mission and ministry of Christ through Love of Christ. Commitment Sunday is December 7. Commitment cards will be mailed out after 11/14.

We live in constant flux with our economic circumstances. Inflation goes up and down. The stock market has been on a long run upwards, but will it correct and decline significantly? Will my employment status change? As I live longer and longer will I outlive my financial resources? Will I be able to cover increasing health care costs? These are all legitimate concerns. Followers of Christ have lived amid uncertainty, changing personal and financial circumstances, even severe persecution, but for centuries they have stepped out in faith to live generously and to love boldly.

For almost 40 years, members and friends of Love of Christ have modeled being generous and loving boldly. Partnerships demonstrating love, compassion, and support of neighbors in need of the gospel and basic material needs both next door and around the world have been impacted by that generosity and love. Thank you!



Government Shut-Down Impacts SNAP/Food Stamp Program. Local Food Banks facing a surge in demand. LoC is collecting Grocery Store gift cards through 11/23 to help address the demand!

### **Young Adult Get Together!**



What is a Young Adult? Anyone between the ages of 18 and 35!

**Mark your calendar for Sunday, November 9th.** We will meet in the Center of Compassion at 12PM. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Kuegemann ([Laurakuegemann@gmail.com](mailto:Laurakuegemann@gmail.com)) or Ben Peters ([benji31421017@gmail.com](mailto:benji31421017@gmail.com)).

### **Refugee Family Co-Sponsorship with Lutheran Social Services:**

Our Co-Sponsorship Team has started to help with a refugee family from Syria. The help that is needed is working with the adults who are learning English. This team is making wonderful progress and forming some beautiful relationships with the family as well. We have provided back to school clothing and backpacks for each of the four children. Along with teaching them English. If you are interested in learning more or think you might like to join this team please contact Chris Norden at [norden6162@gmail.com](mailto:norden6162@gmail.com)



### ***By What Authority: Rethinking Early Christian History***

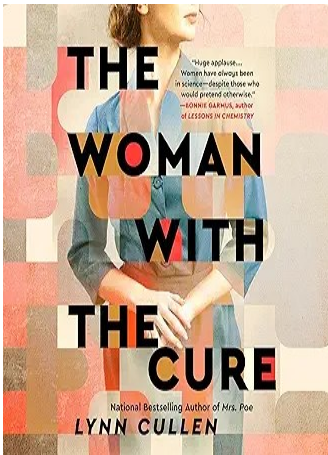
**Wednesday, 6PM in the Fellowship Hall**

This course will lead us on a journey through the first five centuries of the Early Church. It provides helpful background in how the Holy Spirit worked through the global and diverse movement of believers and communities coming together. How they dealt with Emperor and Empire. How they navigated, debated, and determined our early creeds and church organization. This course is on Wednesdays through January. Whether you can attend some of the classes or all, all are welcome to join.



## Book Club

**Hi LOC Book Club members and those who have never attended. We hope you will join us on Sunday November 16th to discuss the book, The Woman With The Cure by Lynn Cullen. Here is the synopsis:**



In 1940s and '50s America, polio is as dreaded as the atomic bomb. No one's life is untouched by this disease that kills or paralyzes its victims, particularly children. Outbreaks of the virus across the country regularly put American cities in lockdown. Some of the world's best minds are engaged in the race to find a vaccine. The man who succeeds will be a god.

But Dorothy Horstmann is not focused on beating her colleagues to the vaccine. She just wants the world to have a cure. Applying the same determination that lifted her from a humble background as the daughter of immigrants, to becoming a doctor—often the only woman in the room—she hunts down the monster where it lurks: in the blood.

This discovery of hers, and an error by a competitor, catapults her closest colleague to a lead in the race. When his chance to win comes on a world-wide scale, she is asked to sink or validate his vaccine—and to decide what is forgivable, and how much should be sacrificed, in pursuit of the cure.

**Barb and I hope this short synopsis gives you enough information, so that you will want to read the book. We look forward to seeing you soon. Don't be shy! Come to Book Club. We are a wonderful group that enjoys discussing books.**

Penny Day

## Naomi Circle

Naomi Circle will meet on November 10th in the Fellowship hall at 1PM. Any questions, contact Pat Shaw at [pattomshaw@cox.net](mailto:pattomshaw@cox.net).

