

Devoted *to*

PRAYER

2023-2024 DAILY PRAYER AND READING CALENDAR



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This daily prayer and Bible reading guide, *Devoted to Prayer* (based on Acts 2:42), was conceived and prepared by the Rev. Andrew S. Ames Fuller, director of communications for the North American Lutheran Church (NALC). After several challenging years in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have been provided with a unique opportunity to revitalize the ancient practice of daily prayer and Scripture reading in our homes. While the *Reading the Word of God* three-year lectionary provided a much-needed and refreshing calendar for our congregations to engage in Scripture reading, this calendar includes a missing component of daily devotion: prayer. This guide is to provide the average layperson and pastor with the simple tools for sorting through the busyness of their lives and reclaiming an act of daily discipleship with their Lord. The daily readings follow the *Lutheran Book of Worship* two-year daily lectionary, which reflect the church calendar closely. The commemorations are adapted from Philip H. Pfatteicher's *New Book of Festivals and Commemorations*, a proposed common calendar of the saints that builds from the *Lutheran Book of Worship*, but includes saints from many of those churches in ecumenical conversation with the NALC. The introductory portion is adapted from Christ Church (Plano)'s *Pray Daily*. Our hope is that this calendar and guide will provide new life for congregations learning and re-learning to pray in the midst of a difficult and changing world.

A GUIDE FOR DAILY PRAYER

Introduction

The 17th-century Anglican bishop Jeremy Taylor famously said, “Pray frequently and effectually; I had rather your prayers should be often than long.”

Devoted to Prayer is a devotional aid to help you build a habit of more regular and purposeful prayer, with daily Scripture readings and reflections from the lives of saints who have gone before. It is arranged in the Lutheran prayer tradition and suitable for all Christians seeking a deeper relationship with God.

This guide includes three times of prayer (Morning, Evening, Close of Day) for every day of the year.

Traditionally, these prayers were observed at set times:

Morning—upon waking, or with breakfast;

Evening—at end of work day, or with dinner;

Close of Day—before sleep, or when the family retires.

Using *Devoted to Prayer* does not require you to pray all three times a day. You should choose a frequency of prayer that is suitable to your growth as a disciple of Jesus. Many who use this book may only pray twice a day at times most convenient for them. Begin where you are.

As you strengthen your habit of prayer, we recommend the following practices:

For those BEGINNING a practice of daily prayer...

- Commit to pray at least once a day.
- Keep your prayers brisk so that you do not feel overburdened by the daily effort.
- Memorize THE LORD’S PRAYER and CONFESSION.
- Pray freely for your felt needs when prompted by PERSONAL PRAYER.
- Read simply the gospel passage from the LESSONS for the day.

For those GROWING into the rhythms of daily prayer...

- Commit to pray at least two times per day.
- Memorize each opening ANTIPHON.
- In your PERSONAL PRAYERS, pray in specific ways for the church, the world, your government, and your loved ones.
- Use the full Bible reading plan for the LESSONS.

For those with a MATURE habit of daily prayer...

- Commit to praying all three times per day. Vary the pace of your prayers as the Lord directs you. Use the prayers for festivals and commemorations and learn about the lives of the saints.

- Memorize the PSALMS and CANTICLES.
- Collect and track PERSONAL PRAYERS in a journal. Give thanks to God for answered prayer and pray for friends and family who do not know the Lord.
- Supplement the LESSONS with a Bible Study Guide or a commentary
- Learn how to sing or chant the prayer services. Visit thenalc.org/worship to find the music.

Why Pray At Set Times?

Building a habit of daily prayer ensures that a Christian’s relationship with God is not forgotten throughout the day. It reminds us that we are to “pray without ceasing” in every context of our lives.

Since the earliest days of the church, Christians have prayed at set times. This practice was the continuation of an older Jewish tradition attested in the Psalms: “Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice” (Psalm 55:17).

Throughout the Middle Ages, monasteries and cathedral churches—inspired by Psalm 119:164—continued the practice by praying seven times a day. The frequency and complexity of the “Daily Office” gradually excluded the laity from the prayers of the church. By the eve of the Reformation, sadly, these prayers were almost the sole domain of the clergy and monks.

During the Reformation, leaders such as Martin Luther and Thomas Cranmer sought to recover the church’s ancient heritage of regular prayer by translating and simplifying medieval rites for ordinary Christians.

Since then, Lutheran churches, seminaries, and homes have recovered the Daily Office through the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and other Lutheran liturgical resources.

Today, many websites and apps exist to make the Daily Office available and convenient for the lay Christian. But for those without access to or looking to disconnect from a digital device during prayer, using the *Lutheran Book of Worship* to find all the Scripture readings and parts of daily prayer services can be confusing and cumbersome.

Devoted to Prayer adopts a middle road between these options, combining the user-friendliness of an app with the look and feel of paper. Here the Daily Office is presented in a way that renders instructions (also called “rubrics”) easy to follow.

Each time of prayer can be found on a single page and can be completed in as little as 8-10 minutes, depending on the length of the Scripture readings.

Prayers At A Glance

The vast majority of the Daily Office is taken from Holy Scripture. Each prayer includes the following elements:

Opening Antiphons: Prayer begins with a verse(s) from scripture suitable for the day of the week and time of day. Most of these verses come from the Psalms.

Psalms: Praying the Psalms is one of the oldest practices of Christian Prayer. *Devoted to Prayer* selects the “*Laudate*” psalms (145-150) on a rotation each morning, as well as other psalms for mornings and evening based on the *Lutheran Book of Worship*. Each appointed Psalm excerpt is about 10-15 verses.

The memorization of large portions of scripture, like the Psalms, is a practice all but lost to Christians today. Rather than appointing popular or random psalms, *Devoted to Prayer* invites users to meditate deeply on the *Laudate* psalms throughout the year.

Balanced by the other psalms appropriate to the church season, these selections will enable you to pray the entire Psalter several times throughout the year.

Praying the *Laudate* psalms may feel repetitive at first. Do not be discouraged! It takes discipline and patience to “read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest” the word of God so that it is “hidden deep within our hearts” (Psalm 119:11).

Remember, the Psalms are the ancient hymns of the church, and together they served as the hymnal for the ancient Israelites. Just as a hymnal today is not meant to be read like a book, the Psalms are meant to be prayed or sung; this is why they are present in each day’s devotional time, rather than treated as a book to read.

A Scripture Lesson: The regular study of Holy Scripture is an essential part of the Christian life. Depending on your level of discipline, each day, you are encouraged to either read lessons appointed by a lectionary or portions derived from your own regular study. Readings from scripture conclude with the prayer “The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.”

