

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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### FIRST SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

December 28, 2025 - 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion Setting One

*Worship in-person and livestream*

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and acknowledgement of lands

**Confession**

**Gathering Song**

***Once in Royal David's City***

*red book*

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*red book*

**No. 269**

Greeting

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

**And also with you.**

**Hymn of Praise**

***Angels We Have Heard on High***

*red book*

**No. 289**

Prayer of the Day

Children's Message

### WORD

First Reading

**Psalms 148**

**Isaiah 63:7-9**

*on the back cover, sung responsively with the refrain*

Second Reading

**Hebrews 2:10-18**

**Gospel Acclamation**

***Gloria, in excelsis Deo.***

Gospel Reading

**Matthew 2:13-23**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**

***Joyful Is the Dark***

*blue book*

**No. 1096**

**Nicene Creed**

*red book*

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Prayers of the People

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Peace Sharing

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

### MEAL

Offering of Gifts

**Offering Song**

***A Stable Lamp Is Lighted*** vs. 1 solo, blue book **No. 910**

Prayer

**Great Thanksgiving**

*red book*

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**Holy**

*red book*

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Thanksgiving Prayer

*red book*

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The Lord's Prayer

*red book*

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**Lamb of God**

*All are welcome at Christ's table. The wine is served in individual glasses and the common cup.*

*Red grape juice is in the centre of the trays. Gluten-free bread is available by asking the server.*

*You may commune with bread or wine alone or ask for a blessing.*

*Those worshipping online are invited to commune where you are.*

**Communion Songs**

***What Feast of Love***

*red book*

**No. 487**

***Hark! The Herald Angels Sing***

*red book*

**No. 270**

***Infant Holy, Infant Lowly***

*red book*

**No. 276**

Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

**Sending Song**

***Cold December Flies Away***

*red book*

**No. 299**

Dismissal

**...Thanks be to God!**

*Everyone present is invited to a time of hospitality in the Upper Hall following worship.*

**Worship Assistants**

Presider

Rev. Peter Parker

Assisting Minister

Sabine Lehr

Musician

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Choral Scholar

DJ McGrath

Reader

Angela Chorney

Livestream

Tarynn McKenzie

Communion

Beverley Norman, Susanne Standeven

Ushers

Donna Delaney, Bob Kohlert

*You are invited to Holy Communion Worship, Sundays, 10AM PT in-person and online.*

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*for the Crossroads newsletter, calendar, and events.*

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