

Year B — 2023/2024

Year B focuses on the Gospel of Mark with more selections from the Gospel of John than any other year. 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.

Advent Nov. 30, 2023 through Dec. 24, 2023	Christmas Dec. 24, 2023 through Jan. 6, 2024
Time after Epiphany Jan. 7, 2024 through Feb. 13, 2024	Lent Feb. 14, 2024 through Mar. 27, 2024
The Three Days March. 28, 2024 through March. 30, 2024	Easter March 31, 2021 through May 22, 2024
Time after Pentecost May 23, 2024 through Nov. 27, 2024	



YEAR B 2023/2024 — 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
Sun. Dec. 24 — Nativity of Our Lord I, Christmas Eve			
<p><u>Readings</u> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 (11) Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</p>			
<p><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><u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:*</p>			

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

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Mon. Dec. 25 — Nativity of Our Lord II, Christmas Day

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 a- l dore the Lord.*
For today a great light has come up- l on the earth. Alleluia.

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Mon. 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

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to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi- l ah, the Lord. Alleluia.

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Tue — Dec. 26

Jeremiah 26:1-9, 12-15

Acts 6:8-15; 7:51-60

Psalm 148

Or

Tue. 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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Wed — Dec. 27	Exodus 33:18-23	1 John 1:1-9	Psalm 148
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Or

Wed. 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 I lived among us,*
and we have beheld his glory. Alleluia. (John 1:14)

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Thu — Dec. 28	Jeremiah 31:15-17	Matthew 2:13-18	Psalm 148
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Or

Thu. 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

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Fri — Dec. 29	Isaiah 49:5-15	Matthew 12:46-50	Psalms 148
Sat — Dec. 30	Proverbs 9:1-12	2 Peter 3:8-13	Psalms 148

Sun. Dec. 31 — First Sunday of Christmas

Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
 Psalm 148 (13)
 Galatians 4:4-7
 Luke 2:22-40

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of the one who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ, your Son, our 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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Or

Sun. Dec. 31, 2024 — 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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Mon. Jan. 1, 2021 — Name of Jesus

Readings

Numbers 6:22-27
 Psalm 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 under the earth. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:10)

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Tue — Jan. 2	Proverbs 1:1-7	James 3:13-18	Psalms 148
Wed — Jan. 3	Proverbs 1:20-33	James 4:1-10	Psalms 110
Thu — Jan. 4	Proverbs 3:1-12	James 4:11-17	Psalms 110
Fri — Jan. 5	Proverbs 22:1-9	Luke 6:27-31	Psalms 110

Sat. 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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