

# 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 – The Three Days

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.

### Thursday Apr 2 – Maundy Thursday

#### Readings

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14

Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19 (13)

1 Corinthians 11:23-26

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

#### Prayer of the Day

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave us a new commandment, to love one another as he loves us. Write this commandment in our hearts, and give us the will to serve others as he was the servant of all, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

Eternal God, in the sharing of a meal your Son established a new covenant for all people, and in the washing of feet he showed us the dignity of service. Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these signs of our life in faith may speak again to our hearts, feed our spirits, and refresh our bodies, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

I give you a new commandment,  
that you love one another just as I have loved you. (John 13:34)

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### **Friday Apr 3 – Good Friday**

#### Readings

Isaiah 52:13—53:12

Psalm 22 (1)

Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

John 18:1—19:42

#### Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, look with loving mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed, to be given over to the hands of sinners, and to suffer death on the cross; who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever.

Or

Merciful God, your Son was lifted up on the cross to draw all people to himself. Grant that we who have been born out of his wounded side may at all times find mercy in him, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

#### Gospel Acclamation

Look to Jesus, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross,  
disregarding its shame,  
and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Heb. 12:2)

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### **Saturday Apr 4 – Resurrection of Our Lord: Vigil of Easter**

#### Readings

Creation

First Reading: Genesis 1:1—2:4a

Response: Psalm 136:1-9, 23-26 (1)

Flood

Second Reading: Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18, 8:6-18, 9:8-13

Response: Psalm 46 (7)

Testing of Abraham

Third Reading: Genesis 22:1-18

Response: Psalm 16 (11)

Deliverance at the Red Sea

Fourth Reading: Exodus 14:10-31; 15:20-21

Response: Exodus 15:1b-13, 17-18 (1)

Salvation Freely Offered to All

Fifth Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11

Response: Isaiah 12:2-6 (3)

The Wisdom of God

Sixth Reading: Proverbs 8:1-8, 19-21; 9:4b-6 or Baruch 3:9-15, 32—4:4

Response: Psalm 19 (8)

A New Heart and a New Spirit

Seventh Reading: Ezekiel 36:24-28

Response: Psalms 42 and 43 (42:2)

Valley of the Dry Bones  
Eighth Reading: Ezekiel 37:1-14  
Response: Psalm 143 (11)

Gathering of God's People  
Ninth Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20  
Response: Psalm 98 (4)

Call of Jonah  
Tenth Reading: Jonah 1:1—2:1  
Response: Jonah 2:2-3 [4-6] 7-9 (9)

Clothed in the Garments of Salvation  
Eleventh Reading: Isaiah 61:1-4, 9-11  
Response: Deuteronomy 32:1-4, 7, 36a, 43a (3-4)

Deliverance from the Fiery Furnace  
Twelfth Reading: Daniel 3:1-29  
Response: Song of the Three Young Men 35-65 (35)

New Testament Reading  
Romans 6:3-11

Gospel  
John 20:1-18

Prayer of the Day

Eternal giver of life and light, this holy night shines with the radiance of the risen Christ. Renew your church with the Spirit given us in baptism, that we may worship you in sincerity and truth and may shine as a light in the world, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Or

O God, you are the creator of the world, the liberator of your people, and the wisdom of the earth. By the resurrection of your Son free us from our fears, restore us in your image, and ignite us with your light, 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 us sing to the LORD, who has triumphed gloriously;  
our strength and our might, who has become our salvation. Alleluia. (Exod. 15:1-2)

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