

Year A 2025/2026

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. 27, 2025 through Dec. 23, 2025

Time after Epiphany

Jan. 7, 2026 through Feb. 17, 2026

The Three Days

Apr. 2, 2026 through Apr. 4, 2026

Time after Pentecost

May 25, 2026 through Nov. 25, 2026

Christmas

Dec. 24, 2025 through Jan. 6, 2026

Lent

Feb. 18, 2026 through Apr. 1, 2026

Easter

Apr. 5, 2026 through May 24, 2026



YEAR A 2025/2026 – 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 Updated Edition* 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
<p style="text-align: center;">Thursday Dec 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day – II</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Readings</u> Isaiah 62:6-12 Psalm 97 (11) Titus 3:4-7 Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Prayer of the Day</u> 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.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord. For today a great light has come up- on the earth. Alleluia.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Color: White</p>			

**Thursday Dec 25 – Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Day – III**

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

Alleluia. I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people:
to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messi- ah, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

Or

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and a- dore the Lord.
For today a great light has come up- on the earth. Alleluia.

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Fri – Dec 26	Wisdom 4:7-15	Acts 7:59–8:8	Psalm 148
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Or

Friday 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 righ- teousness' sake,
for theirs is the king- dom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

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Sat – Dec 27	Proverbs 8:22-31	1 John 5:1-12	Psalm 148
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Or

Saturday 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 lived among us,
and we have be- held his glory. Alleluia. (John 1:14)

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Sunday Dec 28 – First Sunday of Christmas

Readings

Isaiah 63:7-9

Psalm 148 (13)

Hebrews 2:10-18

Matthew 2:13-23

Prayer of the Day

O Lord God, you know that we cannot place our trust in our own powers. As you protected the infant Jesus, so defend us and all the needy from harm and adversity, 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. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
and let the word of Christ dwell in your richly. Alleluia. (Col. 3:15, 16))

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Mon – Dec 29

Jeremiah 31:15-22

Luke 19:41-44

Psalm 20

Or

Monday Dec 29 – The Holy Innocents, Martyrs (transferred)

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

Alleluia. Blessed are those who are persecuted for righ- teousness' sake,

for theirs is the king- dom of heaven. Alleluia. (Matt. 5:10)

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Tue – Dec 30	Isaiah 26:1-9	2 Corinthians 4:16-18	Psalm 20
Wed – Dec 31	1 Kings 3:5-14	John 8:12-19	Psalm 20

Or

Wednesday Dec 31 – 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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Thursday Jan 1, 2026 – 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 un- der the earth. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:10)

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Fri – Jan 2	Genesis 12:1-7	Hebrews 11:1-12	Psalm 72
Sat – Jan 3	Genesis 28:10-22	Hebrews 11:13-22	Psalm 72

Sunday Jan 4, 2026 – Second Sunday of Christmas

Readings

Jeremiah 31:7-14 or Sirach 24:1-12

Psalm 147:12-20 (12) or Wisdom 10:15-21 (20)

Ephesians 1:3-14

John 1:[1-9] 10-18

Prayer of the Day

O God our redeemer, you created light that we might live, and you illumine our world with your beloved Son. By your Spirit comfort us in all darkness, and turn us toward the light of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Almighty God, you have filled all the earth with the light of your incarnate Word. By your grace empower us to reflect your light in all that we 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. All the ends of the earth
have seen the victory of our God. Alleluia. (Ps. 98:3)

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Mon – Jan 5	Joshua 1:1-9	Hebrews 11:32—12:2	Psalms 72
Tuesday Jan 6 – Epiphany of Our Lord			
<u>Readings</u> Isaiah 60:1-6 Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (11) Ephesians 3:1-12 Matthew 2:1-12			
<u>Prayer of the Day</u> 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.			
<u>Gospel Acclamation</u> Alleluia. We have observed his star at its rising, and have come to worship him. Alleluia. (Matt. 2:2)			
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Wed – Jan 7	1 Kings 10:1-13	Ephesians 3:14-21	Psalms 72