Canticle: This is a song from scripture that has been sung or said by the church for generations. Many canticles have Latin names derived from the song’s first couple of words. Canticles are often said after a scripture reading as a kind of “call and response.” Learning canticles is a great way to memorize scripture. We refer to seven canticles using their traditional Latin names, but three of the gospel canticles marked with an asterisk are found in our times of daily prayer:

Venite—"O Come": A Psalm of David (Psalm 95)

Gloria In Excelsis—"Glory In The Highest": The Hymn of the Angels (Luke 2:14)

***Magnificat**—"Magnify": The Song of Mary (Luke 1:46-55)

***Nunc Dimittis**—"Now Let": The Song of Simeon (Luke 2:29-32)

***Benedictus**—"Blessed Be": The Song of Zechariah (Luke 1:68-79)

Te Deum Laudamus—"You Are God We Praise You": Ambrosian Hymn (used by A.D. 387 at the latest)

Jubilate—"Be Joyful": A Psalm of Moses (Psalm 100)

The Lord's Prayer: A prompt for the Lord's Prayer is included in each time of prayer. Since the Lord's Prayer is commonly known and memorized, it is not printed in the daily liturgy.

For reference, the text of the Lord's Prayer is:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in
heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our
trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

Seasonal Prayer: This is a short written prayer (sometimes called a "collect") that varies with the day and time and often focuses on a single theme. All collects include a declaration about God's character and a corresponding petition.

Personal Prayer: Each time of prayer includes a prompt for extemporaneous prayer. Here you may include your petitions, supplications, intercessions, and thanksgivings (1 Timothy 2:1). All Christians are encouraged to regularly pray for the world, the nation, the local community, the church, their neighbors, those who suffer, and those in any trouble.

Grace: Each time of prayer concludes with an invocation of God's blessing or a verse from Holy Scripture.

Confession

Confession of Sin has always been part of the Daily Office. We recommend that you confess your sins to God using this prayer at least once a day:

Most merciful God, we confess that we are in bondage to sin
and cannot free ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by
what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not
loved our neighbors as ourselves.

For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in
your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy
name. Amen.

Grant your faithful people, merciful Lord, pardon and peace;
that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you
with a quiet mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Appendices

In addition to the three set times of prayer, *Devoted to Prayer* also includes the following supplementary material:

Seasonal Prayers: These are collects for each season and important feasts of the church year.

Festival & Commemoration Prayers and Readings: These are prayers suitable for lesser festivals, particular persons, or situations worth reflecting on throughout the year. There are links provided for more biographical information and writings found on the NALC website. This in no way reflects any sort of official NALC endorsement of this particular list of saints, but is given here to provide a rich supplement to a congregation or individual's devotional life. Different levels of importance are given to each festival and commemoration, and are indicated by their font format:

- **GREATER FESTIVAL**
- **LESSER FESTIVAL**
- **Commemoration**
- *Optional Commemoration*

Recommended Practices

- Instead of reading the prayers in your head, involve your body by verbally saying each prayer aloud.
- Set daily reminders for times to pray using your phone, computer, or clock.
- Use this guide as a companion to your regular reading of Holy Scripture and to enhance your personal and group study.



DAILY PRAYER



MORNING PRAYER (Matins)

☞ O Lord, open my lips,
☞ and my mouth shall declare your praise.

☞ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The **ALLELUIA** is omitted during Lent.

☞ Alleluia! Alleluia!

One of the following **ANTIPHONS** may be sung or said with the **INVITATORY PSALM**.

In Advent

☞ Give glory to the coming King.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

☞ Alleluia. Unto us a child is born.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.

From the Epiphany through the Baptism of Christ, and on the Feast of the Transfiguration

☞ The Word was made flesh, and we beheld his glory.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.

During the weeks of Epiphany and the season after Pentecost

☞ Give glory to God, our light and our life.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.

In Lent

☞ The word is near to those who call on him.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

☞ Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.
Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of Pentecost

☞ Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascends into heaven.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.
Alleluia.

On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

☞ The Lord is glorious in his saints.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.
Alleluia.

INVITATORY PSALM (PSALM 95)

☞ Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms. For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, the heights of the hills are also his;

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land.

Oh, come, let us bow down and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker.

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The **ANTIPHON** is repeated.

Additional PSALMODY from the calendar follows. Silence for meditation follows each psalm.

The psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm follows the silence.

A HYMN or SONG may be sung.

The SCRIPTURE LESSONS are read. Silence for meditation follows each reading. After the last reading and silence, the leader continues:

☞ In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

☞ But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

One of the following ANTIPHONS may be sung or said with the GOSPEL CANTICLE.

In Advent

☞ Fear not, Mary, you have found favor with the Lord: Behold, you shall conceive and bear a Son.
Alleluia.

On the Twelve Days of Christmas

☞ Today Christ is born; today salvation has appeared. Today ths just exult and say, Glory to God in the highest.

In Epiphany

☞ Our Lord and Savior, begotten before all ages, revealed himself to the world. Alleluia.

In Lent

☞ Let justice roll down like water, and righteousness like an overflowing stream.

In Holy Week

☞ Glory to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life, and resurrection.

In Easter

☞ This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

☞ The Lord is glorious in his saints.
☞ Oh, come, let us worship him.
Alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE OF ZECHARIAH (LUKE 1:68-79)

☞ Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel; he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Savior, born of the house of his servant David.

Through his holy prophets he promised of old that he would save us from our enemies, from the hands of all who hate us. He promised to show mercy to our fathers and to remember his holy covenant.

This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham: to set us free from the hands of our enemies, free to worship him without fear, holy and righteous in his sight all the days of our life.

You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High, for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way, to give his people knowledge of salvation by the forgiveness of their sins.

In the tender compassion of our God, the dawn from on high shall break upon us, to shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

The **ANTIPHON** is repeated.

Other PERSONAL PRAYERS may be said here, beginning with the SEASONAL

PRAYER and any appropriate **PRAYERS FOR FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS**. In concluding the prayers, the leader says:

☞ O Lord, almighty and everlasting God, you have brought us in safety to this new day; preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome in adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

☞ Amen.

☞ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

☞ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

☞ Let us bless the Lord.

☞ Thanks be to God.

☞ The Lord almighty bless us, and direct our days and our deeds in his peace.

☞ Amen.



EVENING PRAYER (Vespers)

Begin with the lighting of a candle and the opening ANTIPHONS.

In Advent

☞ The Spirit and the Church cry out:
☞ Come, Lord Jesus.

☞ All those who await his appearance pray:
☞ Come, Lord Jesus.

℣ The whole creation pleads:

℟ Come, Lord Jesus.

During the Twelve Days of Christmas and the Epiphany

℣ The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light.

℟ The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has not overcome it.

℣ Those who dwelt in the land of deep darkness, on them has light shined.

℟ We have beheld Christ's glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father.

℣ For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.

℟ In him was life, and the life was the light of man.

