

# 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 – 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 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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| <b>Sunday Apr 5 – Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Day</b>   |               |                |       |
| <p><u>Readings</u></p> <p>Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6<br/> Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24 (24)<br/> Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43<br/> Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18</p> <p><u>Prayer of the Day</u></p> <p>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> <p>Or</p> <p>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.</p> <p><u>Gospel Acclamation</u></p> <p>Alleluia. Christ, our paschal lamb, has been sacrificed.<br/> Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia. (1 Cor. 5:7, 8)</p> <p>Color: White/Gold</p> |               |                |       |

### Sunday Apr 5 – 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 burn within us  
while you open to us the scriptures. Alleluia. (Luke 24:27)

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| <b>Mon – Apr 6</b> | Exodus 14:10-31;<br>15:20-21 | Colossians 3:5-11 | Psalm 118: 1-2,<br>14-24 |
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### Monday Apr 6 – Resurrection of Our Lord: Easter Monday

*These propers may be used for a service on Easter Monday 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 him from death,  
because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. Alleluia. (Acts 2:24)

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| <b>Tue – Apr 7</b>  | Exodus 15:1-18            | Colossians 3:12-17    | Psalm 118: 1-2,<br>14-24 |
| <b>Wed – Apr 8</b>  | Joshua 3:1-17             | Matthew 28:1-10       | Psalm 118: 1-2,<br>14-24 |
| <b>Thu – Apr 9</b>  | Song of Songs 2:8-15      | Colossians 4:2-5      | Psalm 16                 |
| <b>Fri – Apr 10</b> | Song of Songs<br>5:9— 6:3 | 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 | Psalm 16                 |
| <b>Sat – Apr 11</b> | Song of Songs 8:6-7       | John 20:11-20         | Psalm 16                 |

### Sunday Apr 12- Second Sunday of Easter

#### Readings

Acts 2:14a, 22-32  
Psalm 16 (11)

1 Peter 1:3-9

John 20:19-31

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, the strength of those who believe and the hope of those who doubt, may we, who have not seen, have faith in you and receive the fullness of Christ's blessing, 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 13</b> | Judges 6:36-40 | 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 | Psalm 114            |
| <b>Tue – Apr 14</b> | Jonah 1:1-17   | 1 Corinthians 15:19-28 | Psalm 114            |
| <b>Wed – Apr 15</b> | Jonah 2:1-10   | Matthew 12:38-42       | Psalm 114            |
| <b>Thu – Apr 16</b> | Isaiah 25:1-5  | 1 Peter 1:8b-12        | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 |
| <b>Fri – Apr 17</b> | Isaiah 26:1-4  | 1 Peter 1:13-16        | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 |
| <b>Sat – Apr 18</b> | Isaiah 25:6-9  | Luke 14:12-14          | Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 |

**Sunday Apr 19 - Third Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 2:14a, 36-41  
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (13)  
1 Peter 1:17-23  
Luke 24:13-35

Prayer of the Day

O God, your Son makes himself known to all his disciples in the breaking of bread. Open the eyes of our faith, that we may see him in his redeeming work, 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 20</b> | Genesis 18:1-14            | 1 Peter 1:23-25 | Psalm 134 |
| <b>Tue – Apr 21</b> | Proverbs 8:32—9:6          | 1 Peter 2:1-3   | Psalm 134 |
| <b>Wed – Apr 22</b> | Exodus 24:1-11             | John 21:1-14    | Psalm 134 |
| <b>Thu – Apr 23</b> | Exodus 2:15b-25            | 1 Peter 2:9-12  | Psalm 23  |
| <b>Fri – Apr 24</b> | Exodus 3:16-22;<br>4:18-20 | 1 Peter 2:13-17 | Psalm 23  |
| <b>Sat – Apr 25</b> | Ezekiel 34:1-16            | Luke 15:1-7     | Psalm 23  |

Or

**Saturday 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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**Sunday April 26 – Fourth Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 2:42-47  
Psalm 23 (1)  
1 Peter 2:19-25  
John 10:1-10

Prayer of the Day

O God our shepherd, you know your sheep by name and lead us to safety through the valleys of death. Guide us by your voice, that we may walk in certainty and security to the joyous feast prepared in your house, 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. 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 27</b> | Ezekiel 34:17-23 | 1 Peter 5:1-5    | Psalm 100           |
| <b>Tue – Apr 28</b> | Ezekiel 34:23-31 | Hebrews 13:20-21 | Psalm 100           |
| <b>Wed – Apr 29</b> | Jeremiah 23:1-8  | Matthew 20:17-28 | Psalm 100           |
| <b>Thu – Apr 30</b> | Genesis 12:1-3   | Acts 6:8-15      | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 |
| <b>Fri – May 1</b>  | Exodus 3:1-12    | Acts 7:1-16      | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 |