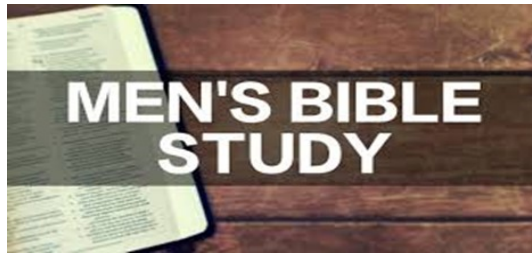


## Community Garden News

The weather has cooled down. That signals the start of the fall gardening season! Come join us and grow something beautiful. Questions? Contact Nancy [Dntoll74@gmail.com](mailto:Dntoll74@gmail.com)



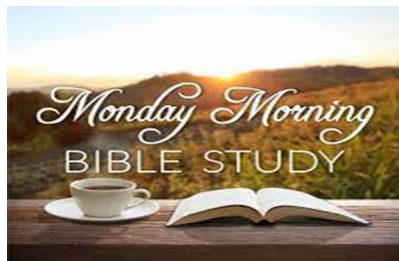
The LOC Women's Hiking Group will be traveling to Black Canyon City on **November 15th, meeting at 7:00**, to hike the **Black Canyon City Trail**. The trail is an easy 3 mile RT to the Agua Fria River. This trail follows a route used by prehistoric Native Americans. It was then used, starting in 1919, as a live-stock trail to herd sheep from the Bradshaw Mountains. It is now part of the Maricopa Trail that loops around the county. **Let Pat Shaw at 480 334-9123 know if you are interested, ok?**



**Pastor Steve is leading a new weekly early morning Men's Bible Study on Mondays, 6:30-7:30AM in the Leadership Room. We are studying Paul's letter to the Ephesians. Men of all ages are welcome to participate.**



**Online Video introductions provided by our pastors of Sunday Lectionary readings may be found on Facebook, YouTube or [loveofchristchurch.net](http://loveofchristchurch.net)**



**Monday Morning Bible Study in the Leadership room 10:30—Coffee Fellowship,  
11:00AM Bible Study.**



### **Prayer Share Care Women's Bible Study**

All women are invited to a weekly Bible study group called Prayer Share Care. This group meets on Thursday afternoons beginning November 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 in the Leadership Room. At this meeting we will be choosing our Bible Study for the next several months.

If you have any questions please contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@locic.org](mailto:nanette@locic.org)



## Music Notes....

### Dear Church Family,

We are thrilled to invite you into a season filled with music, celebration, and fellowship through our Music Ministry! Three special events are coming up, and we would love for you to be a part of each one.

### 1. Christmas Cantata

Join us on **Sunday, December 14th**, with performances at **9:00 a.m. and 10:45 a.m.** This will be a beautiful celebration of the season that you won't want to miss.

Cantata rehearsals on **Thursdays starting on Oct. 16th 6—7:30pm** in the Sanctuary. If you have any questions, please feel free to email me at [jungmusic@loclc.org](mailto:jungmusic@loclc.org).

### 2. Music Ministry Dinner Concert & Silent Auction

Mark your calendars for **Sunday, November 30th, at 6:00 p.m.** for an evening of fellowship, food, and music!

- ☐ A delicious meal and dessert
- ☐ Dress up and take family photos at our beautiful backdrop
- ☐ Enjoy a concert featuring some of your favorite rock pieces
- ☐ Participate in our exciting Silent Auction

Tickets are **\$25 per person**, with all proceeds benefiting the Christmas Cantata.

We're also inviting our church family to support the event by **donating items for the Silent Auction**. Whether it's a gift basket, a service, a handmade item, or something unique, your generosity will bless our ministry and help make this fundraiser a success.

And be sure to cheer on our very own **Ivan Ontiveros**, who will be performing that evening!

Please contact Laura Ontiveros at [laurakuegemann@gmail.com](mailto:laurakuegemann@gmail.com)

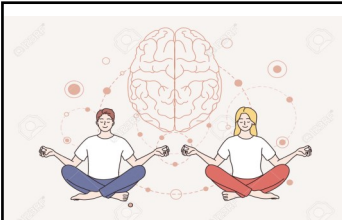
### 3. Handbell Ringers Needed

Do you read music and count beats? We would love to have you join our Handbell Choir! We are looking for ringers for both monthly Sunday performances and the Christmas Cantata.

Rehearsals are held **Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenroom**. If you're interested, please let me know—we'd love to ring in the season with you! You can contact at [jungmusic@lolc.org](mailto:jungmusic@lolc.org)

We can't wait to celebrate this wonderful season of music, fellowship, and joy with all of you.

**With gratitude and excitement,**  
Jung Lee



Faith stretch yoga **will resume on Thursday, November 13th at 9:00am in Outreach room.**

For questions and more information, text Georgia at 406-925-0013 or email: [nonnagg51@gmail.com](mailto:nonnagg51@gmail.com) .



