

## LUTHERAN CHURCH OF THE CROSS OF VICTORIA

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## SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS/EPIPHANY

January 5, 2025 – 10:00 AM

Evangelical Lutheran Worship, Holy Communion *Setting 1*

*Worship in-person and livestream*

Today we lift up Rainbow Haven, helping LGBTQ+ refugees in Africa. We reflect upon Mary and Joseph escaping Egypt with baby Jesus, and children facing persecution from leaders.

### GATHERING

Prelude

Welcome and Acknowledgement of Lands

**Gathering Song**      *Angels, from the Realms of Glory*      red book      **No. 275**

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.**

**Song of Praise**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      **No. 289**

Prayer of the Day

### WORD

First Reading      **Jeremiah 31:7-14**

**Psalms 147:12-20**      *On the back of the folder, sung responsively.*

Second Reading      **Ephesians 1:3-14**

**Gospel Acclamation**      *Angels We Have Heard on High*      refrain      **No. 289**

Gospel Reading      **Matthew 2:13-23**

Sermon

**Hymn of the Day**      *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*      blue book      **No. 1093**

Nicene Creed      Page 104

Prayers of Intercession      *As we pray, "In peace and joy we pray;"  
you are invited to respond: **Glory to you, O God.***

Peace      The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

### MEAL

Offering of Gifts

Offering Song

*Carol of the Birds - J. W. Greene - choir*

Prayer

**Great Thanksgiving**

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**Holy**

Thanksgiving Prayer

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The Lord's Prayer

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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**

*In the Bleak Midwinter*      red book

**No. 294**

*Away in a Manger*      red book

**No. 278**

*Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*      red book

**No. 276**

Prayer

### SENDING

Announcements

Blessing

**Sending Song**

*Jesus, the Light of the World*      blue book

**No. 914**

Dismissal

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

*Thank you to Gisela and Jack Braniff for hosting.*

### Worship Assistants

Message on behalf of Rainbow Haven

Ron Pettapiece & Mark Hanson

Assisting Minister

Michael Coughlin

Kantor

Nathan McDonald

Musician

Karen Johnson-Lefsrud

Choral Scholars

Abby Corpus, DJ McGrath

Livestream

Tarynn McKenzie

Communion

Dana McKee

Usher

Craig Knight

**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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**Blessed Christmas and New Year! And peace on earth and goodwill to all.**