

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.

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| Advent | Christmas |
| Nov. 27, 2025 through Dec. 23, 2025 | Dec. 24, 2025 through Jan. 6, 2026 |
| Time after Epiphany | Lent |
| Jan. 7, 2026 through Feb. 17, 2026 | Feb. 18, 2026 through Apr. 1, 2026 |
| The Three Days | Easter |
| Apr. 2, 2026 through Apr. 4, 2026 | Apr. 5, 2026 through May 24, 2026 |
| Time after Pentecost | |
| May 25, 2026 through Nov. 25, 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 |
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| Wednesday Dec 24 – Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve – I | | | |
| <u>Readings</u> Isaiah 9:2-7 Psalm 96 (11) Titus 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] | | | |
| <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 brightness 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. | | | |
| <u>Gospel Acclamation</u> 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 Savio, who is the Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia. | | | |
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| Thursday Dec 25 – Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day – II | | | |

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 adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon the earth. Alleluia.

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**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 Messiah, the Lord. Alleluia. (Luke 2:10-11)

Or

Alleluia. A holy day has dawned upon us. Come, you nations, and adore the Lord.
For today a great light has come upon 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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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 righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom 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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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 beheld 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 you richly. Alleluia. (Col. 3:15, 16)

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| Mon – Dec 29 | Jeremiah 31:15-22 | Luke 19:41-44 | Psalm 20 |
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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 righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom 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 under the earth. Alleluia. (Phil. 2:10)

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| Fri – Jan 2 | Genesis 12:1-7 | Hebrews 11:1-12 | Psalms 72 |
| Sat – Jan 3 | Genesis 28:10-22 | Hebrews 11:13-22 | Psalms 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 |
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Tuesday 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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| Wed – Jan 7 | 1 Kings 10:1-13 | Ephesians 3:14-21 | Psalms 72 |
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