

December 14, 2025- Volume 5 - Edition 50

**THE NEXT TWO WEEKS**

**Saturday, December 13**

9:00 AM – Men Meet at Volcano Coffee

**Sunday, December 14 (Second Sunday in Advent)**

9:30 AM – Children and Youth Christmas Program  
at Julian Estates

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM – Coffee Hour

11:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Music Notes**



Here are links to some songs for  
this week:

“Therefore, the Redeemed”

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFOdKTM0INc  
&list=RDbFOdKTM0INc&start\\_radio=1](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bFOdKTM0INc&list=RDbFOdKTM0INc&start_radio=1)

**Sunday, December 21 (Third Sunday in Advent)**

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary

Children and Youth Christmas Program

10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates

10:45 AM – Coffee Hour

11:15 PM – Choir Rehearsal

1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure

5:00 PM\* –Worship, YouTube

**Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)**

6:00 PM – Worship, Sanctuary

**\*Always the goal, but may be impacted by technology  
issues beyond our control**

**Contact Us**

Pastor (253) 370-4651 (mobile)  
[pastor@LivingWordLutheranChurch.org](mailto:pastor@LivingWordLutheranChurch.org)

Office (253) 846-1276  
[office@LivingWordLutheranChurch.org](mailto:office@LivingWordLutheranChurch.org)

Website: <https://LivingWordLutheranChurch.org>

Office Hours: 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM Monday-Thursday  
10515 269th Street East, Graham, WA 98338

**Full Lectionary for December 14, 2025;**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 35:1-10

**Psalm** Psalm 146:5-10

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** James 5:7-10

**Gospel** Matthew 11:2-11

**Full Lectionary for December 21, 2025;**

**1<sup>st</sup> Reading** Isaiah 7:10-16

**Psalm** Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

**2<sup>nd</sup> Reading** Romans 1:1-7

**Gospel** Matthew 1:18-25

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent (Joy)**

**Parament Color Is Blue**

**4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent (Love)**

**Parament Color Is Blue**

## LOOKING AHEAD

<u>December 13, Saturday, 9:00 am</u>	Men Meet at Volcano's Coffee Shop
<u>December 14, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>	Worship Service, Third Sunday of Advent Children & Youth sing at Julian Estates No Sunday School  Deadline for Angel One gifts to be in church office Deadline for donating to the Food Drive
<u>December 21, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>	Worship Service, Fourth Sunday of Advent Children & Youth Christmas Program during worship No Sunday School <u>Women's Ministry Annual Bake Sale</u>
<u>December 24, Wednesday, 6:00 pm</u>	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
<u>December 28, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>	Worship Service No Sunday School
<u>January 4, 2026, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>	Worship Service No Sunday School
<u>January 6, 2026, Tuesday, 10:00 am</u>	Worship & Music Meeting

## 2025 CONTRIBUTIONS

If you wish to have your year-end contributions be counted in 2025, please note that you must have the contribution to the church office by December 31<sup>st</sup> to count as a 2025 contribution. Note: The church office will be closed on **December 26<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup>**. If you cannot make it to the church office, you can still make the contribution online on the church's website, <https://LivingWordLutheranChurch.org>

For those of you who are 70<sup>1/2</sup> or older, you may consider making a Qualified Charitable Deduction (QCD) from your IRA this year. By making the contribution from your Traditional IRA, you are allowed to deduct up to \$108,000 of the QCD from the front of your Form 1040 in arriving at your AGI. This could be even more beneficial if you are in a Required Minimum Distribution because this also counts toward your Required Minimum Distribution. Please consult with your own personal tax advisor to determine if you qualify for this type of contribution and to see how this could be a tax benefit to you.

## HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (subject to change)

December 22 (Monday)	Pastor Eric in office	December 30 (Tuesday)	Pastor Eric in office
December 23 (Tuesday)	Pastor Eric in office; Dan in Office	December 31 (Wednesday)	Pastor Eric in office Dan in office
December 24 (Wednesday)	*** Office Closed ***	January 1 (Monday)	*** Office Closed ***
December 25 (Thursday)	*** Office Closed ***	January 2 (Tuesday)	Pastor Eric in office Dan in office
December 26 (Friday)	*** Office Closed ***		
December 29 (Monday)	Pastor Eric in office		



## **Women's Ministry**

### **Bake Sale**

**Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>**

**After Worship**

The proceeds will be used for church needs. To buy a baked item, please use cash or check. Enjoy your baked item in the Fellowship Hall, at home, or give as a gift. Coffee will be served.

Please place your goodies to sell wrapped or in a container that won't be returned. Label well, such as "nuts", "gluten free", etc. Bring your food donation to the Fellowship Hall by 9:00 am on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup>.

There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex to indicate if you are bringing goodies to sell. Please come and support this wonderful event!

## **CHANCEL FLOWERS**

A new 2026 Chancel Flower chart is located in the narthex. With a new year there are many empty slots on the flower chart for chancel flowers. You don't need a special occasion to bring flowers. Please sign up on the flower chart in the narthex, or email, text or call the church office at 253-846-1275 if you want to fill one (or more!) of those empty slots. Thank you!

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL SCHEDULE**

*The Children and Youth will be presenting a Christmas Program at Julian Estates on December 14<sup>th</sup> and at Living Word Church on December 21<sup>ST</sup> during the worship service.*

***Sunday, December 14 - 9:30 am***

***Children and Youth Program at  
Julian Estates - no Sunday School***

***Sunday, December 21 - Children and Youth Program at Living Word during Children's time,  
no Sunday School***

***Sunday, December 28 - No Sunday School***



The  
Tapestry Singers

*present a*

# *Holiday Christmas Concert*

Sunday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2025

When: 3:00 pm

Where: United Methodist Church, 1919 W. Pioneer, Duvallup, WA.

Complimentary Reception following the Concert.



Suggested Donation: \$10.00 - \$15.00



## PRAYER ROOM

"Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise."  
James 3:18 (ESV)

*Watch over those who put themselves in harm's way to protect us and grant peace of mind to the families who love and miss them. We praise you for continuing to protect:*

Andrew Thompson (Griswold)  
Josh Jepsen, USAF Utah

Elijah Lundberg, USMC Yuma, AZ  
Owen Daubenspeck, USAF Spokane (Owen)

*Comfort those who are bereaved, having lost loved ones recently:*

Holly and Grace Reichl in the passing of her father/grandfather  
**Sarah DeBord** and family in the passing of her aunt

*Relieve pain for all who suffer in any way and restore them to good health of body, mind, and spirit. Encourage them and strengthen their caregivers:*

Maurice Hedlund  
Jeff Brennan  
Bill Marsh  
Debbi Zavadil  
Duane Claiborne  
**Kitty Jepsen**

Darlene Luberts  
Carolyn Martin  
Yvonne Olson  
Wallace Duggan  
**Lori Schmidt**  
Lena Duggan

Terry (and caregiver Ron)  
Cheryl Hedlund's aunt, Sue  
David Martin (son of Bob and Nancy Martin)  
Sue Doll (sister-in-law of Duane & Valerie)  
**Johnny Beck** (son of Sharlene Parker and brother of Toni Sherman)  
**Tina** (daughter of Judy Williams)  
**Julie Mendoza** (Heidi Sturdivant)

**Carol Brennan**

Amy Cruver

*Grant discernment, wisdom, and courage to leaders within the church and world. Raise servants to accomplish Your will. May Your will be evident in all decisions and actions.*

Living Word Members  
Victims of War in Ukraine and Israel/Middle East

Living Word Leaders

Persecuted Christians  
Elected Government Officials

*Prayer and praise for healing and continued recovery:*

Bonnie Socey  
Sharon Johnson

Cheryl Hedlund  
Steve Vonderau

Jan Williams (sister in law of Judy Williams)

*Thank you, LORD, for hearing and answering our prayers – even when you do so differently than we would prefer. We pray in the holy and mighty name of Jesus, our LORD. Amen*

---

**Names in Bold are new additions. Please let the office know if you wish your request to remain on the list. Otherwise, requests are removed after a month.**

---