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 – Easter

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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Prayer of the Day

O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

For God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed. Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

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**Sunday Apr 16 - Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Easter Evening**

**Readings**
Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 114 (7)  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  

**Prayer of the Day**
O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia. Our hearts burn within us while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:27)

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**Mon - Apr 17**
Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21  
Colossians 3:5-11  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

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**Monday Apr 18 - Resurrection of Our Lord**

**Easter Monday**

These propers may be used for a service on Easter Monday or on another day during the week after Easter Day.

**Readings**
Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16:8-11 (9)  
Acts 2:14, 22b-32  
Matthew 28:9-15a

**Prayer of the Day**
Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, 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. God raised up Jesus, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. Alleluia. (Acts 2:24)

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**Tue - Apr 18**
Exodus 15:1-18  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**Wed - Apr 19**
Joshua 3:1-17  
Matthew 28:1-10  
Psalm 118: 1-2, 14-24

**Thu - Apr 20**
Song of Solomon 2:8-15  
Colossians 4:2-5  
Psalm 16

**Fri - Apr 21**
Song of Solomon 5:9–6:3  
1 Corinthians 15:1-11  
Psalm 16

**Sat - Apr 22**
Song of Solomon 8:6-7  
John 20:11-20  
Psalm 16
### Sunday Apr 23 - Second Sunday of Easter

**Readings**
- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Psalm 16 (11)
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- John 20:19-31

**Prayer of the Day**
Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia. Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe. Alleluia. (John 20:29)

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**Or**

### Tuesday Apr 25 - Mark, Evangelist

**Readings**
- Apr 25, 2011
- Isaiah 52:7-10
- Psalm 57 (9)
- 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18
- Mark 1:1-15

**Prayer of the Day**
Almighty God, you have enriched your church with Mark's proclamation of the gospel. Give us grace to believe firmly in the good news of salvation and to walk daily in accordance with it, 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. This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses. Alleluia. (Acts 2:32)

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Sunday Apr 30 - Third Sunday of Easter

Readings
Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)
1 Peter 1:17-23

Prayer of the Day
O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. Our hearts | burn within us while you open to | us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

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| Mon - May 1 | Genesis 18:1-14 | 1 Peter 1:23-25 | Psalm 134 |

Or

Monday May 1
Philip and James, Apostles

Readings
Isaiah 30:18-21
Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26 (26)
2 Corinthians 4:1-6
John 14:8-14

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to your Son. Grant that we, remembering their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and 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)

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| Tue - May 2 | Proverbs 8:32--9:6 | 1 Peter 2:1-3 | Psalm 134 |
| Thu - May 4 | Exodus 2:15b-25 | 1 Peter 2:9-12 | Psalm 23 |
| Fri - May 5 | Exodus 3:16-22; 4:18-20 | 1 Peter 2:13-17 | Psalm 23 |
**Sunday May 7 - Fourth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings**
Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23 (1)  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

**Prayer of the Day**
O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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. Jesus says, I am | the good shepherd.  
I know my own and my | own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

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| Mon - May 8 | Ezekiel 34:17-23 | 1 Peter 5:1-5 | Psalm 100 |
| Tue - May 9 | Ezekiel 34:23-31 | Hebrews 13:20-21 | Psalm 100 |

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**Sunday May 14 - Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**Readings**
Acts 7:55-60  
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (5)  
1 Peter 2:2-10  
John 14:1-14

**Prayer of the Day**
Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, | and the life.  
No one comes to the Father ex- | cept through me. Alleluia. (John 14:6)

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### Monday May 15

**Matthias, Apostle**

(transfered from May 14)

**Readings**
- Isaiah 66:1-2
- Psalm 56 (12)
- Luke 6:12-16
- Acts 1:15-26

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve. Grant that your church may always be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors, through Jesus Christ our shepherd, who 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. (John 12:26)

### Tue – May 16
- Proverbs 3:5-12
- Acts 7:44-56
- Psalm 102:1-17

### Wed – May 17
- Proverbs 3:13-18
- John 8:31-38
- Psalm 102:1-17

### Thu – May 18
- Genesis 6:5-22
- Acts 27:1-12
- Psalm 66:8-20

### Fri – May 19
- Genesis 7:1-24
- Psalm 66:8-20

### Sat – May 20
- Genesis 8:13-19
- John 14:27-29
- Psalm 66:8-20

### Sunday May 21 - Sixth Sunday of Easter

**Readings**
- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20 (8)
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- John 14:15-21

**Prayer of the Day**

Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth 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. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)

### Mon – May 22
- Genesis 9:8-17
- Acts 27:39-44
- Psalm 93

### Tue – May 23
- Deuteronomy 5:22-33
- 1 Peter 3:8-12
- Psalm 93

### Wed - May 24
- Deuteronomy 31:1-13
- John 16:16-24
- Psalm 93
Thursday May 25 - Ascension of Our Lord

Readings
Acts 1:1-11
Psalm 47 (5) or Psalm 93 (2)
Ephesians 1:15-23

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. Go and make disciples of all nations, | says the Lord; I am with you always, to the end | of the age. Alleluia. (Matt. 28:19, 20)

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Fri - May 26  
2 Kings 2:1-12  
Ephesians 2:1-7  
Psalm 93

Sat - May 27  
2 Kings 2:13-15  
John 8:21-30  
Psalm 93

Sunday May 28 - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Readings
Acts 1:6-14
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4)
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11
John 17:1-11

Prayer of the Day
O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 will not leave you orphaned, | says the Lord. I am com- | ing to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

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Mon - May 29  
Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24  
1 Peter 4:1-6  
Psalm 99

Tue - May 30  
Numbers 16:41-50  
1 Peter 4:7-11  
Psalm 99

Wed -May 31  
1 Kings 8:54-65  
John 3:31-36  
Psalm 99
**Wednesday May 31 - Visit of Mary to Elizabeth**

**Readings**
1 Samuel 2:1-10  
Psalm 113 (2)  
Romans 12:9-16b  
Luke 1:39-57

**Prayer of the Day**
Mighty God, by whose grace Elizabeth rejoiced with Mary and greeted her as the mother of the Lord: look with favor on your lowly servants that, with Mary, we may magnify your holy name and rejoice to acclaim her Son as our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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**Or**

**Saturday June 3**
**Vigil of Pentecost**

**Readings**
Exodus 19:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 33:12-22 (20) or Psalm 130 (4)  
Romans 8:14-17, 22-27  
John 7:37-39

**Prayer of the Day**
Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; 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. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, and kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

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Sunday June 4 - Day of Pentecost

Readings
Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30
Psalm 104:24-34 (30)
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Prayer of the Day
O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Alleluia. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful, And kindle in us the fire of your love. Alleluia.

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Mon - June 5
Joel 2:18-29
Romans 8:18-24
Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Tue - June 6
Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29
Romans 8:26-27
Psalm 104:24-34,35b

Wed - June 7
Numbers 11:24-30
John 7:37-39
Psalm 104:24-34,35b