During the weeks of Epiphany and the season after Pentecost

℣ Jesus Christ is the Light of the world, ℟ the light no darkness can overcome.

℣ Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening, ℟ and the day is almost over.

℣ Let your light scatter the darkness, ℟ and illumine your Church.

In Lent

℣ Behold, now is the acceptable time; ℟ now is the day of salvation.

℣ Turn us again, O God of our salvation, ℟ that the light of your face may shine on us.

℣ May your justice shine like the sun; ℟ and may the poor be lifted up.

During the weeks of Easter

℣ Jesus Christ is risen from the dead. ℟ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

℣ We are illumined by the brightness of his rising. ℟ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

℣ Death has no more dominion over us. ℟ Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Continue with the SERVICE OF LIGHT.

℣ Joyous light of glory:

℟ Of the immortal Father; heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.

We have come to the setting of the sun, and we look to the evening light.

We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:

You are worthy of being praised with pure voices forever.

O Son of God, O Giver of life: The universe proclaims your glory.

℣ The Lord be with you.

℟ And also with you.

℣ Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

℟ It is right to give him thanks and praise.

℣ Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe, who led your people Israel by a pillar of cloud by day and a pillar of fire by night: Enlighten our darkness by the light of your Christ; may your Word be a lamp to our feet and a light to our path; for you are merciful, and you love your whole creation, and we, your creatures glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

℟ Amen.

PSALMODY (PSALM 141)

℟ Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly: hear my voice when I cry to you.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice. Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord; and guard the door of my lips.

Let not my heart incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.

But my eyes are turned to you, Lord God; in you I take refuge.

Strip me not of my life.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Let my prayer rise before you as incense; the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.

Silence for meditation.

℣ Let the incense of our repentant prayer ascend before you, O Lord, and let your loving-kindness descend upon us, that with purified minds we may sing your praises with the Church on earth and the whole heavenly host, and may glorify you forever and ever.

℟ Amen.

The ANTIPHON is repeated.

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A HYMN or SONG may be sung.

The SCRIPTURE LESSONS are read. Silence for meditation follows each reading. After the last reading and silence, the leader continues:

℣ In many and various ways God spoke to his people of old by the prophets.

℟ But now in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son.

One of the following ANTIPHONS may be sung or said with the GOSPEL CANTICLE.

In Advent

℟ Fear not, Mary, you have found favor with the Lord: Behold, you shall conceive and bear a Son. Alleluia.

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just exult and say, Glory to God in the highest.

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℟ Our Lord and Savior, begotten before all ages, revealed himself to the world. Alleluia.

In Lent

℟ Let justice roll down like water, and righteousness like an overflowing stream.

In Holy Week

℟ Glory to the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, our salvation, life, and resurrection.

In Easter

℟ This is the day the Lord has made. Alleluia. Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Alleluia.

On All Saints and other Major Saints' Days

℣ The Lord is glorious in his saints.

℟ Oh, come, let us worship him. Alleluia.

GOSPEL CANTICLE OF MARY (LUKE 1:46-55)

℟ My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant.

From this day all generations will call me blessed.

The Almighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation.

He has shown the strength of his arm; he has scattered the proud in their conceit.

He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly.

He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty.

He has come to the help of his servant Israel, for he has remembered his promise of mercy,

the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen

The ANTIPHON is repeated.

Other PERSONAL PRAYERS may be said here, beginning with the SEASONAL PRAYER and any appropriate PRAYERS FOR FESTIVALS AND COMMEMORATIONS. In concluding the prayers, the leader says:

℣ Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord.

℟ To you, O Lord.

℣ O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works: Give to us, your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, God forever.

℟ Amen.

℣ Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

℟ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

℣ Let us bless the Lord.

℟ Thanks be to God.

℣ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.

℟ Amen.



PRAYER AT THE CLOSE OF DAY (Compline)

- ☞ The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.
- ☞ Amen.
- ☞ It is good to give thanks to the Lord, ☞ to sing praise to your name, O Most High;
- ☞ to herald your love in the morning, ☞ your truth at the close of the day.

A **HYMN** or **SONG** may be sung.

The **CONFESSION** follows.

- ☞ Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence for self-examination.

- ☞ Holy and gracious God,
- ☞ I confess that I have sinned against you this day. Some of my sin I know—the thoughts and words and deeds of which I am ashamed—but some is known only to you. In the name of Jesus Christ I ask forgiveness. Deliver and restore me, that I may rest in peace.
- ☞ By the mercy of God we are united with Jesus Christ, and in him we are forgiven. We rest now in his peace and rise in the morning to serve him.

or

- ☞ I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, [and to you, my brothers and sisters,] that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- ☞ The almighty and merciful Lord

grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

- ☞ I confess to God Almighty, before the whole company of heaven, [and to you, my brothers and sisters,] that I have sinned in thought, word, and deed by my fault, by my own fault, by my own most grievous fault; wherefore I pray God Almighty to have mercy on me, forgive me all my sins, and bring me to everlasting life. Amen.

- ☞ The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon, forgiveness, and remission of all your sins. Amen.

The **PSALMODY** follows. One or more psalms (4, 33, 34, 91, 134, 136) are sung or said. Silence for meditation follows each psalm.

The psalm prayer appropriate to each psalm is said following the silence.

- ☞ Amen.

As a **BRIEF LESSON**, one or more of the following are read.

You are in our midst, O Lord, and you have named us yours; do not forsake us, O Lord our God. *Jeremiah 14:9*

Come to me, all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy, and I will give you rest. Bend your necks to my yoke, and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble-hearted; and you will find rest. For my yoke is good to bear, my load is light. *Matthew 11:28-30*

Peace is my parting gift to you, my own peace, such as the world cannot give. Set your troubled hearts at rest, and banish your fears. *John 14:27*

I am convinced that there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or super-human powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8:38-39

Humble yourselves under God's mighty hand and he will lift you up in due time. Cast all your cares on him, for you are his charge. Be sober, be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith. *1 Peter 5:6-9a*

- ☞ Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.
- ☞ Into your hands I commend my spirit.

- ☞ You have redeemed me, O Lord, God of truth.
- ☞ Into your hands I commend my spirit.

- ☞ Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,
- ☞ Into your hands I commend my spirit.

A **HYMN** or **SONG** may be sung.

- ☞ Hear my prayer, O Lord;
- ☞ listen to my cry.

- ☞ Keep me as the apple of your eye;
- ☞ hide me in the shadow of your wings.

- ☞ In righteousness I shall see you;
- ☞ when I awake, your presence will give me joy.

One of the following **PRAYERS** are sung or said.