**YOUTH AT LOVE OF CHRIST**  
CALLED. GATHERED. SENT.

There is hangout this Sunday from 10 to Noon in the Youth Room!

There is Youth Group this Wednesday night from 6-7:30pm in Youth Room!

**Contact Mason Weatherly for more info at [masonw@locic.org](mailto:masonw@locic.org)**



### **Confirmation**

Confirmation will be held on Wednesday nights from 6PM to 7PM in the room 48.

Listed below is the schedule:

November 5th & 19th

December 10th

Any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@locic.org](mailto:nanette@locic.org)





### **Sunday School offered at 9:00 and 9:50**

Our Sunday School Ministry has begun. For ages Pre K thru 3rd grade, Sunday School is from 9:10-9:50. Children are to come to church with their parents and are dismissed for Sunday School after the Children's Message. They return to worship during Communion. For grades 4-6, Sunday school begins at 9:50 and they are done at 10:20. Sunday School takes place in the Godly Play room. For any questions, please contact Pastor Nanette at [nanette@loclc.org](mailto:nanette@loclc.org)

**WOW Children's Musical** has begun...For ages 4-Seventh Grade. Please contact Jung at [Jungmusic@loclc.org](mailto:Jungmusic@loclc.org) for more information.



### **Fun Food and Faith**

For grades 4,5,and 6 will meet again on

November 16th, 4:30 pm.

Please contact Pastor Nanette for more information.

### **Hello WoW Families!**

We're so excited to kick off a brand new season of WoW (Word on Wednesdays) from 6:00–7:00 PM in the main Center of Compassion building!

Dinner will be served from 5:30–6:00 PM, so come early and enjoy a meal together before we begin!

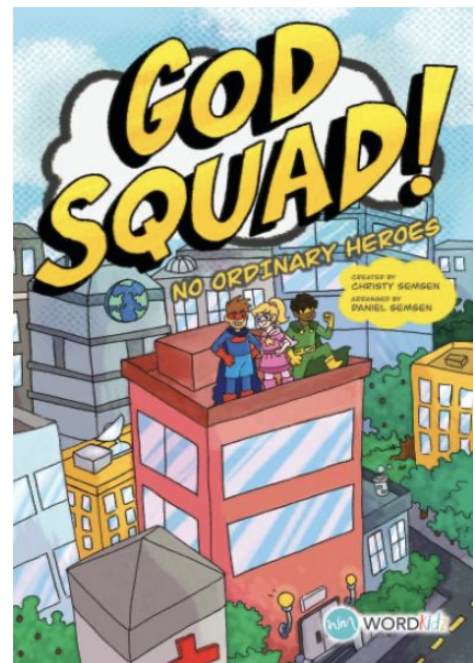
This fall, our kids will be working on a fun and meaningful musical called "God's Squad"—a powerful story with music, laughter, and faith-filled lessons. The final performance will be held on Sunday, November 23 at 9:00 AM, and you won't want to miss it!

Please let me know if they'll be able to attend. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Looking forward to a joyful season together!

Warmly,

Jung







**Service opportunities: Mark your Calendars!**

**Feed My Starving Children Event November 6,7,&8. Please come Sat. at 9:00 or 3:00 if you haven't signed up yet!**

**Thanksgiving Gift Cards for Local Food banks due on **Sunday, Nov. 23rd**. Please label the amount on the gift card and place in the offering plate or deliver to our office.**

**ELCA Good Gifts: Begins **Sunday, Nov. 23****

**Collecting Target Gift cards for gifts that the youth will purchase for neighborhood Families that are a part of Salk & Wilson ES. Please place the gift card amount on the card. Target Gift cards due **Sunday, Sunday November 30th**.**

**Reverse Advent Food Boxes: Will be handed out on **Sunday, November 30**.**

**Wrapping Christmas Gift Event Sunday, Dec. 7th**

**Family Promise (December 28-Jan 4)**

**Here are some of the ways you can give both Locally and to the World!**

**ELCA World Hunger and Good Gifts:**

Stories cut across generations. They show us the ways we belong and how we have an obligation to one another. They show us places where things look the same as they have before and where oppression reigns. And they show us where God breaks in to demand that things be different. The key is how we react when we hear the stories of our neighbors. Perhaps most challenging, gospel justice can enter into our communities when we make ourselves vulnerable enough to tell stories of where we have been hurt and where we have hurt others.

