

Year A 2019/2020

Year A focuses on the Gospel of Matthew. The semi-continuous Old Testament readings focus on major Genesis narratives, the covenant with Moses, and the establishment of Israel in the Promised Land. The second, New Testament, readings are from Romans, Philippians and 1 Thessalonians.

Advent	Christmas
Nov. 28, 2019 through Dec. 23, 2019	Dec. 24, 2019 through Jan. 6, 2020
Time after Epiphany	Lent
Jan. 6, 2020 through Feb. 25, 2020	Feb. 26, 2020 through Apr. 8, 2020
The Three Days	Easter
Apr. 9, 2020 through Apr. 11, 2020	Apr. 12, 2020 through May 31, 2020
Time after Pentecost	
May 31, 2020 through Nov. 25, 2020	



YEAR A 2019/2020 – 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
Tuesday Dec 24 – Nativity of Our Lord Set I – Christmas Eve			
<u>Readings</u> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 (11) Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)			
<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.			
<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)			
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**Wednesday Dec 25 – Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day – II**

Readings

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97 (11)
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:(1-7) 8-20

Prayer of the Day

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.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia.

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**Wednesday Dec 25 – Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day – III**

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

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to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

Or

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia.

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Thu – Dec 26

Wisdom 4:7-15

Acts 7:59–8:8

Psalm 148

Or

**Thursday 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 righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

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Fri – Dec 27

Proverbs 8:22-31

1 John 5:1-12

Psalm 148

Or

Friday Dec 27
John, Apostle and Evangelist

Readings

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31

Psalm 116:12-19 (15)

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Sat – Dec 28

Isaiah 49:13-23

Matthew 18:1-14

Psalm 148

Or

Saturday 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.

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Sunday Dec 29 – First Sunday of Christmas

Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9
Psalm 148 (13)
Hebrews 2:10-18
Matthew 2:13-23

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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. 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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Mon – Dec 30	Jeremiah 31:15-22	Luke 19:41-44	Psalm 20
Tue – Dec 31	Isaiah 26:1-9	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Psalm 20

Or

**Tuesday Dec 31, 2016
New Year's Eve**

Readings

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8 (1)
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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Wednesday Jan 1, 2017 – Name of Jesus

Readings

Numbers 6:22-27

Psalms 8 (1)

Galatians 4:4-7 or Philippians 2:5-11

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.

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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Thu – Jan 2	Genesis 12:1-7	Hebrews 11:1-12	Psalms 72
Fri – Jan 3	Genesis 28:10-22	Hebrews 11:13-22	Psalms 72
Sat – Jan 4	Exodus 3:1-5	Hebrews 11:23-31	Psalms 72

Sunday Jan 5 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalms 147:12-20 (12) or Wisdom 10:15-21 (20)

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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

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Monday Jan 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord

Readings

Isaiah 60:1-6

Psalms 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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Tue – Jan 7	1 Kings 10:1-13	Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalms 72
Wed – Jan 8	1 Kings 10:14-25	Ephesians 4:7, 11-16	Psalms 72