

Sundays and Seasons Worship Planning Calendar 2023 Year A

Worship Planning Calendar serves as a planning guide, appointment calendar, and guide to daily prayer. It can be used effectively in conjunction with *Sundays and Seasons*, a guide to worship planning for leaders (Year A 2023, ISBN 978-1-5064-8093-0); *Sundays and Seasons: Preaching*, a tool for lectionary preaching (Year A 2023, ISBN 978-1-5064-8097-8); and *Bread for the Day 2023: Daily Bible Readings and Prayers*, a daily devotional and prayer resource (ISBN 978-1-5064-8099-2).

Calendar

- The calendar is organized by the church year as presented in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*, including Sundays, principal festivals, lesser festivals, commemorations and observances, and occasions.
- With the exception of The Holy Trinity, which is always celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost, the propers for the Sundays after Pentecost are determined by calendar date. The lectionary number refers to the appointed set of lectionary readings and propers, ordered in sequence beginning with the Sundays in the time after Epiphany and continuing again in the time after Pentecost.

Related Resources

- Prayers of the day, psalm refrains, preface, and color are from *Evangelical Lutheran Worship*.
- Musical settings for year A psalm refrains are in *Psalter for Worship, Year A* (ISBN 978-0-8066-5382-2).
- For other lists of commemorations that may be observed, see *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico* (pp. 10–12), *This Far by Faith* (pp. 114–118), and *Lutheran Book of Worship* (pp. 10–12).

Lectionary

- Readings for Sundays and principal festivals are drawn from year A of the Revised Common Lectionary.
- Daily lectionary readings are drawn from *Revised Common Lectionary: Daily Readings*, which are also included in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (pp. 1121–1153). This daily lectionary was designed to illuminate the significance of the Sunday readings, to encourage a well-rounded reading of scripture over the span of the church year, and to provide a foundation for prayer. In general, readings on Thursday, Friday, and Saturday are selected to prepare for the Sunday lectionary; readings on Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday are selected to reflect on the Sunday lectionary.
- Beginning with Lectionary 10 (June 11, 2023), the complementary series of first readings and psalms is presented on the Sunday planning pages. The semicontinuous series of readings and psalms for the time after Pentecost is listed on page 188. Both series use the same second reading and gospel.

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Mon **Nov 21**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 24
Jeremiah 46:18-28
Revelation 21:5-27

Tue **Nov 22**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 24
Isaiah 33:17-22
Revelation 22:8-21

Wed **Nov 23**

Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100
Miguel Agustin Pro, martyr, 1927

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 24
Isaiah 60:8-16
Luke 1:1-4

Thu **Nov 24**

Day of Thanksgiving (USA)

Justus Falckner, 1723; Jehu Jones, 1852; William Passavant, 1894;
pastors in North America

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 122
Daniel 9:15-19
James 4:1-10

Fri **Nov 25**

Isaac Watts, hymnwriter, 1748

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 122
Genesis 6:1-10
Hebrews 11:1-7

Sat **Nov 26**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 122
Genesis 6:11-22
Matthew 24:1-22

First Sunday of Advent

Preface Advent | Color Blue



SUNDAY
27
NOVEMBER

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come.
By your merciful protection save us from
the threatening dangers of our sins, and
enlighten our walk in the way of your
salvation, for you live and reign with the
Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and forever.

Hymns/Other Music

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Show us your steadfast love,
O LORD, and grant us your salvation.
Alleluia. (Ps. 85:7)

Liturgy Notes

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 2:1-5

Weapons of war transformed into
instruments of peace

Psalm 122

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go
to the house of the LORD." (Ps. 122:1)

Romans 13:11-14

Salvation is near; time to wake from sleep

Matthew 24:36-44

The sudden coming of the Son of Man

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

November 2022

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December 2022

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December 2022

SUNDAY

MONDAY

TUESDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
4 Second Sunday of Advent	5	6
11 Third Sunday of Advent	12	13
18 Fourth Sunday of Advent	19	20
25 Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day	26	27

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

	1	2	3
7	8	9	10
14	15	16	17
21	22	23	24 Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve
28	29	30	31 <i>New Year's Eve</i>

November 2022

January 2023

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Mon **Nov 28**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 124
Genesis 8:1-19
Romans 6:1-11

Tue **Nov 29**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 124
Genesis 9:1-17
Hebrews 11:32-40

Wed **Nov 30**

Andrew, Apostle

Ezekiel 3:16-21
Psalm 19:1-6
Romans 10:10-18
John 1:35-42

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 124
Isaiah 54:1-10
Matthew 24:23-35

Thu **Dec 1**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Isaiah 4:2-6
Acts 1:12-17, 21-26

Fri **Dec 2**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Isaiah 30:19-26
Acts 13:16-25

Sat **Dec 3**

Francis Xavier, missionary to Asia, 1552

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19
Isaiah 40:1-11
John 1:19-28

Second Sunday of Advent

Preface Advent | Color Blue



SUNDAY
04
DECEMBER

John of Damascus, theologian and hymnwriter, c. 749

Prayer of the Day

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming nurture our growth as people of repentance and peace; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Hymns/Other Music

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. Prepare the way of the Lord.
All flesh shall see the salvation of God.
Alleluia. (Luke 3:4, 6)

Liturgy Notes

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 11:1-10

From David's line, a ruler bringing justice and peace

Psalm 72:1-7, 18-19

May the righteous flourish; let there be an abundance of peace. (Ps. 72:7)

Romans 15:4-13

Live in harmony, welcoming one another

Matthew 3:1-12

A voice cries: Prepare the way of the Lord

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

December 2022

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Mon **Dec 5**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 21
Isaiah 24:1-16a
1 Thessalonians 4:1-12

