

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



YEAR A 2019/2020 – 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. The appointed psalm refrain for Sundays and festivals is from the verse in parentheses.

DAY AND DATE	FIRST READING	SECOND READING	PSALM
Wednesday Feb 26 – Ash Wednesday			
<u>Readings</u>			
Joel 2:1-2, 12-17 or Isaiah 58:1-12			
Psalm 51:1-17 (1)			
2 Corinthians 5:20b—6:10			
Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21			
<u>Prayer of the Day</u>			
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 27	Jonah 3:1-10	Romans 1:1-7	Psalm 51
Fri – Feb 28	Jonah 4:1-11	Romans 1:8-17	Psalm 51
Sat – Feb 29	Isaiah 58:1-12	Matthew 18:1-7	Psalm 51

Sunday Mar 1 - First Sunday in Lent

Readings

Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7

Psalm 32 (10)

Romans 5:12-19

Matthew 4:1-11

Prayer of the Day

Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall, raise us again and restore us through 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

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 – Mar 2	1 Kings 19:1-8	Hebrews 2:10-18	Psalm 32
Tue – Mar 3	Genesis 4:1-16	Hebrews 4:14-5:10	Psalm 32
Wed – Mar 4	Exodus 34:1-9, 27-28	Matthew 18:10-14	Psalm 32
Thu – Mar 5	Isaiah 51:1-3	2 Timothy 1:3-7	Psalm 121
Fri – Mar 6	Micah 7:18-20	Romans 3:21-31	Psalm 121
Sat – Mar 7	Isaiah 51:4-8	Luke 7:1-10	Psalm 121

Sunday Mar 8 – Second Sunday in Lent

Readings

Genesis 12:1-4a

Psalm 121 (1,2)

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

John 3:1-17

Prayer of the Day

O God, our leader and guide, in the waters of baptism you bring us to new birth to live as your children. Strengthen our faith in your promises, that by your Spirit we may lift up your life to all the world through 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

The Son of Man must be | lifted up,
that whoever believes in him may have e- | ternal life. (John 3:14-15)

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Mon – Mar 9	Numbers 21:4-9	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalms 128
Tue – Mar 10	Isaiah 65:17-25	Romans 4:6-13	Psalms 128
Wed – Mar 11	Ezekiel 36:22-32	John 7:53-8:11	Psalms 128
Thu – Mar 12	Exodus 16:1-8	Colossians 1:15-23	Psalms 95
Fri – Mar 13	Exodus 16:9-21	Ephesians 2:11-22	Psalms 95
Sat – Mar 14	Exodus 16:27-35	John 4:1-6	Psalms 95

Sunday Mar 15 – Third Sunday in Lent

Readings

Exodus 17:1-7
 Psalms 95 (1)
 Romans 5:1-11
 John 4:5-42

Prayer of the Day

Merciful God, the fountain of living water, you quench our thirst and wash away our sin. Give us this water always. Bring us to drink from the well that flows with the beauty of your truth through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Lord, you are truly the Savior | of the world;
 give me this living water that I may never | thirst again. (John 4:42, 15)

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Mon – Mar 16	Genesis 24:1-17	2 John 1 - 13	Psalms 81
Tue – Mar 17	Genesis 29:1-4	1 Corinthians 10:1-4	Psalms 81
Wed- Mar 18	Jeremiah 2:4-13	John 7:14-31, 37-39	Psalms 81
Thu – Mar 19	1 Samuel 15:10-21	Ephesians 4:25-32	Psalms 23

Or

**Thursday Mar 19
 Joseph, Guardian of Jesus**

Readings

2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16
 Psalms 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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Fri – Mar 20	1 Samuel 15:22-31	Ephesians 5:1-9	Psalms 23
Sat – Mar 21	1 Samuel 15:32-34	John 1:1-9	Psalms 23

Sunday Mar 22 – Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23 (5)
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

Prayer of the Day

Bend your ear to our prayers, Lord Christ, and come among us. By your gracious life and death for us, bring light into the darkness of our hearts, and anoint us with your Spirit, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Jesus says, I am the light | of the world;
whoever follows me will have the | light of life. (John 8:12)

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Mon – Mar 23	Isaiah 59:9-19	Acts 9:1-20	Psalm 146
Tue – Mar 24	Isaiah 42:14-21	Colossians 1:9-14	Psalm 146
Wed – Mar 25	Isaiah 60:17-22	Matthew 9:27-34	Psalm 146

Or

**Wednesday Mar 25
Annunciation of Our Lord**

Readings

Isaiah 7:10-14
Psalm 45 (17) or Psalm 40:5-10 (8)
Hebrews 10:4-10
Luke 1:26-38

Prayer of the Day

Pour your grace into our hearts, O God, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; for he lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

[Alleluia.] Greetings, O favored one! The | Lord is with you.
The Holy Spirit will | come upon you. [Alleluia.] (Luke 1:28, 35)

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Thu – Mar 26	Ezekiel 1:1-3, 2:8-3:3	Revelation 10:1-11	Psalm 130
Fri – Mar 27	Ezekiel 33:10-16	Revelation 11:15-19	Psalm 130
Sat – Mar 28	Ezekiel 36:8-15	Luke 24:44-53	Psalm 130

Sunday Mar 29 – Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130 (5)
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ and serve you in righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

I am the resurrection | and the life;
whoever believes in me will | never die. (John 11:25, 26)

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Mon – Mar 30	1 Kings 17:17-24	Acts 20:7-12	Psalm 143
Tue – Mar 31	2 Kings 4:18-37	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 143
Wed – Apr 1	Jeremiah 32:1-9, 36-41	Matthew 22:23-33	Psalm 143
Thu – Apr 2	1 Samuel 16:11-13	Philippians 1:1-11	Psalm 31:9-16
Fri – Apr 3	Job 13:13-19	Philippians 1:21-30	Psalm 31:9-16
Sat – Apr 4	Lamentations 3:55-66	Mark 10:32-34	Psalm 31:9-16

Sunday Apr 5 – Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Readings

Matthew 21:1-11 Procession with Palms
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16 (5)
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14-27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

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 | ev'ry
name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

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Monday Apr 6 – 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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Tuesday Apr 7 – 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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except the cross of our Lord | Jesus Christ. (Gal. 6:14)

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Wednesday Apr 8 – 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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