- ☞ Be present, merciful God, and protect us through the hours of this night, so that we who are wearied by the changes and chances of life may find our rest in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

- ☞ O Lord, support us all the day long of this troubled life, until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes and the busy world is hushed, the fever of life is over, and our work is done. Then, Lord, in your mercy, grant us a safe lodging, and a holy rest, and peace at the last; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

- ☞ Be our light in the darkness, O Lord, and in your great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of your only Son, our Savior Jesus Christ.

or

- ☞ Visit our dwellings, O Lord, and drive from them all the snares of the enemy; let your holy angels dwell with us to preserve us in peace; and let your blessing be upon us always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

- ☞ Eternal God, the hours both of day and night are yours, and to you the darkness is no threat. Be present, we pray, with those who labor in these hours of night, especially those who watch and work on behalf of others. Grant them diligence in their service, courage in danger, and competence in emergencies. Help them to meet the needs of others with confidence and compassion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

or

- ☞ Gracious Lord, we give you thanks for the day, especially for the good we were permitted to give and to receive; the day is now past and we commit it to you. We entrust to you the night; we rest in surety, for you are our help, and you neither slumber nor sleep.
- ☞ Amen.

- ☞ Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL CANTICLE OF SIMEON (LUKE 2:29-32)

- ☞ Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.
- ☞ Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of every people: a light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping; that awake we may watch with Christ and asleep we may rest in peace.

- ☞ The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless us and keep us.

- ☞ Amen.

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6.	1 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Eighth Day of Christmas THE CIRCUMCISION AND HOLY NAME OF JESUS New Year's Day Isaiah 62:6-7, 10-12; Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 1:18-25; Psalms 98 & 150 (AM); Psalms 99 & 8 (PM)	2 Ninth Day of Christmas <i>Johann Konrad Wilhelm Löhe, Pastor, 1872</i> Genesis 12:1-7; Hebrews 11:1-12; John 6:35-42, 48-51; Psalms 48 & 145 (AM); Psalms 9 & 29 (PM)	3 Tenth Day of Christmas <i>Charles Porterfield Krauth, Teacher, 1883</i> Genesis 28:10-22; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 10:7-17; Psalms 111 & 146 (AM); Psalms 107 & 15 (PM)	4 Eleventh Day of Christmas Exodus 3:1-15; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 14:6-14; Psalms 20 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 93 & 97 (PM)	5 Twelfth Day of Christmas Kaj (pronounced KYE like "sky") Munk, Martyr, 1944 Joshua 1:1-9; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; John 15:1-16; Psalms 99 & 147:13-21 (AM) VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Psalms 96 & 110 (PM)	6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES Isaiah 6:1-6, 9; Ephesians 3:1-12; Matthew 2:1-12; Psalms 72 & 148 (AM); Psalms 100 & 67 (PM)	7 First Day after the Epiphany Isaiah 52:3-6; Revelation 2:1-7; John 2:1-11; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
7.	8 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Isaiah 40:1-11; Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-7, 19-20, 29-34; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	9 Monday of the First Week after the Epiphany <i>Julia Chester Emery, Mission Supporter, 1922</i> Isaiah 40:12-24; Ephesians 1:1-14; Mark 1:1-13; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	10 Tuesday of the First Week after the Epiphany <i>William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645</i> Isaiah 40:25-31; Ephesians 1:15-23; Mark 1:14-28; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	11 Wednesday of the First Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 41:1-16; Ephesians 2:1-10; Mark 1:29-45; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	12 Thursday of the First Week after the Epiphany <i>Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167</i> Isaiah 41:17-29; Ephesians 2:11-22; Mark 2:1-12; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	13 Friday of the First Week after the Epiphany <i>Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367</i> Isaiah 42:1-17; Ephesians 3:1-13; Mark 2:13-22; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	14 Saturday of the First Week after the Epiphany <i>Eivind Josef Berggrav, Bishop of Oslo, 1959</i> Isaiah 42:18-43:13; Ephesians 3:14-21; Mark 2:23-36; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
8.	15 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Isaiah 43:14-44:5; Hebrews 6:17-7:10; John 4:27-42; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	16 Monday of the Second Week after the Epiphany <i>George Fox, Renewer of Society, 1691</i> Isaiah 44:6-8, 21-23; Ephesians 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19a; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	17 Tuesday of the Second Week after the Epiphany <i>Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356</i> Isaiah 44:9-20; Ephesians 4:17-32; Mark 3:19b-35; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	18 Wednesday of the Second Week after the Epiphany THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS Acts 4:8-13; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19; Psalms 23 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	19 Thursday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, Missionary to Finland, Martyr, 1156 <i>Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095</i> Isaiah 45:5-17; Ephesians 5:15-33; Mark 4:21-34; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	20 Friday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Fabian, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, 250 Isaiah 45:18-25; Ephesians 6:1-9; Mark 4:35-41; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	21 Saturday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304 Isaiah 46:1-13; Ephesians 6:10-24; Mark 5:1-20; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
9.	22 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Vincent, Deacon at Saragossa, Martyr, 304 Isaiah 47:1-15; Hebrews 10:19-31; John 5:2-18; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	23 Monday of the Third Week after the Epiphany <i>Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893</i> Isaiah 48:1-11; Galatians 1:1-17; Mark 5:21-43; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	24 Tuesday of the Third Week after the Epiphany <i>Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, 1622</i> Isaiah 48:12-22; Galatians 1:18-210; Mark 6:1-13; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	25 Wednesday of the Third Week after the Epiphany THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 21:10-19; Psalms 67 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	26 Thursday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Timothy, Titus, Silas; Companions of St. Paul Isaiah 49:13-26; Galatians 3:1-14; Mark 6:30-46; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	27 Friday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe; Helpers of the Apostles Isaiah 50:1-11; Galatians 3:15-22; Mark 6:47-56; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	28 Saturday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Thomas Aquinas, Teacher, 1274 Isaiah 51:1-8; Galatians 3:23-29; Mark 7:1-23; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
10.	29 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Isaiah 51:9-16; Hebrews 11:8-16; John 7:14-31; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	30 Monday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 51:17-23; Galatians 4:1-11; Mark 7:24-31; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	31 Tuesday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 52:1-12; Galatians 4:12-20; Mark 8:1-10; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)				

