YEAR B 2017/2018 — Lent

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.

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Prayer of the Day
Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made, and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may receive from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Gracious God, out of your love and mercy you breathed into dust the breath of life, creating us to serve you and our neighbors. Call forth our prayers and acts of kindness, and strengthen us to face our mortality with confidence in the mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Return to the LORD, your God, who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. (Joel 2:13)

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Thu — Feb. 15  Daniel 9:1-14  1 John 1:3-10  Psalm 25:1-10
### Sun. Feb. 18 - First Sunday in Lent

**Readings**
- Genesis 9:8-17
- Psalm 25:1-10 (10)
- 1 Peter 3:18-22
- Mark 1:9-15

**Prayer of the Day**
Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God. (Matt. 4:4)

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| Mon — Feb. 19 | Job 4:1-21 | Ephesians 2:1-10 | Psalm 77 |
| Tue — Feb. 20 | Job 5:8-27 | 1 Peter 3:8-18a | Psalm 77 |

### Sun. Feb. 25 — Second Sunday in Lent

**Readings**
- Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
- Psalm 22:23-31 (27)
- Romans 4:13-25
- Mark 8:31-38

**Prayer of the Day**
O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**
May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world is crucified to me, and I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

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| Thu — Mar. 1 | Exodus 19:1-9a | 1 Peter 2:4-10 | Psalm 19 |
| Fri — Mar. 2 | Exodus 19:9b-15 | Acts 7:30-40 | Psalm 19 |
### Sun. Mar. 4 — Third Sunday in Lent

**Readings**
- Exodus 20:1-17
- Psalm 19 (8)
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-25
- John 2:13-22

**Prayer of the Day**

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

We proclaim Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. (1 Cor. 1:23, 24)

### Sun. Mar. 11 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

**Readings**
- Numbers 21:4-9
- Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (19)
- Ephesians 2:1-10
- John 1:14-21

**Prayer of the Day**

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Gospel Acclamation**

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

### Daily Readings

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Sun. Mar. 18 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings
Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 (10) or Psalm 119:9-16 (11)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Prayer of the Day
O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:24)

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| Mon — Mar. 19 | Isaiah 43:8-13 | 2 Corinthians 3:4-11 | Psalm 119:9-16 |

Or

Mon. Mar. 19
Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Readings
2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16
Psalm 89:1-29 (2)
Romans 4:13-18
Matthew 1:16, 18-21, 24a

Prayer of the Day
O God, from the family of your servant David you raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the husband of his blessed mother. Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
We have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. (2 Cor. 5:1)

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Sun. Mar. 25 — Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Readings
Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16 (5)
Philippians 2:5-11
Prayer of the Day

Everlasting God, in your endless love for the human race you sent our Lord Jesus Christ to take on our nature and to suffer death on the cross. In your mercy enable us to share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Sovereign God, you have established your rule in the human heart through the servanthood of Jesus Christ. By your Spirit, keep us in the joyful procession of those who with their tongues confess Jesus as Lord and with their lives praise him as Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

O God of mercy and might, in the mystery of the passion of your Son you offer your infinite life to the world. Gather us around the cross of Christ, and preserve us until the resurrection, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Christ humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

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Mon. Mar. 26 — Monday in Holy Week

Readings
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 36:5-11 (7)
Hebrews 9:11-15
John 12:1-11

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son chose the path that led to pain before joy and to the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. (Gal. 6:14)

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Tues. Mar. 27 — Tuesday in Holy Week

Readings
Isaiah 49:1-7
Psalm 71:1-14 (6)
1 Corinthians 1:18-31
John 12:20-36
Prayer of the Day
Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the time of trial, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation
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**Wed. Mar. 28 — Wednesday in Holy Week**

Readings
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 70 (1)
Hebrews 12:1-3
John 13:21-32

Prayer of the Day
Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at human hands and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

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