The average American spends more than \$900 a year on Christmas gifts. Yet, when we think about the best gifts we have given or received, often what makes them memorable is not the gift itself but the story behind it. ELCA Good Gifts enable you to purchase a gift in honor of a loved one and support real projects from a variety of ELCA ministries — including ELCA World Hunger. Check out some fun and educational ways to get involved with ELCA Good Gifts: Visit <https://goodgifts.elca.org/> to order your Good Gifts today.

**Local Giving:**

**The LoC Christmas Family Project:** In the past few years we have been working with our pre-school, Salk ES, and Wilson ES to help provide Christmas gifts for families in need. We collect information from the above schools and then use **the Target gift cards** that our congregation gives, to buy the clothes and gifts that are requested. Our youth will go shopping and our youth and children will wrap these gifts on Sunday, December 8th. We are asking our congregation to donate gift cards from Target so that the youth may purchase the gifts. **Please label the amount of money that is on the gift cards and also put FOR CHRISTMAS FAMILY PROJECT.** If you would like to donate with a check, please write in the memo space for Christmas Family Project or donate online using the designated space for Christmas Family Project. This has been an amazing project as we show our neighbors the Love of Christ. Thank you so much for your generous support of this project.

## Lutheran Food Banks Donation for Thanksgiving:

The poor and working poor are hurt the most by the increased cost for gas, food, rent and utilities. Thank you for all who have donated and are donating. Donation boxes for food are in the Narthex of the Sanctuary and near the main entrance of the Center of Compassion. **Also, if you would like to help families buy a turkey for Thanksgiving, please bring a gift card(s) from any grocery store (Albertson's, Fry's, Bashas' or Safeway) for the Food Pantries to distribute. Please mark the amount on the gift card and place it in the offering plate or bring it to our office.** If you would like to donate money, please go to our website, app, or place a check in the offering plate labeled "Food Pantry". Thank you for your support in food donations or cash gifts. Your gifts are making a difference in the lives of others.

***Please note that we will NOT accept frozen turkeys as the Food Pantries do not have room in their freezers. Thank you!***

**Reverse Advent Boxes:** This service project will begin starting November 30. Boxes will be distributed. Each day on the inside cover of the box is a suggested item to put in. PLEASE ONLY BUY THE SIZE THAT IS REQUESTED! Advent Food Boxes will be collected from Dec. 21-28. These boxes will then be distributed to First Evangelical Food Bank in downtown Mesa and Victory Food Bank to help replenish their shelves after the holiday season.

## Sleep in Heavenly Peace News

**Ten-thousand beds to kids in the Phoenix area in seven years!**



**We are celebrating the 10,000th bed to be delivered soon to a child in the Phoenix area! The Phoenix Chapter began 7 years ago and is still going strong to meet the need of our community.**

**Thanks to all the donors of time and funds to make this exciting milestone happen. The reason for this effort which improves the lives of children in our community is brought home every time we witness a child receiving a bed for the first time!**

**We are also fortunate to have a lot of individuals who continue to make blankets and contribute stuffed animals, books and sheets.**

**THANK YOU!**

## Update on delivery to the Navajo Nation:

Another piece of exciting news is that the bed delivery which was unfortunately postponed last spring is now happening. A team of volunteers will be heading up to Black Mesa to deliver beds to kids on the Navajo Nation in November—we want to thank the members of Love of Christ for their support to this effort—we plan to deliver around 80 to 100 beds. Thanks for the funding and the effort to make all these blankets! We are so grateful for such a generous congregation.

## 🌸 MomCo at Love of Christ Lutheran Church! 🌸

Calling all moms! Whether you're in the thick of toddlerhood, navigating teenage years, or somewhere in between — you're not alone.



We're excited to announce that our church will now be hosting MomCo, a community designed for moms, by moms. MomCo is a place where women gather in circles of support, friendship, and faith — because raising humans is both beautiful and hard, and no one should have to do it alone:

- Build meaningful, lasting friendships
- Encourage and equip moms to lead with love
- Grow the church by nurturing families in faith
- Bring mothers and their families closer to Jesus

Join Us! 📍 Location: Love of Christ Lutheran Church

📅 When: Next meeting November 5th, every 1st Wednesday of the month | 6:00 PM to 7:00 PM in Godly Playroom (Nursery) located in entrance to Center of Compassion.