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10.				1 Wednesday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany <i>Bride (Brigid), Abbess, 523</i> Isaiah 52:13–53:12; Galatians 4:21–31; Mark 8:11–26; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	2 Thursday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (CANDLEMAS) Malachi 3:1–4; Hebrews 2:14–18; Luke 2:22–40; Psalms 24:7–10, 84:1–6 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	3 Friday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany <i>Ansgar (Anskar), Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865</i> Isaiah 55:1–13; Galatians 5:16–24; Mark 9:2–13; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	4 Saturday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany <i>Cornelius the Centurion</i> Isaiah 56:1–8; Galatians 5:25–6:10; Mark 9:14–29; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)	
11.	5 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY <i>Paul Miki and His Companions, Martyrs of Japan, 1597</i> Isaiah 57:1–13; Hebrews 12:1–6; John 7:37–46; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	6 Monday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany <i>Philipp Jakob Spener, Renewer of the Church, 1705</i> Isaiah 57:14–21; Galatians 6:11–18; Mark 9:30–41; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	7 Tuesday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 58:1–12; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Mark 9:42–50; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	8 Wednesday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 59:1–21; 2 Timothy 1:15–2:13; Mark 10:1–16; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	9 Thursday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 60:1–22; 2 Timothy 2:14–26; Mark 10:17–31; Psalms 36 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	10 Friday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 61:1–9; 2 Timothy 3:1–17; Mark 10:32–45; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	11 Saturday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 61:10–62:5; 2 Timothy 4:1–8; Mark 10:46–52; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)	
12.	12 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Isaiah 62:6–12; 1 John 2:3–11; John 8:12–19; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	13 Monday of the Sixth Week after the Epiphany <i>Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818</i> Isaiah 63:1–6; 1 Timothy 1:1–17; Mark 11:1–11; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	14 Tuesday of the Sixth Week after the Epiphany <i>Cyril, Monk, 865; Methodius, Bishop, 885; Missionaries to the Slavs</i> Isaiah 63:7–14; 1 Timothy 1:18–2:15; Mark 11:12–26; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	15 Wednesday of the Sixth Week after the Epiphany <i>Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730</i> Isaiah 63:15–64:9; 1 Timothy 3:1–16; Mark 11:27–12:12; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	16 Thursday of the Sixth Week after the Epiphany Isaiah 65:1–12; 1 Timothy 4:1–16; Mark 12:13–27; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	17 Friday of the Sixth Week after the Epiphany <i>Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977</i> Isaiah 65:17–25; 1 Timothy 5:1–25; Mark 12:28–34; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	18 Saturday of the Sixth Week after the Epiphany <i>Martin Luther, Renewer of the Church, 1546</i> Isaiah 66:1–6; 1 Timothy 6:1–21; Mark 12:35–44; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)	
13.	19 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD: LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; 2 Corinthians 3:1–9; John 12:27–36a; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	20 Monday after the Transfiguration <i>Rasmus Jensen, First Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1620</i> Deuteronomy 6:1–15; Hebrews 1:1–14; John 1:1–18; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	21 Tuesday after the Transfiguration Deuteronomy 6:16–25; Hebrews 2:1–10; John 1:19–28; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	22 ASH WEDNESDAY Jonah 3:1–4:11; Hebrews 12:1–14; Luke 18:9–14; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	23 Thursday after Ash Wednesday <i>Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156</i> Deuteronomy 7:6–11; Titus 1:1–16; John 1:29–34; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	24 Friday after Ash Wednesday St. MATTHIAS, APOSTLE Acts 1:15–26; Philippians 3:13–21; John 15:1, 6–16; Psalms 15 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	25 Saturday after Ash Wednesday <i>Elizabeth Fedde, 1921; Emma Francis, 1945; Deaconesses</i> Deuteronomy 7:17–26; Titus 3:1–15; John 1:43–51; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)	
14.	26 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg, Missionary to India, 1719</i> <i>Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Female Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944</i> Jeremiah 9:23–24; 1 Corinthians 1:18–31; Mark 2:18–22; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	27 Monday of the First Week in Lent Deuteronomy 8:1–20; Hebrews 2:11–18; John 2:1–12; Psalms 119:73–80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	28 Tuesday of the First Week in Lent Deuteronomy 9:1–12; Hebrews 3:1–11; John 2:13–22; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)					

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14.				1 Wednesday of the First Week in Lent <i>George Herbert, Priest, 1633</i> <i>David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544</i> Deuteronomy 9:13–21; Hebrews 3:12–19; John 2:23–3:15; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	2 Thursday of the First Week in Lent <i>John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788; Renewers of the Church</i> <i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672</i> Deuteronomy 9:23–10:5; Hebrews 4:1–10; John 3:16–21; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	3 Friday of the First Week in Lent Deuteronomy 10:12–22; Hebrews 4:11–16; John 3:22–36; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	4 Saturday of the First Week in Lent Deuteronomy 11:18–28; Hebrews 5:1–10; John 4:1–26; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
15.	5 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT Jeremiah 1:1–10; 1 Corinthians 3:11–23; Mark 3:31–4:9; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	6 Monday of the Second Week in Lent Jeremiah 1:11–19; Romans 1:1–15; John 4:27–42; Psalms 119:73–80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	7 Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202 Jeremiah 2:1–13, 29–32; Romans 1:16–25; John 4:43–54; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	8 Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent Jeremiah 3:6–18; Romans 1:26–2:11; John 5:1–18; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	9 Thursday of the Second Week in Lent Jeremiah 4:9–10, 19–28; Romans 2:12–24; John 5:19–29; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	10 Friday of the Second Week in Lent Jeremiah 5:1–9; Romans 2:25–3:18; John 5:30–47; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	11 Saturday of the Second Week in Lent Jeremiah 5:20–31; Romans 3:19–31; John 7:1–13; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
16.	12 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604</i> Jeremiah 6:9–15; 1 Corinthians 6:12–20; Mark 5:1–20; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	13 Monday of the Third Week in Lent Jeremiah 7:1–15; Romans 4:1–12; John 7:14–36; Psalms 119:73–80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	14 Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent Jeremiah 7:21–34; Romans 4:13–25; John 7:37–52; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	15 Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent Jeremiah 8:4–7, 18–9:6; Romans 5:1–11; John 8:12–20; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	16 Thursday of the Third Week in Lent Jeremiah 10:11–24; Romans 5:12–21; John 8:21–32; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	17 Friday of the Third Week in Lent <i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 461</i> Jeremiah 11:1–8, 14–17; Romans 6:1–11; John 8:33–47; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	18 Saturday of the Third Week in Lent <i>Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386</i> Jeremiah 13:1–11; Romans 6:12–23; John 8:47–59; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
17.	19 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT <i>St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and Guardian of Our Lord</i> Jeremiah 14:1–22; Galatians 4:21–5:1; Mark 8:11–21; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	20 Monday of the Fourth Week in Lent <i>Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687</i> Jeremiah 16:1–21; Romans 7:1–12; John 6:1–15; Psalms 119:73–80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	21 Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Lent <i>Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711</i> Jeremiah 17:19–27; Romans 7:13–25; John 6:16–27; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	22 Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent <i>Jonathan Edwards, Teacher, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1758</i> <i>James De Koven, Priest, 1879</i> Jeremiah 18:1–11; Romans 8:1–11; John 6:27–40; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	23 Thursday of the Fourth Week in Lent <i>Gregory the Illuminator, Missionary Bishop of Armenia, c. 332</i> Jeremiah 22:13–23; Romans 8:12–27; John 6:41–51; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	24 Friday of the Fourth Week in Lent <i>Óscar Arnulfo Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980</i> Jeremiah 23:1–8; Romans 8:28–39; John 6:52–59; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	25 Saturday of the Fourth Week in Lent THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE VIRGIN MARY Isaiah 7:10–14; Hebrews 10:4–10; Luke 1:26–38; Psalms 40:1–11 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
18.	26 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT Jeremiah 23:16–32; 1 Corinthians 9:19–27; Mark 8:31–9:1; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	27 Monday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1929</i> Jeremiah 24:1–10; Romans 9:19–33; John 9:1–17; Psalms 119:73–80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	28 Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Lent Jeremiah 25:8–17; Romans 10:1–13; John 9:18–41; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	29 Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>John Keble, Priest, 1866</i> <i>Hans Nielsen Hauga, Renewer of the Church, 1824</i> Jeremiah 25:30–38; Romans 10:14–21; John 10:1–18; Psalms 5 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	30 Thursday of the Fifth Week in Lent Jeremiah 26:1–24; Romans 11:1–12; John 10:19–42; Psalms 27 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	31 Friday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>John Donne, Priest, 1631</i> Jeremiah 29:1–14; Romans 11:33–24; John 11:1–27; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	

