

# 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.

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



## YEAR B 2023/2024 — Advent

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                |
|---|------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| Thu — Nov. 30   | Zechariah 13:1-9 | Revelation 14:6-13 | Psalms 80:1-7, 17-19 |
| Or  |                  |                    |                      |
| <b>Thu., Nov. 30 — Andrew, Apostle</b>  |                  |                    |                      |
| <u>Readings</u><br>Ezekiel 3:16-21<br>Psalm 19:1-6 (4)<br>Romans 10:10-18<br>John 1:35-42   |                  |                    |                      |
| <u>Prayer of the Day</u><br>Almighty God, you gave your apostle Andrew the grace to obey the call of your Son and to bring his brother to Jesus. Give us also, who are called by your holy word, grace to follow Jesus without delay and to bring into his presence those who are near to us, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. |                  |                    |                      |

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. You will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria,\*  
and to the ends of the earth. Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)

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| <b>Fri — Dec. 1</b> | Zechariah 14:1-9 | 1 Thessalonians 4:1-18 | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 |
| <b>Sat — Dec. 2</b> | Micah 2:1-13     | Matthew 24:15-31       | Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 |

**Sun. Dec. 3 — First Sunday of Advent**

Readings

Isaiah 64:1-9  
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19 (7)  
1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
Mark 13:24-37

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. By your merciful protection waken us to the threatening dangers of our sins, and keep us blameless until the coming of your new day, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love, O LORD,\*  
and grant us your salvation. Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)

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| <b>Mon — Dec. 4</b> | Micah 4:1-5      | Revelation 15:1-8      | Psalm 79           |
| <b>Tue — Dec. 5</b> | Micah 4:6-13     | Revelation 18:1-10     | Psalm 79           |
| <b>Wed — Dec. 6</b> | Micah 5:1-5a     | Luke 21:34-38          | Psalm 79           |
| <b>Thu — Dec. 7</b> | Hosea 6:1-6      | 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10 | Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 |
| <b>Fri — Dec. 8</b> | Jeremiah 1:4-10  | Acts 11:19-26          | Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 |
| <b>Sat — Dec. 9</b> | Ezekiel 36:24-28 | Mark 11:27-33          | Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 |

**Sun. Dec. 10 — Second Sunday of Advent**

Readings

Isaiah 40:1-11  
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13 (13)  
2 Peter 3:8-15a  
Mark 1:1-8

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; 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. Prepare the way of the Lord.\*  
All flesh shall see the salvation of God. Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

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| <b>Mon — Dec. 11</b> | Isaiah 26:7-15   | Acts 2:37-42 | Psalm 27 |
| <b>Tue — Dec. 12</b> | Isaiah 4:2-6     | Acts 11:1-8  | Psalm 27 |
| <b>Wed — Dec. 13</b> | Malachi 2:10—3:1 | Luke 1:5-17  | Psalm 27 |

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| <b>Thu — Dec. 14</b> | Habakkuk 2:1-5   | Philippians 3:7-11  | Psalm 126 |
| <b>Fri — Dec. 15</b> | Habakkuk 3:2-6   | Philippians 3:12-16 | Psalm 126 |
| <b>Sat — Dec. 16</b> | Habakkuk 3:13-19 | Matthew 21:28-32    | Psalm 126 |

**Sun. Dec. 17 — Third Sunday of Advent**

Readings

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11  
 Psalm 126 (3) or Luke 1:46b-55 (52)  
 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of your faithful people, Lord God, and open our ears to the words of your prophets, that, anointed by your Spirit, we may testify to your light; 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. I am sending my messenger before you,\*  
 who will prepare your way before you. Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

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| <b>Mon — Dec. 18</b> | 1 Kings 18:1-18  | Ephesians 6:10-17 | Psalm 125           |
| <b>Tue — Dec. 19</b> | 2 Kings 2:9-22   | Acts 3:17—4:4     | Psalm 125           |
| <b>Wed — Dec. 20</b> | Malachi 3:16—4:6 | Mark 9:9-13       | Psalm 125           |
| <b>Thu — Dec. 21</b> | 2 Samuel 6:1-11  | Hebrews 1:1-14    | Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 |
| <b>Fri — Dec. 22</b> | 2 Samuel 6:12-19 | Hebrews 1:5-14    | Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 |
| <b>Sat — Dec. 23</b> | Judges 13:2-24   | John 7:40-52      | Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 |

**Sun. Dec. 24 — Fourth Sunday of Advent**

Readings

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16  
 Luke 1:46b-55 (52) or Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (1)  
 Romans 16:25-27  
 Luke 1:26-38

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Here I am, the servant of the Lord;\*  
 let it be with me according to your word. Alleluia. (Luke 1:38)

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