📞 Contact: Kacey Weir or Pastor Nanette Christofferson 🌐 Online Options: - <http://www.themom.co/groups/loveofchristmesa>

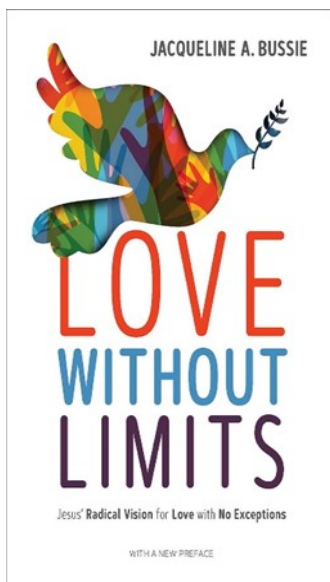
## Love Without Limits meets again on November 5th

In her book, Jacqueline Bussie says nothing is more scandalous than a “love without limits.” How does a love without limits mirror Jesus and the God we are called to serve? How does this echo Jesus’ ministry in Luke 15 (the parables of being lost) or Paul’s proclamation in Galatians 3:28 (There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one Christ Jesus)? This study is open to all women who are interested in learning about our God who loves without limits!

This book, Love Without Limits, by Jacqueline Bussie is available on Amazon. [https://www.amazon.com/s?k=love+without+limits+jacqueline+bussie&crd=OPMUBD4M8181&s\\_prefix=Love+Without+Limits%2Caps%2C480&ref=nb\\_sb\\_ss\\_p13n-pd-dplr-ranker\\_3\\_19](https://www.amazon.com/s?k=love+without+limits+jacqueline+bussie&crd=OPMUBD4M8181&s_prefix=Love+Without+Limits%2Caps%2C480&ref=nb_sb_ss_p13n-pd-dplr-ranker_3_19)

You can purchase it online for \$13.46. There will be a few books for purchase on the first day of the study. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and hope that you will be able to join us!

**This group will meet the first Wednesday of the month, (Nov. 5, Dec. 3) at 4:30-5:30 in the Fellowship hall.**





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## Love of Christ Scout Troop 301 & 3301

Support Troop 301 & Troop 3301 – Trail's End Popcorn Fundraiser! Help our Scouts reach new heights! Troop 301 and Troop 3301 are hosting a Trail's End Popcorn Fundraiser, and your support makes all the difference.

Where your contribution goes: • Sending Scouts to summer camp • Purchasing essential gear and equipment • Funding activities and resources that build character, leadership, and lifelong skills The popcorn store is open year-round, so you can support our Scouts anytime! Every purchase helps empower the youth of Troop 301 and Troop 3301.

Shop now: <https://www.trails-end.com/store/scout/SRJP9JKJ?share=3XTGH9MO>

Thank you for helping our Scouts grow, explore, and thrive!

Any questions, please contact: Marcie Beumler Scouting 301 Fundraising Coordinator C: 480-720-5323 E: [mbeumler@yahoo.com](mailto:mbeumler@yahoo.com)



BSA Scouting 301 is hosting their annual Holiday Evergreens fundraiser. Please consider supporting BSA Scouting 301 and purchasing a beautiful evergreen for the upcoming holiday season.

Here is the essential information about the sale:

- The sale will run from 10/14/2025 to 11/7/2025
- Please visit <https://sherwoodfundraiser.com/Scouting301/LoveOfChrist> to view the available products and place orders
- Delivery time frame for items will be AFTER THANKSGIVING
- Announcement will be made for delivery of local items; direct ship items will be delivered directly to you.

Thank you again for supporting BSA Scouting 301. Please don't hesitate to contact Marcie Beumler at 480-720-5323 or [mbeumler@yahoo.com](mailto:mbeumler@yahoo.com) if you have any questions!

Thank you,

Scouting 301, Mesa, AZ



**Scripture Lesson**  
**A Brief Look at Job 19:23-27**  
**with Pastor Nanette Christofferson**  
**(12 min)**



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**Facebook:** <https://facebook.com/reel/847328071086731/>

**Website:** <https://www.loveofchristchurch.net/media/series/7vjwfnk/bible-lessons>

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**Pastor Steve Talmage—"Would You Like to Know the Future"**

### **Job 19:23-27a**

Oh that my words were written down!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
Oh that with an iron pen and with lead  
they were engraved on a rock forever!  
For I know that my vindicator lives  
and that in the end he will stand upon the  
earth;  
and after my skin has been destroyed,  
then in my flesh I shall see God,  
whom I shall see on my side,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

### **2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13 - 17**

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way, for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our gospel, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

### **Luke 20:27-38**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question: "Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married a woman and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her."

Jesus said to them, "Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage, but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed, they cannot die anymore, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead but of the living, for to him all of them are alive."