

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 — 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
Wed. Feb. 14 — 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. 15	Daniel 9:1-14	1 John 1:3-10	Psalm 25:1-10
Fri — Feb. 16	Daniel 9:15-25a	2 Timothy 4:1-5	Psalm 25:1-10
Sat — Feb. 17	Psalm 32	Matthew 9:2-13	Psalm 25:1-10

Sun. Feb. 18 — First Sunday in Lent

Readings

Genesis 9:8-17
Psalm 25:1-10 (10)
1 Peter 3:18-22
Mark 1:9-15

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over 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

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 — Feb. 19	Job 4:1-21	Ephesians 2:1-10	Psalm 77
Tue — Feb. 20	Job 5:8-27	1 Peter 3:8-18a	Psalm 77
Wed — Feb. 21	Proverbs 30:1-9	Matthew 4:1-11	Psalm 77
Thu — Feb. 22	Genesis 15:1-6, 12-18	Romans 3:21-31	Psalm 22:23-31
Fri — Feb. 23	Genesis 16:1-6	Romans 4:1-12	Psalm 22:23-31
Sat — Feb. 24	Genesis 16:7-15	Mark 8:27-30	Psalm 22:23-31

Sun. Feb. 25 — Second Sunday in Lent

Readings

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16
Psalm 22:23-31 (27)
Romans 4:13-25
Mark 8:31-38

Prayer of the Day

O God, by the passion of your blessed Son you made an instrument of shameful death to be for us the means of life. Grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we may gladly suffer shame and loss for the sake 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

May I never boast of anything except the cross of our Lord I Jesus Christ,*
by which the world is crucified to me, and I I to the world. (Gal. 6:14)

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Mon — Feb. 26	Genesis 21:1-7	Hebrews 1:8-12	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
Tue — Feb. 27	Genesis 22:1-19	Hebrews 11:1-3, 13-19	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
Wed — Feb. 28	Jeremiah 30:12-22	John 12:36-43	Psalms 105:1-11, 37-45
Thu — Feb. 29	Exodus 19:1-9a	1 Peter 2:4-10	Psalms 19
Fri — Mar. 1	Exodus 19:9b-15	Acts 7:30-40	Psalms 19
Sat — Mar. 2	Exodus 19:16-25	Mark 9:2-8	Psalms 19

Sun. Mar. 3 — Third Sunday in Lent

Readings

Exodus 20:1-17
Psalm 19 (8)
1 Corinthians 1:18-25
John 2:13-22

Prayer of the Day

Holy God, through your Son you have called us to live faithfully and act courageously. Keep us steadfast in your covenant of grace, and teach us the wisdom that comes only 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 proclaim Christ I crucified,*
the power of God and the wis- I dom of God. (1 Cor. 1:23, 24)

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Mon — Mar. 4	1 Kings 6:1-4, 21-22	1 Corinthians 3:10-23	Psalms 84
Tue — Mar. 5	2 Chronicles 29:1-11, 16-19	Hebrews 9:23-28	Psalms 84
Wed- Mar. 6	Ezra 6:1-16	Mark 11:15-19	Psalms 84
Thu — Mar. 7	Genesis 9:8-17	Ephesians 1:3-6	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Fri — Mar. 8	Daniel 12:5-13	Ephesians 1:7-14	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22
Sat — Mar. 9	Numbers 20:22-29	John 3:1-13	Psalms 107:1-3, 17-22

Sun. Mar. 10 — Fourth Sunday in Lent

Readings

Numbers 21:4-9
Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22 (19)
Ephesians 2:1-10
John 3:14-21

Prayer of the Day

O God, rich in mercy, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world and rescued us from the hopelessness of death. Lead us into your light, that all our deeds may reflect your love, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son,*
so that everyone who believes in him should not perish, but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

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Mon — Mar. 11	Exodus 15:22-27	Hebrews 3:1-6	Psalms 107:1-16
Tue — Mar. 12	Numbers 20:1-13	1 Corinthians 10:6-13	Psalms 107:1-16
Wed — Mar. 13	Isaiah 60:15-22	John 8:12-20	Psalms 107:1-16
Thu — Mar. 14	Isaiah 30:15-18	Hebrews 4:1-13	Psalms 51:1-12
Fri — Mar. 15	Exodus 30:1-10	Hebrews 4:14—5:4	Psalms 51:1-12
Sat — Mar. 16	Habakkuk 3:2-13	John 12:1-11	Psalms 51:1-12

Sun. Mar. 17 — Fifth Sunday in Lent

Readings

Jeremiah 31:31-34
Psalm 51:1-12 (10) or Psalm 119:9-16 (11)
Hebrews 5:5-10
John 12:20-33

Prayer of the Day

O God, with steadfast love you draw us to yourself, and in mercy you receive our prayers. Strengthen us to bring forth the fruits of the Spirit, that through life and death we may live 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

Unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains a single grain;*
but if it dies, it bears much fruit. (John 12:24)

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Mon — Mar. 18	Isaiah 43:8-13	2 Corinthians 3:4-11	Psalms 119:9-16
Tue — Mar. 19	Isaiah 44:1-8	Acts 2:14-24	Psalms 119:9-16

Or

Tue. Mar. 19 — Joseph, Guardian of Jesus

Readings

2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16
Psalm 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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Wed — Mar. 20	Haggai 2:1-9, 20-23	John 12:34-50	Psalms 119:9-16
Thu — Mar. 21	Deuteronomy 16:1-8	Philippians 2:1-11	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Fri — Mar. 22	Jeremiah 33:1-9	Philippians 2:12-18	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29
Sat — Mar. 23	Jeremiah 33:10-16	Mark 10:32-34, 46-52	Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Sun. Mar. 24 — Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday

Readings

Procession with Palms: Mark 11:1-11 or John 12:12-16

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Psalms 31:9-16 (5)

Philippians 2:5-11

Mark 14:1 — 15:47 or Mark 15:1-39[40-47]

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 every name. (Phil. 2:8-9)

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Mon. Mar. 25 — Monday in Holy Week

Readings

Isaiah 42:1-9

Psalms 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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Tue. Mar. 26 — 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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Wed. Mar. 27 — 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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