

# 1ST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 28, 2025



**LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION**

*Sharing Christ's Light Daily*

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## Welcome

Pastor Bob Willse

## Greeting

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

## Prayer of the Day

A Let us pray, O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

## First Reading

Micah 5:2-5a

Jill Van Zanten

## Hymn

O Little Town of Bethlehem

ELW 279

## Second Reading

Luke 1:26-35, 38

Joan Marquand-Willse

## Hymn

The Angel Gabriel Came From Heaven

ELW 265

## Third Reading

Luke 2:1-7

Bob Kerr

## Hymn

Infant Holy, Infant Lowly

ELW 276

## Fourth Reading

Luke 2:8-16

Vern Holmes

## Hymn

The First Noel

ELW 300 (vs. 1-3)

## Fifth Reading

Luke 2:21-35

Marcia Holmes

## Hymn

Away in a Manger

ELW 278

## Sixth Reading

Matthew 2:1-11

Mick Finn

## Hymn

## We Three Kings

1 We three kings of Orient are;  
bearing gifts we traverse afar,  
field and fountain, moor and mountain,  
following yonder star.

Chorus

O star of wonder, star of light, star with  
royal beauty bright, westward leading,  
still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect  
light.

2 Born a King on Bethlehem's plain,  
gold I bring to crown him again,  
King forever, ceasing never,  
over us all to reign.

Chorus

3 Frankincense to offer have I;  
incense owns a Deity nigh;  
prayer and praising, voices raising,  
worshiping God on high.

Chorus

4 Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume  
breathes a life of gathering gloom;  
sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,  
sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

## Seventh Reading

John 1:1-14

Pastor Bob Willse

## Hymn

From Heaven Above

ELW 268 (vs.1-3 & 12-17)

## Prayers of the People

A Empowered by the news of Christ's birth, let us pray boldly for the church,  
creation, and all who are in need.

*A brief silence*

A O God, at Christmas we remember the past: how at a dark and dangerous time in  
history. You came to dwell among us as a helpless baby. Make room in our hearts for  
the poor, the vulnerable, the refugee, and those who are overlooked by the rest of the  
world, for that is where You also are. Lord in Your mercy.

**C Hear Our Prayer**

A O God, at Christmas we also look to the present: that You dwell in us today by Your  
Spirit. Help us learn to listen to Your Spirit, and help us bear the spiritual fruits of  
compassion, kindness, humility, patience, gratitude, and love for one another. Lord  
in Your mercy.

**C Hear Our prayer**

*Other prayers may be offered at this time*

A O God, at Christmas we also anticipate the future: when You will come at the end of the age to set the world right. We pray for all who are suffering under war and famine, struggling with disease and addiction, and waiting for justice; that You would help us to bring them Your comfort, peace, and hope. Lord in Your mercy.

C **Hear Our prayer**

P With the joy of Christ's birth in our hearts, we commend our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your boundless mercy and eternal love; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

C **Amen**

## **Passing of the Peace**

## **Offering**

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Offering Music

Special Music

## **Offering Prayer**

A Let Us Pray, Gracious God,

C we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us: ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of the one who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **Words of Institution**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

P Gathered by the Spirit into one body, let us pray as our Lord Jesus taught:

C **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen**

## **Communion Hymns**

(271) & What Feast (487)

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing (270), I Am So Glad

## **Post-Communion Blessing**

P And now may the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you forever in his grace.

C **Amen.**

### Prayer After Communion

A We give you thanks, generous God, for in this bread and cup we have tasted the new heaven and earth where hunger and thirst are no more. Send us from this table as witnesses to the resurrection, that through our lives, all may know life in Jesus' name.

### Our Life Together

#### Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.  
C Amen.

### Sending Hymn

Go Tell It on the Mountain

ELW 290

### Sending

A Go in peace, "Sharing Christ's Light Daily."\*  
C Thanks be to God. We will!

### Postlude

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# OUR LIFE TOGETHER

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## NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY

12/31/2025 6-9PM

Ring in the New Year on East Coast time with fellowship at LCI. Bring your favorite games, puzzle, and friends for a fun evening. Finger food snacks/desserts/ beverages are all welcome to enhance the festive atmosphere. Plates, napkins, glasses and cups provided.

Questions? Call: Cathy Kerr 530-409-9175 OR Molly Anderson 530-601-6594

## SAFE PARKING PROGRAM

HEART of Davis (formerly Interfaith Rotating Winter Shelter) is offering Safe Parking in Davis for individuals living in their cars. The program provides a safe and legal place to park and sleep at night. Guests arrive at about 7pm and leave at about 8am in the morning. Volunteers are needed to welcome the guests in the evening with light snacks and a hot beverage and to bid them goodbye in the morning with a light breakfast (all items supplied). All guest parkers are interviewed and screened ahead of time to be sure the program runs smoothly. Volunteers work in pairs. For more information, please text Ellen Kolarik at 530-304-1990 and she will help schedule your first session with an experienced volunteer. The signup website is [heartofdavis@gmail.com](mailto:heartofdavis@gmail.com).

## CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

Thank you to all who donated the beautiful poinsettias to decorate our worship space. You may take your poinsettias home today.

## ADULT FORUM

Our adult forum on the Nicene Creed starts back up next Sunday, January 4th and will go through the month of January. Please join us even if you were not able to make the classes in December.

## MMP-EMERGENCY WINTER SHELTER

Our January MMP is the Emergency Winter Shelter sponsored by HEART of Davis. This year we are asked to provide a hot meal serving 10 people on 4 days AND shelf stable food for 2 weeks for 6 people delivered in weekly intervals. All food is to be dropped off at Paul's Place on H Street. Please see the sign up sheets on the card table in the narthex for dates and directions. Also, please visit their website <https://heartofdavis.godaddysites.com/> where you can learn more about the many programs run by the Heart of Davis as well as a way to donate.

# LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE INCARNATION

## DECEMBER 28TH VOLUNTEERS

**USHERS** NANCY ASHBROOK & DAN  
WALKER

**ASSISTING MINISTER** JILL VAN ZANTEN  
**BEVERAGE SERVICE** STEVE SLINKARD/  
JERRY WILSON

**SLIDES \*\*\*BULLETIN**  
**LIVESTREAM**

**PRAYER MINISTER** JILL VAN ZANTEN

## JANUARY 4TH VOLUNTEERS

**USHERS:** STEVE & KAREN SLINKARD  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** JUDY HULL  
**BEVERAGE SERVICE:** KAY FINN/MOLLY  
ANDERSON

**SLIDES:** ETHAN BURNS  
**LIVESTREAM:**  
**PRAYER MINISTER:** JILL VAN ZANTEN

## JANUARY 11TH VOLUNTEERS

**USHERS:** ELLEN KOLARIK & DAN  
WALKER  
**ASSISTING MINISTER:** PAUL KOLARIK  
**BEVERAGE SERVICE:** RICHARD  
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