



## YEAR C 2015/2016 – Christmas

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.

DAY AND DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	PSALM
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Thursday Dec. 24</b>  <b>Nativity of Our Lord</b>  <b>I — Christmas Eve</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Readings</u>            Isaiah 9:2-7            Psalm 96 (11)            Titus 2:11-14            Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prayer of the Day</u>            Almighty God, you made this holy night shine with the brightness of the true Light. Grant that here on earth we may walk in the light of Jesus' presence and in the last day wake to the rightness of his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gospel Acclamation</u>            Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for   all the people:            to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi-   ah, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Color: White</p>		
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Friday Dec. 25</b>  <b>Nativity of Our Lord</b>  <b>II — Christmas Day</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Readings</u>            Isaiah 62:6-12            Psalm 97 (11)            Titus 3:4-7            Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prayer of the Day</u>            All-powerful and unseen God, the coming of your light into our world has brightened weary hearts with peace. Call us out of darkness, and empower us to proclaim the birth of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gospel Acclamation</u>            Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and a-   dore the Lord.            For today a great light has come up-   on the earth. Alleluia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Color: White</p>		

**Friday Dec. 25**  
**Nativity of Our Lord**  
**III — Christmas Day**

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10  
Psalm 98 (3)  
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]  
John 1:1-14

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave us your only Son to take on our human nature and to illumine the world with your light. By your grace adopt us as your children and enlighten us with your Spirit, through Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for | all the people:  
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi- | ah, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

or

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and a- | dore the Lord.  
For today a great light has come up- | on the earth. Alleluia.

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<b>Sat – Dec 26</b>	2 Chronicles 24:17-24	Acts 6:1-7; 7:51-60	Psalm 148
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or

**Saturday Dec. 26**  
**Stephen, Deacon and Martyr**

Readings

2 Chronicles 24:17-22  
Psalm 17:1-9, 15 (6)  
Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60  
Matthew 23:34-39

Prayer of the Day

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of Stephen the first martyr, who looked to heaven and prayed for his persecutors. Grant that we also May pray for our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who hurt 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

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righ- | teousness' sake,  
for theirs is the king- | dom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

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**Sunday Dec. 27 – First Sunday of Christmas**

Readings

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26  
Psalm 148  
Colossians 3:12-17  
Luke 2:41-52

Prayer of the Day

Shine into our hearts the light of your wisdom, O God, and open our minds to the knowledge of your word, that in all things we may think and act according to your good will and may live continually in the light of your Son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule | in your hearts,  
and let the word of Christ dwell | in you richly. Alleluia. (Col. 3:15, 16)

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<b>Mon – Dec. 28</b>	Isaiah 54:1-13	Revelation 21:1-7	Psalm 148
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**Or**

**Monday Dec. 28  
The Holy Innocents, Martyrs**

Readings

Jeremiah 31:15-17  
Psalm 124 (7)  
1 Peter 4:12-19  
Matthew 2:13-18

Prayer of the Day

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the innocent children of Bethlehem by order of King Herod. Receive into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims. By your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, 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. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

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<b>Tue – Dec. 29</b>	1 Chronicles 28:1-10	1 Corinthians 3:10-17	Psalm 147:12-20
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**Or**

**Tuesday Dec. 29  
John, Apostle and Evangelist (transferred)**

Readings

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31  
Psalm 116:12-19  
1 John 1:1--2:2  
John 21:20-25

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, through John the apostle and evangelist you have revealed the mysteries of your Word made flesh. Let the brightness of your light shine on your church, so that all your people, instructed in the holy gospel, may walk in the light of your truth and attain eternal life, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. The Word became flesh and | lived among us,  
and we have be- | held his glory. Alleluia. (John 1:14)

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<b>Wed – Dec. 30</b>	2 Chronicles 1:7-13		Mark 13:32-37		Psalms 147:12-20
<b>Thu – Dec. 31</b>	1 Kings 3:5-14		John 8:12-19		Psalms 147:12-20

**Or**

**Thursday Dec. 31, 2015  
New Year's Eve**

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13  
Psalm 8  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
Matthew 25:31-46

Prayer of the Day

Eternal God, you have placed us in a world of space and time, and through the events of our lives you bless us with your love. Grant that in the new year we may know your presence, see your love at work, and live in the light of the event that gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. O God, you have | been our refuge  
from one generation | to another. Alleluia. (Ps. 90:1)

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**Or**

**Friday Jan 1, 2016  
Name of Jesus**

Readings

Numbers 6:22-27  
Psalm 8  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Philippians 2:5-11 (alternate)  
Luke 2:15-21

Prayer of the Day

Eternal Father, you gave your incarnate Son the holy name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation. Plant in every heart the love of the Savior of the world, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. At the name of Jesus every | knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and un- | der the earth. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:10)

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<b>Sat – Jan 2</b>	Proverbs 1:1-7		James 3:13-18		Psalms 147:12-20
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**Sunday Jan. 3 - Second Sunday of Christmas**

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14  
Sirach 24:1-12 (alternate)  
Psalm 147:12-20  
Wisdom of Solomon 10:15-21 (alternate)  
Ephesians 1:3-14  
John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we do, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. All the ends | of the earth  
have seen the victory | of our God. Alleluia. (Ps. 98:3)

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<b>Mon – Jan 4</b>	Isaiah 6:1-5		Acts 7:44-53		Psalm 72
<b>Tues – Jan 5</b>	Jeremiah 31:7-14		John 1:[1-9] 10-18		Psalm 72

**Wednesday Jan 6  
Epiphany of Our Lord**

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6  
Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (11)  
Ephesians 3:1-12  
Matthew 2:1-12

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you revealed your Son to the nations by the leading of a star. Lead us now by faith to know your presence in our lives, and bring us at last to the full vision of your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

Almighty and ever-living God, you revealed the incarnation of your Son by the brilliant shining of a star. Shine the light of your justice always in our hearts and over all lands, and accept our lives as the treasure we offer in your praise and for your service, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

or

Everlasting God, the radiance of all faithful people, you brought the nations to the brightness of your rising. Fill the world with your glory, and show yourself to all the world through him who is the true light and the bright morning star, 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

Alleluia. We have observed his star | at its rising,  
and have come to | worship him. Alleluia. (Matt. 2:2)

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