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18.	<h1>APRIL 2023</h1>						1 Saturday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>Amalie Wilhelmina Sieveking, Renewer of Society, 1859; Frederick Dennison Maurice, Priest, 1872</i> Jeremiah 31:27-34; Romans 11:25-36; John 11:28-44; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
19.	2 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY <i>James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876</i> Zechariah 9:9-12; 1 Timothy 6:12-16; Matthew 21:12-17; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	3 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK <i>Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253</i> Jeremiah 11:18-20; 12:1-17; Philippians 3:1-14; John 12:9-19; Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	4 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK <i>Martin Luther King, Jr., Renewer of Society, 1968; Benedict the African, Friar, 1589</i> Jeremiah 15:10-21; Philippians 3:15-21; John 12:20-26; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	5 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK Jeremiah 17:5-10, 14-18; Philippians 4:1-13; John 12:27-36; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	6 MAUNDY THURSDAY <i>Albrecht Dürer, Painter, 1528; Lucas Cranach the Elder, Painter, 1553; Matthäus Grünewald, Painter, 1528; Michelangelo Buonarroti, Artist, 1564</i> Jeremiah 20:7-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32; John 17:1-26; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	7 GOOD FRIDAY Wisdom 1:16-21, 12-22; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	8 HOLY SATURDAY <i>William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877</i> Job 19:21-27a; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM) THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: VIGIL OF EASTER Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
20.	9 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY <i>Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Teacher, Martyr, 1945</i> Exodus 12:1-14; Isaiah 51:9-11; Luke 24:13-35; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	10 Easter Monday <i>Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, Renewer of the Church, 1557</i> <i>William Law, Priest, 1761</i> Jonah 2:1-10; Acts 2:14, 22-32; John 14:1-14; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	11 Easter Tuesday <i>George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and of Lichfield, 1878</i> Isaiah 30:18-26; Acts 2:36-47; John 14:15-31; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	12 Easter Wednesday Micah 7:7-15; Acts 3:1-10; John 15:1-11; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	13 Easter Thursday Ezekiel 37:1-14; Acts 3:11-26; John 15:12-27; Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	14 Easter Friday Daniel 12:1-4, 13; Acts 4:1-12; John 16:1-15; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	15 Easter Saturday Isaiah 25:1-9; Acts 4:13-31; John 16:16-33; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
21.	16 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Isaiah 43:8-13; 1 Peter 2:2-10; John 14:1-7; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	17 Monday of the Second Week of Easter Daniel 1:1-21; 1 John 1:1-10; John 17:1-11; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	18 Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) Daniel 2:1-16; 1 John 2:1-11; John 17:12-19; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	19 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter <i>Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012; Olavus Petri, Priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1573; Renewers of the Church</i> Daniel 2:17-30; 1 John 2:12-17; John 17:20-26; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	20 Thursday of the Second Week of Easter <i>Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor, 1558</i> Daniel 2:31-49; 1 John 2:18-29; Luke 3:1-14; Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	21 Friday of the Second Week of Easter Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1109 Daniel 3:1-18; 1 John 3:1-10; Luke 3:15-22; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	22 Saturday of the Second Week of Easter Stewardship of Creation Daniel 3:19-30; 1 John 3:11-18; Luke 4:1-13; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
22.	23 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Toyohiko Kagawa, Renewer of Society, 1960</i> Daniel 4:1-18; 1 Peter 4:7-11; John 21:15-25; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	24 Monday of the Third Week of Easter <i>Johann Walter (Walther), Musician, 1570</i> Daniel 4:19-27; 1 John 3:19-4:6; Luke 4:14-30; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	25 Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter St. MARK, EVANGELIST Isaiah 52:7-10; Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16, 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18; Mark 1:1-15; 16:15-20; Psalms 2, 57 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	26 Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter Daniel 5:1-12; 1 John 5:1-12; Luke 4:38-44; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	27 Thursday of the Third Week of Easter Daniel 5:13-30; 1 John 5:13-21; Luke 5:1-11; Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	28 Friday of the Third Week of Easter Daniel 6:1-15; 2 John 1-13; Luke 5:12-26; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	29 Saturday of the Third Week of Easter <i>Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380</i> Daniel 6:16-28; 3 John 1-15; Luke 5:27-39; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
23.	30 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Wisdom 1:1-15; 1 Peter 5:1-11; Matthew 7:15-29; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)						

