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FOR US

Some hymns tell a story, others teach, and still others create pictures in our minds of the great works of God. Some hymns do all three, weaving together a tapestry that is beautiful yet simple, wondrous yet easy to understand.

"O Love, How Deep" (LSB 544) is that kind of hymn.

This hymn was originally a twenty-three-stanza poem. In the nineteenth century, an Anglican cleric named Benjamin Webb translated the hymn into English and then chose six stanzas for use in English hymnody. The doxological stanza was added later.

Although it does not appear in the first stanza, the most pointed and beautiful language in the hymn is expressed in the phrase "for us." The phrase, which is pro nobis in Latin, is reminiscent of the language of the Nicene Creed: "Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven."

"For us" is not simply a pithy line to use because it is easy to repeat. It is a confession of who God is and what He brings in giving us His Son. It helps us understand why God would send His Son to die for us.

The phrase "for us" also captures much of the Reformation's theological emphasis—and Luther's understanding of Scripture in particular. Luther went from searching for a righteous God and finding only stern rebuke to seeing God in the form of a little baby and as the one who became one of us for us so that we might become like Him.

Join us, and hear more about "For Us," on Ash Wednesday and Midweek Worship throughout Lent at 2:00 and 7:00 PM. Please also pick up a devotional, in the narthex, for you and your family.

Church Events

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15

8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
	Sunday School
	Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Choir
11:45 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16

1:00 pm	Quilting Group
6:30 pm	AA Meeting (Acker Hall)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17

7:00 pm	CYF Board Meeting (Rm 114)
7:30 pm	Pray, Knit, Crochet (Narthex)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18

7:00 am	Men's Bible Study (FarmHouse Cafe)
9:30 am	Devotional (Zoom)
2:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship
6:00 pm	Youth Confirmation
7:00 pm	Ash Wednesday Worship

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19

6:30 pm	Tai Chi (Acker Hall)
	Board of Trustees Meeting (Rm 114)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22

8:00 am	Eucharistic Worship
9:15 am	Choir Rehearsal
	Sunday School
	Education Hour with Pastor Bryan
10:30 am	Eucharistic Worship with Choir
11:45 am	Bell Choir Rehearsal
6:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study

EPS GLOW BENEFIT

You are invited to Essential Pregnancy Services' Annual Benefit Dinner, GLOW—Giving Life through Our Works! The event will take place on Thursday, February 19, 2026, at the Embassy Suites Conference Center (12520 Westport Parkway, La Vista, NE 68128). Cocktail hour begins at 5:15 pm with dinner service at 6:15 pm.

Keynote speakers, Al and Lisa Robertson, members of America's favorite back-woods family and the Duck Commander crew, will share their story of faith and resilience.

If you are would like more information, contact Pastor at bryandrebes@pacifichillslutheran.org. Tickets are $90 per person.

PHLC FOUNDATION LUNCH AND LEARN

Most people want to remember their loved ones in their estate and also want to support the ministry of the Church and our congregation. But many people don't know how to do both. The PHLC Foundation is hosting a Legacy Workshop with Craig Stirtz on Sunday, February 22, 2026 at noon. This is an informational presentation, not a sales pitch, with lunch provided by the Foundation. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex, or see Bill Wagner or Kevin Warneke for more information.

YOUTH FUNDRAISER: BBQ DINNER

The fundraiser for the youth trip to San Antonio is THIS Sunday, Feb. 15, at 5:30 pm. Please indicate your plans to attend on the signup sheet in the narthex. We'll have pulled pork sandwiches, baked beans, coleslaw and brownie sundaes. We hope to see you there!

CONCORDIA SUMMER CAMPS

Concordia Summer Camp will be offered to students currently in grades K-5 in eight week-long sessions throughout the summer. Camp will be Christ-centered and feature activities designed to keep students moving and connecting with friends, including two off-site trips each week! They are also continuing to offer the activity camps for middle & high school age youth you have come to know and love.

Registration for all camps is open now! You can view the full schedule, explore camp descriptions, and secure your spot HERE.

MISSION OF THE MONTH

January & February Missions will support Essential Pregnancy Services (EPS). EPS provides free support to women facing unexpected & under-supported pregnancies.
Your Good Samaritan and Mission designated offerings support our Mission of the Month Missionary. Thank you for your generosity!

BIBLE VERSE of the Week

"He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him. ."

(Matthew 17:5)

ONLINE WORSHIP SERVICES

PHLC website: www.pacifichillslutheran.org

BIBLE STUDY VIA ZOOM

The Sunday evening Zoom Bible Class is noare studying Amos via Zoom every Sunday evening from 6:00 - 6:45 pm. If you are interested in joining please contact Bob Vandervort at rvandervort84@gmail.com.

NEW MEMBER SUNDAY

New Member Sunday will be February 22. Please plan to join us at the 10:30 am service to welcome them!

NEW YOUNG ADULT GROUP

We're excited to announce the launch of a new young adults group, *Living the Ancient Faith*. They will meet on the first & third Wednesdays each month at 6pm in Acker Hall. All young adults are warmly invited to join us as we begin this journey of learning, fellowship, and faith.

For more information, contact Isaac Dorenkamp (dorenkampisaac@gmail.com).

SPRING CLEAN UP DAY

Can you spare a couple of hours to help spruce up the church? Save the date for a spring clean up day on March 21st at 9am at PHLC!
All are welcome—there are jobs for all ages and abilities, both inside & outside! There's much to be done around the church & many hands make for light work. We hope to see you there!

ALTAR FLOWERS

Please sign up to provide altar flowers on the calendar in the coat room and contact the office to share your dedication.
Due to the generosity of our flower provider, the suggested donation is will remain $25.