**Or**

**Friday 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,

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| and to the ends of the earth. Alleluia. (Acts 1:8)   |                     |                |                     |
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| Sat – May 2  | Jeremiah 26:20-24   | John 8:48-59   | Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 |
| <p align="center"><b>Sunday May 3 – Fifth Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p align="center"><u>Readings</u><br/> Acts 7:55-60<br/> Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16 (5)<br/> 1 Peter 2:2-10<br/> John 14:1-14</p> <p align="center"><u>Prayer of the Day</u><br/> Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p align="center"><u>Gospel Acclamation</u><br/> Alleluia. I am the way, the truth, and the life.<br/> No one comes to the Father except through me. Alleluia. (John 14:6)</p> <p align="center">Color: White</p>  |                     |                |                     |
| Mon – May 4  | Exodus 13:17-22     | Acts 7:17-40   | Psalm 102:1-17      |
| Tue – May 5  | Proverbs 3:5-12     | Acts 7:44-56   | Psalm 102:1-17      |
| Wed – May 6  | Proverbs 3:13-18    | John 8:31-38   | Psalm 102:1-17      |
| Thu – May 7  | Genesis 6:5-22      | Acts 27:1-12   | Psalm 66:8-20       |
| Fri – May 8  | Genesis 7:1-24      | Acts 27:13-38  | Psalm 66:8-20       |
| Sat – May 9  | Genesis 8:13-19     | John 14:27-29  | Psalm 66:8-20       |
| <p align="center"><b>Sunday May 10 – Sixth Sunday of Easter</b></p> <p align="center"><u>Readings</u><br/> Acts 17:22-31<br/> Psalm 66:8-20 (8)<br/> 1 Peter 3:13-22<br/> John 14:15-21</p> <p align="center"><u>Prayer of the Day</u><br/> Almighty and ever-living God, you hold together all things in heaven and on earth. In your great mercy receive the prayers of all your children, and give to all the world the Spirit of your truth and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.</p> <p align="center"><u>Gospel Acclamation</u><br/> 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 align="center">Color: White</p> |                     |                |                     |
| Mon – May 11   | Genesis 9:8-17      | Acts 27:39-44  | Psalm 93            |
| Tue – May 12   | Deuteronomy 5:22-33 | 1 Peter 3:8-12 | Psalm 93            |
| Wed – May 13   | Deuteronomy 31:1-13 | John 16:16-24  | Psalm 93            |
| <p align="center"><b>Thursday May 14 – Ascension of Our Lord</b></p>   |                     |                |                     |

Readings

Acts 1:1-11  
Psalm 47 (5) or Psalm 93 (2)  
Ephesians 1:15-23  
Luke 24:44-53

Prayer of the Day

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.

Or

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.

Gospel Acclamation

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)

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**Fri – May 15**

2 Kings 2:1-12

Ephesians 2:1-7

Psalm 93

**Or**

**Friday May 15 – Matthias, Apostle (transferred)**

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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**Sat – May 16**

2 Kings 2:13-15

John 8:21-30

Psalm 93

**Sunday May 17 – Seventh Sunday of Easter**

Readings

Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35 (4)  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

Prayer of the Day

O God of glory, your Son Jesus Christ suffered for us and ascended to your right hand. Unite us with

Christ and each other in suffering and in joy, that all the world may be drawn into your bountiful presence, 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 will not leave you orphaned, says the Lord.  
I am coming to you. Alleluia. (John 14:18)

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| <b>Mon – May 18</b> | Leviticus 9:1-11, 22-24 | 1 Peter 4:1-6  | Psalm 99       |
| <b>Tue – May 19</b> | Numbers 16:41-50        | 1 Peter 4:7-11 | Psalm 99       |
| <b>Wed – May 20</b> | 1 Kings 8:54-65         | John 3:31-36   | Psalm 99       |
| <b>Thu – May 21</b> | Exodus 19:1-9a          | Acts 2:1-11    | Psalm 33:12-22 |
| <b>Fri – May 22</b> | Exodus 19:16-25         | Romans 8:14-17 | Psalm 33:12-22 |
| <b>Sat – May 23</b> | Exodus 20:1-21          | Matthew 5:1-12 | Psalm 33:12-22 |

Or

**Saturday May 23 – Vigil of Pentecost**

Readings

Exodus 19:1-9a 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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**Sunday May 24 – Day of Pentecost**

Readings

Acts 2:1-21 or Numbers 11:24-30  
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b (30)  
1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 or Acts 2:1-21  
John 20:19-23 or John 7:37-39

Prayer of the Day

O God, on this day you open the hearts of your faithful people by sending into us your Holy Spirit. Direct us by the light of that Spirit, that we may have a right judgment in all things and rejoice at all times in your peace, through Jesus Christ, your Son and our 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 25</b> | Joel 2:18-29          | Romans 8:18-24 | Psalm 104:24-34,35b |
| <b>Tue – May 26</b> | Ezekiel 39:7-8, 21-29 | Romans 8:26-27 | Psalm 104:24-34,35b |
| <b>Wed – May 27</b> | Numbers 11:24-30      | John 7:37-39   | Psalm 104:24-34,35B |