

# 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.

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



## YEAR B 2023/2024 — Easter

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
<b>Sun. Mar. 31 — Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Day</b>			
<p><u>Readings</u>                      Acts 10:34-43 or Isaiah 25:6-9                      Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)                      1 Corinthians 15:1-11 or Acts 10:34-43                      Mark 16:1-8 or John 20:1-18</p>			
<p><u>Prayer of the Day</u>                      O God, you gave your only Son to suffer death on the cross for our redemption, and by his glorious resurrection you delivered us from the power of death. Make us die every day to sin, that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p>			
Or			

God of mercy, we no longer look for Jesus among the dead, for he is alive and has become the Lord of life. Increase in our minds and hearts the risen life we share with Christ, and help us to grow as your people toward the fullness of eternal life with you, 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. Christ, our paschal lamb, I has been sacrificed.\*  
Therefore, let us I keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)

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**Sun. Mar.31 — Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Evening**

Readings

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Psalm 114 (7)  
1 Corinthians 5:6b-8  
Luke 24:13-49

Prayer of the Day

O God, whose blessed Son made himself known to his disciples in the breaking of bread, open the eyes of our faith, that we may behold him in all his redeeming work, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Our hearts I burn within us\*  
while you open to I us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:27)

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**Mon — Apr. 1**

Genesis 1:1-19

1 Corinthians 15:35-49

Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24

Or

**Mon. Apr. 1 — Resurrection of Our Lord, Easter Monday**

*These propers may be used for a service on Easter Mon. or on another day during the week after Easter Day.*

Readings

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16:8-11 (9)  
Acts 2:14, 22b-32  
Matthew 28:9-15a

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you give us the joy of celebrating our Lord's resurrection. Give us also the joys of life in your service, and bring us at last to the full joy of life eternal, 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. God raised up Jesus, having freed I him from death,\*  
because it was impossible for him to be held I in its power. Alleluia. (Acts 2:24)

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Or

**Mon. Apr. 1 — Annunciation of Our Lord**

*Transferred from Mar. 25*

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

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

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<b>Tue — Apr. 2</b>	Genesis 1:20—2:4a	1 Corinthians 15:50-58	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
<b>Wed — Apr. 3</b>	Song of Solomon 3:1-1	Mark 16:1-8	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
<b>Thu — Apr. 4</b>	Daniel 1:1-21	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 133
<b>Fri — Apr. 5</b>	Daniel 2:1-23	Acts 4:23-31	Psalm 133
<b>Sat — Apr. 6</b>	Daniel 2:24-49	John 12:44-50	Psalm 133

**Sun. Apr. 7 — Second Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 4:32-35  
Psalm 133 (1)  
1 John 1:1—2:2  
John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, with joy we celebrate the day of our Lord's resurrection. By the grace of Christ among us, enable us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and 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. Blessed are those who have not seen\*  
and yet have come to believe. Alleluia. (John 20:29)

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<b>Mon — Apr. 8</b>	Daniel 3:1-30	1 John 2:3-11	Psalm 135
<b>Tue — Apr. 9</b>	Daniel 6:1-28	1 John 2:12-17	Psalm 135
<b>Wed — Apr. 10</b>	Isaiah 26:1-15	Mark 12:18-27	Psalm 135
<b>Thu — Apr. 11</b>	Daniel 9:1-19	1 John 2:18-25	Psalm 4
<b>Fri — Apr. 12</b>	Daniel 10:2-19	1 John 2:26-28	Psalm 4
<b>Sat — Apr. 13</b>	Acts 3:1-10	Luke 22:24-30	Psalm 4

**Sun. Apr. 14 — Third Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 3:12-19

Psalm 4 (3)  
 1 John 3:1-7  
 Luke 24:36b-48

Prayer of the Day

Holy and righteous God, you are the author of life, and you adopt us to be your children. Fill us with your words of life, that we may live as witnesses to the resurrection 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. Our hearts | burn within us\*  
 while you open to | us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:32)