Tue **Dec 6**

Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 21
Isaiah 41:14-20
Romans 15:14-21

Wed **Dec 7**

Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 21
Genesis 15:1-18
Matthew 12:33-37

Thu **Dec 8**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 146:5-10
Ruth 1:6-18
2 Peter 3:1-10

Fri **Dec 9**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 146:5-10
Ruth 4:13-17
2 Peter 3:11-18

Sat **Dec 10**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 146:5-10
1 Samuel 2:1-8
Luke 3:1-18

Third Sunday of Advent

Preface Advent | Color Blue



SUNDAY
11
DECEMBER

Prayer of the Day

Stir up the wills of all who look to you,
Lord God, and strengthen our faith in
your coming, that, transformed by grace,
we may walk in your way; through Jesus
Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and
reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and forever.

Hymns/Other Music

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. I am sending my messenger before
you, who will prepare your way before you.

Alleluia. (Matt. 11:10)

Liturgy Notes

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 35:1-10

The desert blooms as God's people return
from exile

Psalm 146:5-10

The LORD lifts up those who are bowed
down. (Ps. 146:8)

or Luke 1:46b-55

My spirit rejoices in God my Savior.
(Luke 1:47)

James 5:7-10

Patience until the coming of the Lord

Matthew 11:2-11

The forerunner of Christ

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

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January 2023

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Mon **Dec 12**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 42
Isaiah 29:17-24
Acts 5:12-16

Tue **Dec 13**

Lucy, martyr, 304

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 42
Ezekiel 47:1-12
Jude 17-25

Wed **Dec 14**

John of the Cross, renewer of the church, 1591

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 42
Zechariah 8:1-17
Matthew 8:14-17, 28-34

Thu **Dec 15**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
2 Samuel 7:1-17
Galatians 3:23-29

Fri **Dec 16**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
2 Samuel 7:18-22
Galatians 4:1-7

Sat **Dec 17**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
2 Samuel 7:23-29
John 3:31-36

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Preface Advent | Color Blue



SUNDAY
18
DECEMBER

Prayer of the Day

Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that hinders our faith, that eagerly we may receive your promises, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia. The virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel.

Alleluia. (Matt. 1:23)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 7:10-16

The sign of Immanuel

Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19

Let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved. (Ps. 80:7)

Romans 1:1-7

Paul's greeting to the church at Rome

Matthew 1:18-25

A God near at hand

Hymns/Other Music

Liturgy Notes

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

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Mon **Dec 19**

Daily Lectionary

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Genesis 17:15-22
Galatians 4:8-20

Tue **Dec 20**

Katharina von Bora Luther, renewer of the church, 1552

Daily Lectionary

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Genesis 21:1-21
Galatians 4:21—5:1

Wed **Dec 21**

Daily Lectionary

1 Samuel 2:1-10
Genesis 37:2-11
Matthew 1:1-17

Thu **Dec 22**

Daily Lectionary

Luke 1:46b-55
Isaiah 33:17-22
Revelation 22:6-7, 18-20

Fri **Dec 23**

Daily Lectionary

Luke 1:46b-55
2 Samuel 7:18, 23-29
Galatians 3:6-14

Sat **Dec 24**

**Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve**

Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Eve

Preface Christmas | Color White



SATURDAY
24
DECEMBER

Prayer of the Day

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.

Hymns/Other Music

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)

Liturgy Notes

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 9:2-7

Light shines: a child is born for us

Psalm 96

Let the heavens rejoice and the earth be glad. (Ps. 96:11)

Titus 2:11-14

The grace of God has appeared

Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]

God with us

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

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Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day (II)

Preface Christmas | Color White



SUNDAY
25
DECEMBER

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.*

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 62:6-12

God comes to restore the people

Psalm 97

Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the honest of heart. (Ps. 97:11)

Titus 3:4-7

Saved through water and the Spirit

Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

The birth of the Messiah revealed to shepherds

Hymns/Other Music

Liturgy Notes

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

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January 2023

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Nativity of Our Lord Christmas Day (III)

Preface Christmas | Color White



SUNDAY
25
DECEMBER

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)

Readings and Psalm

Isaiah 52:7-10

Heralds announce God's salvation

Psalm 98

All the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God. (Ps. 98:3)

Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]

God has spoken by a Son

John 1:1-14

The Word became flesh

Hymns/Other Music

Liturgy Notes

Intercessions

Sermon Notes

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Mon **Dec 26**

Stephen, Deacon and Martyr

2 Chronicles 24:17-22
Psalm 17:1-9, 15
Acts 6:8—7:2a, 51-60
Matthew 23:34-39

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 148
Wisdom 4:7-15
Acts 7:59—8:8

Tue **Dec 27**

John, Apostle and Evangelist

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-31
Psalm 116:12-19
1 John 1:1—2:2
John 21:20-25

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 148
Proverbs 8:22-31
1 John 5:1-12

Wed **Dec 28**

The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

Jeremiah 31:15-17
Psalm 124
1 Peter 4:12-19
Matthew 2:13-18

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 148
Isaiah 49:13-23
Matthew 18:1-14

Thu **Dec 29**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 20
Jeremiah 31:15-22
Luke 19:41-44

Fri **Dec 30**

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 20
Isaiah 26:1-9
2 Corinthians 4:16-18

Sat **Dec 31**

New Year's Eve

Ecclesiastes 3:1-13
Psalm 8
Revelation 21:1-6a
Matthew 25:31-46

Daily Lectionary

Psalm 20
1 Kings 3:5-14
John 8:12-19