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23.		1 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter St. Philip and St. James, Apostles Isaiah 30:18–21; 2 Corinthians 4:1–6; John 14:6–14; Psalms 119:33–40 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	2 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 Wisdom 3:1–9; Colossians 1:15–23; Luke 6:12–26; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	3 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter Wisdom 4:16–5:8; Colossians 1:24–27; Luke 6:27–38; Psalms 99 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	4 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter Wisdom 5:9–23; Colossians 2:8–23; Luke 6:39–49; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	5 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter Frederick III Wettin, the Wise, Elector of Saxony and Founder of Wittenberg University, 1525 Wisdom 6:12–23; Colossians 3:1–11; Luke 7:1–17; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	6 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter Wisdom 7:1–14; Colossians 3:12–17; Luke 7:18–35; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
24.	7 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Wisdom 7:22–8:1; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–17; Matthew 7:7–14; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	8 Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter Dame Julian of Norwich, anchoress, c. 1417 Wisdom 9:1, 7–18; Colossians 3:18–4:18; Luke 7:36–50; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	9 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter Nicolaus Ludwig, Count von Zinzendorf, Renewer of the Church, 1760 Wisdom 10:1–21; Romans 12:1–21; Luke 8:1–15; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	10 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter Wisdom 13:1–9; Romans 13:1–14; Luke 8:16–25; Psalms 99 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	11 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter Wisdom 14:27–15:3; Romans 14:1–12; Luke 8:26–39; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	12 Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter Wisdom 16:15–17:1; Romans 14:13–23; Luke 8:40–56; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	13 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter Wisdom 19:1–8, 18–22; Romans 15:1–13; Luke 9:1–17; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
25.	14 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Ecclesiasticus 43:1–12, 27–32; 1 Timothy 3:14–4:5; Matthew 13:24–34a; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	15 Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter Deuteronomy 8:1–10; James 1:1–15; Luke 9:18–27; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	16 Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Deuteronomy 8:11–20; James 1:16–27; Luke 11:1–13; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	17 Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Baruch 3:24–37; James 5:13–18; Luke 12:22–31; Psalms 99 & 147:1–12 (AM) VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	18 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter Erik IX Jedvardsson, King of Sweden, Martyr, 1160 Ezekiel 1:1–14, 24–28b; Hebrews 2:5–18; Matthew 28:16–20; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	19 Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988 Ezekiel 1:28–3:3; Hebrews 4:14–5:6; Luke 9:28–36; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	20 Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804 Ezekiel 3:4–17; Hebrews 5:7–14; Luke 9:37–50; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
26.	21 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION John Eliot, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1690 Ezekiel 3:16–27; Ephesians 2:1–10; Matthew 10:24–33, 40–42; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	22 Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter Helena, Mother of Constantine, c. 330 Ezekiel 4:1–17; Hebrews 6:1–12; Luke 9:51–62; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	23 Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen, Missionary to Sumatra, 1918 Ezekiel 7:10–15, 23b–27; Hebrews 6:13–20; Luke 10:1–17; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	24 Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Johannes Kepler, 1630; Leonhard Euler, 1783; Teachers Jackson Kemper, Missionary Bishop, 1870 Ezekiel 11:14–25; Hebrews 7:1–17; Luke 10:17–24; Psalms 99 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	25 Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter Bede the Venerable, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, 735 Ezekiel 18:1–4, 19:32; Hebrews 7:18–28; Luke 10:25–37; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	26 Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, Missionary, 605 Ezekiel 34:17–31; Hebrews 8:1–13; Luke 10:38–42; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	27 Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter John Calvin, Renewer of the Church, 1564 Ezekiel 43:1–12; Hebrews 9:1–14; Luke 11:14–23; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM) VIGIL OF PENTECOST Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
27.	28 THE DAY OF PENTECOST Isaiah 11:1–9; 1 Corinthians 2:1–13; John 14:21–29; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	29 Monday after Pentecost Jiří Třanovský, Hymnwriter, 1637 Isaiah 63:7–14; 2 Timothy 1:1–14; Luke 11:24–36; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	30 Tuesday after Pentecost Isaiah 63:15–64:9; 2 Timothy 1:15–2:13; Luke 11:37–52; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	31 Wednesday after Pentecost THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH Zephaniah 2:14–15a; Isaiah 12:1–6; Romans 12:9–16; Luke 1:39–47; Psalms 113 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)				

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27.					1 Thursday after Pentecost Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 165 Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Timothy 3:1-17; Luke 12:13-31; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	2 Friday after Pentecost Blandina and Her Companions, Martyrs at Lyons, 177 Isaiah 66:1-6; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; Luke 12:32-48; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	3 Saturday after Pentecost The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 Isaiah 66:7-14; 2 Timothy 4:9-22; Luke 12:49-59; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
28.	4 THE HOLY TRINITY: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Renewer of the Church, 1963 Ecclesiasticus 43:1-12, 27-33; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 11-18; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	5 Monday after the Holy Trinity Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, Martyr, 754 Ruth 1:1-18; 1 Timothy 1:1-17; Luke 13:1-9; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	6 Tuesday after the Holy Trinity William Alfred Passavant, Renewer of Society, 1894 Ruth 1:19-2:13; 1 Timothy 1:18-2:8; Luke 13:10-17; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	7 Wednesday after the Holy Trinity Noah Sealth (Seattle), Chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866 Ruth 2:14-23; 1 Timothy 3:1-16; Luke 13:18-30; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	8 Thursday after the Holy Trinity Ruth 3:1-18; 1 Timothy 4:1-16; Luke 13:31-35; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	9 Friday after the Holy Trinity Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597; Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651 Ruth 4:1-22; 1 Timothy 5:17-25; Luke 14:1-11; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	10 Saturday after the Holy Trinity Ephrem of Edessa, Deacon, 373 Deuteronomy 1:1-18; 1 Timothy 6:6-21; Luke 14:12-24; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
29.	11 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST St. BARNABAS, APOSTLE Deuteronomy 4:1-9; Revelation 7:1-4, 9-17; Matthew 12:33-45; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	12 Monday of the Second Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 4:9-14; 2 Corinthians 1:1-11; Luke 14:25-35; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	13 Tuesday of the Second Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 4:15-24; 2 Corinthians 1:12-22; Luke 15:1-10; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	14 Wednesday of the Second Week after Pentecost Macrina, Monastic, Teacher, 379; Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385 Deuteronomy 4:25-31; 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:17; Luke 15:1-2, 11-32; Psalms 65 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	15 Thursday of the Second Week after Pentecost Evelyn Underhill, Teacher, 1941 Deuteronomy 4:32-40; 2 Corinthians 3:1-18; Luke 16:1-9; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	16 Friday of the Second Week after Pentecost Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752 Deuteronomy 5:1-22; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Luke 16:10-18; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	17 Saturday of the Second Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 5:22-33; 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:10; Luke 16:19-31; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
30.	18 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896 Deuteronomy 11:1-12; Revelation 10:1-11; Matthew 13:44-58; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	19 Monday of the Third Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 11:13-19; 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2; Luke 17:1-10; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	20 Tuesday of the Third Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 12:1-12; 2 Corinthians 6:3-7:1; Luke 17:11-19; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	21 Wednesday of the Third Week after Pentecost Onesimos Nesib, Translator, Evangelist, 1931 Deuteronomy 13:1-11; 2 Corinthians 7:2-16; Luke 17:20-37; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	22 Thursday of the Third Week after Pentecost Alban, the First Martyr in Britain, c. 304 Deuteronomy 16:18-20; 17:14-20; 2 Corinthians 8:1-16; Luke 18:1-8; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	23 Friday of the Third Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 26:1-11; 2 Corinthians 8:16-24; Luke 18:9-14; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	24 Saturday of the Third Week after Pentecost THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Malachi 3:1-4; Acts 13:13-26; Luke 1:57-80; Psalms 141 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
31.	25 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, Renewer of the Church, 1560 Deuteronomy 29:16-29; Revelation 12:1-12; Matthew 15:29-39; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	26 Monday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 30:1-10; 2 Corinthians 10:1-18; Luke 18:31-43; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	27 Tuesday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Teacher, 444 Deuteronomy 30:11-20; 2 Corinthians 11:1-21a; Luke 19:1-10; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	28 Wednesday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202 Deuteronomy 31:30-32:14; 2 Corinthians 11:21b-33; Luke 19:11-27; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	29 Thursday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost St. PETER AND St. PAUL, APOSTLES Ezekiel 34:11-16; 2 Timothy 4:1-8; John 21:15-19; Psalms 87 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	30 Friday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Johan Olof Wallin, Archbishop of Uppsala, Hymnwriter, 1839 Ecclesiasticus 45:6-16; 2 Corinthians 12:11-21; Luke 19:41-48; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	