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<b>Mon — Apr. 15</b>	Jeremiah 30:1-11a	1 John 3:10-16	Psalm 150
<b>Tue — Apr. 16</b>	Hosea 5:15—6:6	2 John 1-6	Psalm 150
<b>Wed — Apr. 17</b>	Proverbs 9:1-6	Mark 16:9-18	Psalm 150
<b>Thu — Apr. 18</b>	Genesis 30:25-43	Acts 3:17-26	Psalm 23
<b>Fri — Apr. 19</b>	Genesis 46:28—47:6	Acts 4:1-4	Psalm 23
<b>Sat — Apr. 20</b>	Genesis 48:8-19	Mark 6:30-34	Psalm 23

**Sun. Apr. 21 — Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 4:5-12  
 Psalm 23 (1)  
 1 John 3:16-24  
 John 10:11-18

Prayer of the Day

O Lord Christ, good shepherd of the sheep, you seek the lost and guide us into your fold. Feed us, and we shall be satisfied; heal us, and we shall be whole. Make us one with you, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Jesus says, I am | the good shepherd.\*  
 I know my own and my | own know me. Alleluia. (John 10:14)

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<b>Mon — Apr. 22</b>	1 Samuel 16:1-13	1 Peter 5:1-5	Psalm 95
<b>Tue — Apr. 23</b>	1 Chronicles 11:1-9	Revelation 7:13-17	Psalm 95
<b>Wed — Apr. 24</b>	Micah 7:8-20	Mark 14:26-31	Psalm 95
<b>Thu — Apr. 25</b>	Amos 8:1-7	Acts 8:1b-8	Psalm 22:25-31

Or

**Thu. Apr. 25 — Mark, Evangelist**

Readings

Isaiah 52:7-10  
 Psalm 57 (9)  
 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18  
 Mark 1:1-15

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you have enriched your church with Mark's proclamation of the gospel. Give us grace to believe firmly in the good news of salvation and to walk daily in accord with it, 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. This Jesus | God raised up,\*  
and of that all of | us are witnesses. Alleluia. (Acts 2:32)

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<b>Fri — Apr. 26</b>	Amos 8:11-13	Acts 8:9-25	Psalm 22:25-31
<b>Sat — Apr. 27</b>	Amos 9:7-15	Mark 4:30-32	Psalm 22:25-31

**Sun. Apr. 28 — Fifth Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 8:26-40  
Psalm 22:25-31 (27)  
1 John 4:7-21  
John 15:1-8

Prayer of the Day

O God, you give us your Son as the vine apart from whom we cannot live. Nourish our life in his resurrection, that we may bear the fruit of love and know the fullness of your joy, 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 the vine, you | are the branches.\*  
Those who abide in me and | in them | bear much fruit. Alleluia. (John 15:5)

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<b>Mon — Apr. 29</b>	Isaiah 5:1-7	Galatians 5:16-26	Psalm 80
<b>Tue — Apr. 30</b>	Isaiah 32:9-20	James 3:17-18	Psalm 80
<b>Wed — May 1</b>	Isaiah 65:17-25	John 14:18-31	Psalm 80

