

December 28, 2025- Volume 5 - Edition 52

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, December 28

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Saturday, January 3, 2026

9:00 AM – Women's Breakfast

Sunday, January 4, 2026

9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
11:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal
1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
5:00 PM* –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, January 6, 2026

10:00 AM – Worship and Music Committee Meeting

Saturday, January 10, 2026

9:00 AM – Men Meet at Volcano Coffee

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



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Full Lectionary for December 28, 2025;

1st Reading Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm Psalm 148
2nd Reading Hebrews 2:10-18
Gospel Matthew 2:13-23

Full Lectionary for January 4, 2026;

1st Reading Jeremiah 31:7-14
Psalm Psalm 147:12-20
2nd Reading Ephesians 1:3-14
Gospel John 1:1-18

First Sunday in Christmas

Parament Color Is **White**

Second Sunday in Christmas

Parament Color Is **White**

LOOKING AHEAD

December 28, Sunday, 9:30 am

Worship Service - No Sunday School

**If you purchased a poinsettia,
don't forget to take it home after worship**

January 1, Thursday

New Year's Day!

January 3, Saturday, 9:00 am

Women's Ministry Breakfast

January 4, Sunday, 9:30 am

Worship Service - No Sunday School

January 6, Tuesday, 10:00 am

Worship & Music Meeting

January 10, Saturday, 9:00 am

Men meet at Volcano's Coffee Shop

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

(subject to change)

December 29 (Monday)
December 30 (Tuesday)

Pastor Eric in office
Pastor Eric in office
Dan in office

December 31 (Wednesday)

Pastor Eric in office
Dan in office

January 1 (Thursday)

***** Office Closed *****

January 2 (Friday)

Pastor Eric in office

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 31st to count as a 2025 contribution.** Note: The church office will be closed on **December 26th**. 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^{1/2} 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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY BREAKFAST

Start the new year with the Women's Ministry Breakfast on Saturday, January 3rd at 9:00 am. Our guest speaker will be Sarah Debord, sharing information about the Heritage Girls Organization. Please sign up on the table in the narthex if you can attend. We look forward to seeing you there!

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:

Holli 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.
