Year A 2016/2017

Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. The semi-continuous readings from the Old Testament focus on the covenant of David and Wisdom literature. The second, New Testament, readings are from 1 and 2 Corinthians, Ephesians, James and Hebrews.

YEAR A 2016/2017 - Advent

This Church Year Calendar, Propers and Daily Lectionary uses the Revised Common Lectionary as it appears in Evangelical Lutheran Worship (2006). Scripture references are from the New Revised Standard Version of the Bible.

The appointed psalm refrain for Sundays and festivals is from the verse in parentheses.

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Sunday Nov 27 - First Sunday of Advent

Readings
Isaiah 2:1-5
Psalm 122 (1)
Romans 13:11-14
Matthew 24:36-44
Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, and enlighten our walk in the way of your salvation, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD, and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)

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Saturday Nov 30:
Andrew, Apostle

Readings
Ezekiel 3:16-21
Psalm 19:1-6 (4)
Romans 10:10-18
John 1:35-42

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, you gave your apostle Andrew the grace to obey the call of your Son and to bring his brother to Jesus. Give us also, who are called by your holy word, grace to follow Jesus without delay and to bring into his presence those who are near to us, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea | and Samaria, and to the ends | of the earth. Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

Thu - Dec 1
Isaiah 4:2-6   Acts 1:12-17, 21-26   Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Fri - Dec 2
Sat - Dec 3

Sunday Dec 4 - Second Sunday of Advent

Readings
Isaiah 11:1-10
Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19 (7)
Romans 15:4-13
Matthew 3:1-12

Prayer of the Day
Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. Prepare the way | of the Lord.
All flesh shall see the salvat | ion of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Mon - Dec 5
Isaiah 24:1-16a   1 Thessalonians 4:1-12   Psalm 21
Tue - Dec 6
Isaiah 41:14-20   Romans 15:14-21   Psalm 21
Wed - Dec 7
Thu - Dec 8
Ruth 1:6-18   2 Peter 3:1-10   Psalm 146:5-10
Fri - Dec 9
Ruth 4:13-17   2 Peter 3:11-18   Psalm 146:5-10
Sat - Dec 10
**Sunday Dec 11 - Third Sunday of Advent**

**Readings**
- Isaiah 35:1-10
- Psalm 146:5-10 (8) or Luke 1:46b-55 (47)
- James 5:7-10
- Matthew 11:2-11

**Prayer of the Day**
Stir up the wills of all who look to you, Lord God, and strengthen our faith in your coming, that, transformed by grace, we may walk in your way; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before you, who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

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**Sunday Dec 18 - Fourth Sunday of Advent**

**Readings**
- Isaiah 7:10-16
- Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (7)
- Romans 1:1-7
- Matthew 1:18-25

**Prayer of the Day**
Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia. The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel. Alleluia. (Matt. 1:23)

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