Or

**Wed. May 1 — Philip and James, Apostles**

Readings

Isaiah 30:18-21  
Psalm 44:1-3, 20-26 (26)  
2 Corinthians 4:1-6  
John 14:8-14

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to your Son. Grant that we, remembering their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns and 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>Thu — May 2</b>	Isaiah 49:5-6	Acts 10:1-34	Psalm 98
<b>Fri — May 3</b>	Isaiah 42:5-9	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 98
<b>Sat — May 4</b>	Deuteronomy 32:44-47	Mark 10:42-45	Psalm 98
<b>Sun. May 5 — Sixth Sunday of Easter</b>			
<p><u>Readings</u>  Acts 10:44-48  Psalm 98 (4)  1 John 5:1-6  John 15:9-17</p> <p><u>Prayer of the Day</u>  O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all we can desire; through Jesus Christ, your Son and our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p><u>Gospel Acclamation</u>  Alleluia. Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them,*  and we will come to them and make our home with them. Alleluia. (John 14:23)</p> <p>Color: White</p>			
<b>Mon — May 6</b>	Deuteronomy 7:1-11	1 Timothy 6:11-12	Psalm 93
<b>Tue — May 7</b>	Deuteronomy 11:1-17	1 Timothy 6:13-16	Psalm 93
<b>Wed — May 8</b>	Deuteronomy 11:18-21	Mark 16:19-20	Psalm 93
<b>Thu. May 9 — Ascension of Our Lord</b>			
<p><u>Readings</u>  Acts 1:1-11  Psalm 47 (5) or Psalm 93 (2)  Ephesians 1:15-23  Luke 24:44-53</p> <p><u>Prayer of the Day</u>  Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p><u>Gospel Acclamation</u>  Alleluia. Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord;*  I am with you always, to the end of the age. Alleluia. (Matt. 28:19, 20)</p> <p>Color: White</p>			
<b>Fri — May 10</b>	Exodus 24:15-18	Revelation 1:9-18	Psalm 47
<b>Sat — May 11</b>	Deuteronomy 34:1-7	John 16:4-11	Psalm 47

**Sun. May 12 — Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26  
Psalm 1 (6)  
1 John 5:9-13  
John 17:6-19

Prayer of the Day

Gracious and glorious God, you have chosen us as your own, and by the powerful name of Christ you protect us from evil. By your Spirit transform us and your beloved world, that we may find our joy in 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. I will not leave you orphaned, I says the Lord.\*  
I am coming to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

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<b>Mon — May 13</b>	Exodus 28:29-38	Philippians 1:3-11	Psalm 115
<b>Tue — May 14</b>	Numbers 8:5-22	Titus 1:1-9	Psalm 115

Or

**Tue. May 14 — Matthias, Apostle**

Readings

Isaiah 66:1-2  
Psalm 56 (12)  
Acts 1:15-26  
Luke 6:12-16

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, you chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the twelve. Grant that your church may always be taught and guided by faithful and true pastors, through Jesus Christ our shepherd, who 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. (John 12:26)

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<b>Wed — May 15</b>	Ezra 9:5-15	John 16:16-24	Psalm 115
<b>Thu — May 16</b>	Genesis 2:4b-7	1 Corinthians 15:42b-49	Psalm 33:12-22
<b>Fri — May 17</b>	Job 37:1-13	1 Corinthians 15:50-57	Psalm 33:12-22
<b>Sat — May 18</b>	Exodus 15:6-11	John 7:37-39	Psalm 33:12-22

Or

**Sat. May 18 — Vigil of Pentecost**

Readings

Exodus 19:1-9 or Acts 2:1-11  
Psalm 33:12-22 (20) or Psalm 130 (4)

Romans 8:14-17, 22-27  
John 7:37-39

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending the gift of your Holy Spirit. Look upon your people gathered in prayer, open to receive the Spirit's flame. May it come to rest in our hearts and heal the divisions of word and tongue, that with one voice and one song we may praise your name in joy and thanksgiving; 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. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of your faithful,\*  
and kindle in us the fire | of your love. Alleluia.

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**Sun. May 19 — Day of Pentecost**

Readings

Acts 2:1-21 or Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)  
Romans 8:22-27 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Prayer of the Day

Mighty God, you breathe life into our bones, and your Spirit brings truth to the world. Send us this Spirit, transform us by your truth, and give us language to proclaim your gospel, 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. Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts | of your faithful,\*  
And kindle in us the fire | of your love. Alleluia.

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<b>Mon — May 20</b>	Joel 2:18-29	1 Corinthians 12:4-11	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
<b>Tue — May 21</b>	Genesis 11:1-9	1 Corinthians 12:12-27	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
<b>Wed — May 22</b>	Ezekiel 37:1-14	John 20:19-23	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b