

January 25, 2026- Volume 6 - Edition 4

THE NEXT TWO WEEKS

Sunday, January 25, 2026

- 9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
- 10:40 AM – Congregational Meeting
- 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
- 11:05 AM – Gathering Time in the Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM – Sunday School
- 12:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
- 5:00 PM –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, January 20, 2026

- 6:30 PM – American Heritage Girls

Music Notes



Here are links to this Sunday's Praise and Opening Hymns:

“Holy Forever”:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2xcFM9CBI0E>

“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”

[Matt Redman - 10,000 Reasons \(Bless the Lord\) - YouTube](#)

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

The Living Word Lutheran Church Semi-annual Congregational Meeting will follow the **January 25th** service.

Sunday, February 1, 2026

- 9:30 AM – Worship, Sanctuary
- 10:00 AM – Resident Worship, Julian Estates
- 10:45 AM – Coffee Hour
- 11:05 AM – Gathering Time in the Sanctuary
- 11:15 AM – Sunday School
- 12:15 AM – Choir Rehearsal
- 1:30 PM – Resident Worship, Bonaventure
- 5:00 PM –Worship, YouTube

Tuesday, February 3, 2026

- 10:00 AM – Worship and Music Meeting
- 6:30 PM – American Heritage Girls

Saturday, February 7, 2026

- 9:00 AM – Men’s & Women’s Breakfast

Wednesday, February 18, 2026 (Ash Wednesday)

- 12:00 PM – Chapel Service
- 6:00 PM – Ash Wednesday Service

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Full Lectionary for January 25, 2026; Third Sunday after Epiphany

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| 1st Reading | Isaiah 9:1-4 | Parament Color Is Green |
| Psalm | Psalm 27:1, 4-9 | |
| 2nd Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:10-18 | |
| Gospel | Matthew 4:12-23 | |

Full Lectionary for February 1, 2026; Fourth Sunday after Epiphany

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| 1st Reading | Micah 6:1-8 | Parament Color Is Green |
| Psalm | Psalm 15 | |
| 2nd Reading | 1 Corinthians 1:18-31 | |
| Gospel | Matthew 5:1-12 | |

✓ HAVE YOU MARKED YOUR CALENDAR?
FOR THE COMBINED MEN'S AND WOMEN'S BREAKFAST
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 9:00 AM

This is an annual event we look forward to every year! Lots of good food, conversation, and a special guest speaker, Tony Deas, who will speak about miracles in his life. We ask that you think about a miracle (or more) that have occurred in your life that you would be willing to share. Miracles happen every day, but we don't always recognize them! The sign-up sheet is located on the table in the narthex.

BENEVOLENCE FUND RECIPIENT SHOWCASE

A tithe (10%) of giving to Living Word Lutheran Church is re-given to charitable organizations as determined by the Benevolence Committee. The information below is for 3 of the 21 recipients.

Tacoma Rescue Mission - provides emergency services such as shelter and food to the homeless or hurting, offers self-sufficiency programs to help lift a person from poverty and break the chains of addiction, supports prevention programs and shares their Christian faith. This past year they provided 293,921 meals, 501 families and individuals left the Mission and entered stable housing, 267 obtained jobs, and 3,761 men, women and children received life changing care and resources at the mission.

Helping Hand House - is located in Puyallup and has been providing emergency shelter and supportive services for over 40 years to help families with children experiencing homelessness move from crisis to stability and self-sufficiency. The ministry has grown to five housing solution programs helping nearly 200 families a year in the Pierce County community.

Family Renewal Center - is a Christian humanitarian organization dedicated to bringing healing, hope, and a new life to victims of domestic violence. The center provides confidential services for families experiencing domestic violence, abuse, and elder abuse. They have a 24 hour crisis line, shelter for adults and children, counseling and therapy, education and support groups, and resources for prevention. They are located in Tacoma.

To get a fresh start, do these 8 things:

1. Be born again.
2. Accept God's forgiveness.
3. Freely forgive others.
4. Learn all you can from your mistakes.
5. Turn your weaknesses into your strong points.
6. Accept what you cannot change, and with God's help, turn it into something beautiful.
7. Put the past behind you.
8. Get up and begin again.

LIVING WORD LEANING INTO LENT

LENTEN SERVICES

Ash Wednesday (February 18, 2026) marks the beginning of the Lenten season. Christians throughout the world collectively observe 40 days (46 minus the Sundays) leading to Easter, reflecting on the suffering, sacrifice, death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Many Christians use these six weeks for self-examination to either give up something or add a new discipline into their lives. Fasting reminds us that nothing can fill the void in our lives except Jesus. A new discipline does the same, ultimately drawing us nearer to God. So how will you use this season to grow spiritually? Here are a few suggestions:

- Attend weekly Lenten worship services
- Increase ministry involvement at church
- Fellowship with someone you do not know well at Lenten soup suppers
- Add 15 minutes to your daily devotion and prayer time
- Reduce personal spending and increase gifts to ministries
- Join a Bible Study

The Lenten season at Living Word offers several activities to help you savor the sacredness of the season.

LENTEN SERVICES

EVENING SERVICES begin at 5:00 PM on Thursdays followed by SOUP SUPPERS

Host Schedule:

February 26	Worship & Music/Choir
March 5	Finance/Human Resources
March 12	Christian Education/Property Maint./Bldg. Use & Décor
March 19	Men & Women's Ministry
March 26	LWLC Board/Evangelism/Stewardship

You do not have to serve on a ministry team to help with **soup suppers**, in fact, **we encourage it!** To sign up for soup, bread, butter, crackers, or rolls, add your name to the **signup sheet in the Narthex.**

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)

Carol Brennan

Amy Cruver

Tina (daughter of Judy Williams)
Julie Mendoza (Heidi Sturdivant)

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.
