

December 21, 2025- Volume 5 - Edition 51

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, December 21 (Fourth Sunday in Advent)

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

Wednesday, December 24 (Christmas Eve)

6:00 PM – Worship, Sanctuary



Sunday, December 28

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

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

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Full Lectionary for December 21, 2025; 4th Sunday in Advent (Love)

1st Reading Isaiah 7:10-16
Psalm Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
2nd Reading Romans 1:1-7
Gospel Matthew 1:18-25

Parament Color Is Blue

Full Lectionary for December 24, 2025; Christmas Eve

1st Reading Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm Psalm 96
2nd Reading Titus 2:11-14
Gospel Matthew 11:2-11

Parament Color Is White

Full Lectionary for December 25, 2025; Christmas Day

1st Reading Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm Psalm 97
2nd Reading Titus 3:4-7
Gospel Luke 2:1-20

Parament Color Is White

LOOKING AHEAD

<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>	<u>Christmas Eve Candlelight Service</u>
<u>December 28, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>	Worship Service No Sunday School
<u>January 1, Thursday</u>	New Year's Day!
<u>January 3, Saturday, 9:00 am</u>	Women's Ministry Breakfast
<u>January 4, Sunday, 9:30 am</u>	Worship Service No Sunday School
<u>January 6, Tuesday, 10:00 am</u>	Worship & Music Meeting
<u>January 10, Saturday, 9:00 am</u>	Men meet at Volcano's Coffee Shop

HOLIDAY CHURCH OFFICE HOURS (subject to change)

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

Bake Sale

Sunday, December 21st

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 21st.

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!

THIS 'N THAT

THE NEW PORTALS OF PRAYER for January-March are available in the narthex, both in regular print and large print!

THANK YOU TO:

Those who generously gave gifts for children to the Angel One Foundation!

Those who brought non-perishable food items that will be delivered to the Graham-South Hill Food Bank. The Food Bank is very appreciative of the donation.

Those who purchased a poinsettia(s) to enhance the church during the Advent/Christmas season. You helped make the church look beautiful!

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.