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31.	<h1>JULY 2023</h1>						1 Saturday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>John Mason Neale, 1866; Catherine Winkworth, 1878; Hymnwriters</i> Ecclesiasticus 46:1-10; 2 Corinthians 13:1-14; Luke 20:1-8; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)	
32.	2 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Ecclesiasticus 46:11-20; Revelation 15:1-18; Matthew 18:1-14; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	3 Monday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 1:1-20; Acts 1:1-14; Luke 20:9-19; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	4 Tuesday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 1:21-2:11; Acts 1:15-26; Luke 20:19-26; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	5 Wednesday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 2:12-26; Acts 2:1-21; Luke 20:27-40; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	6 Thursday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost Jan Hus, Martyr, 1415 1 Samuel 2:27-36; Acts 2:22-36; Luke 20:41-21:4; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	7 Friday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 3:1-21; Acts 2:37-47; Luke 21:5-19; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	8 Saturday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 4:1b-11; Acts 4:32-5:11; Luke 21:20-28; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)	
33.	9 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Samuel 4:12-22; James 1:1-18; Matthew 19:23-30; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	10 Monday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 5:1-12; Acts 5:12-26; Luke 21:29-36; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	11 Tuesday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 547; Scholastica, Abbess, c. 547</i> 1 Samuel 6:1-16; Acts 5:27-42; Luke 21:37-22:13; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	12 Wednesday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1931</i> 1 Samuel 7:2-17; Acts 6:1-15; Luke 22:14-23; Psalms 65 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	13 Thursday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Johannes Flierl, Missionary to Australia and Papua New Guinea, 1947</i> 1 Samuel 8:1-22; Acts 6:15-7:16; Luke 22:24-30; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	14 Friday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 9:1-14; Acts 7:17-29; Luke 22:31-38; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	15 Saturday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Olga, Princess of Kiev, Confessor, 969; Vladimir, First Christian Ruler of Russia, 1015</i> 1 Samuel 9:15-10:1; Acts 7:30-43; Luke 22:39-51; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)	
34.	16 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Samuel 10:1-16; Romans 4:13-25; Matthew 21:23-32; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	17 Monday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost <i>Bartolomé de Las Casas, Missionary to the Indies, 1566</i> <i>William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1816</i> 1 Samuel 10:17-27; Acts 7:44-8:1a; Luke 22:52-62; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	18 Tuesday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 11:1-15; Acts 8:1b-13; Luke 22:63-71; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	19 Wednesday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 12:1-25; Acts 8:14-25; Luke 23:1-12; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	20 Thursday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost <i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Jenks Bloomer, 1894; Sojourner Truth, 1883; Harriet Ross Tubman, 1912; Renewers of Society</i> 1 Samuel 13:5-18; Acts 8:26-40; Luke 23:13-25; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	21 Friday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 13:19-14:15; Acts 9:1-9; Luke 23:26-31; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	22 Saturday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> Judith 9:1, 11-14; 2 Corinthians 5:14-18; John 20:11-18; Psalms 42:1-7 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)	
35.	23 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Birgitta of Sweden, Renewer of the Church, 1373</i> 1 Samuel 14:36-45; Romans 5:1-11; Matthew 22:1-14; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	24 Monday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>Thomas à Kempis, Priest, 1471</i> 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 7-23; Acts 9:19b-31; Luke 23:44-56a; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	25 Tuesday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost St. James the Elder, Apostle Jeremiah 45:1-5; Acts 11:27-12:3; Matthew 20:20-28; Psalms 7:1-10 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	26 Wednesday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Acts 10:1-16; Luke 24:13-35; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	27 Thursday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1919</i> 1 Samuel 16:14-17:11; Acts 10:17-33; Luke 24:36-54; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	28 Friday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schütz, 1672; George Frederick Handel, 1759; Musicians</i> 1 Samuel 17:17-30; Acts 10:34-48; Mark 1:1-13; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	29 Saturday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany</i> <i>Olaf II Haraldsson, King of Norway, Martyr, 1030</i> 1 Samuel 17:51-49; Acts 11:1-18; Mark 1:14-28; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)	
36.	30 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>William Willberforce, Renewer of Society, 1833</i> <i>Robert Barnes, Confessor, Martyr, 1540</i> 1 Samuel 17:50-18:4; Romans 10:4-17; Matthew 23:29-39; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	31 Monday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Monastic, and Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556</i> 1 Samuel 18:5-30; Acts 11:19-30; Mark 1:29-45; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)						

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36.			1 Tuesday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>Joseph of Arimathea</i> 1 Samuel 19:1-24; Acts 12:1-17; Mark 2:1-12; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	2 Wednesday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 20:1-23; Acts 12:18-25; Mark 2:13-22; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	3 Thursday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 20:24-42; Acts 13:1-12; Mark 2:23-36; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	4 Friday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 21:1-15; Acts 13:13-25; Mark 3:7-19a; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	5 Saturday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 22:1-23; Acts 13:26-43; Mark 3:19b-35; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
37.	6 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD</i> 1 Samuel 23:7-18; Romans 11:33-12:2; Matthew 25:14-30; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	7 Monday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 24:1-22; Acts 13:44-52; Mark 4:1-20; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	8 Tuesday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>Dominic de Guzmán, Priest and Friar, 1221</i> 1 Samuel 25:1-22; Acts 14:1-18; Mark 4:21-34; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	9 Wednesday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost 1 Samuel 25:23-44; Acts 14:19-28; Mark 4:35-41; Psalms 65 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	10 Thursday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258</i> 1 Samuel 28:3-20; Acts 15:1-11; Mark 5:1-20; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	11 Friday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>Clare, Abbess of Assisi, 1253</i> 1 Samuel 31:1-13; Acts 15:12-21; Mark 5:21-43; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	12 Saturday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 1:1-16; Acts 15:22-35; Mark 6:1-13; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
38.	13 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Florence Nightingale, 1910; Clara Maass, 1901; Renewers of Society Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667</i> 2 Samuel 1:17-27; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 25:31-46; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	14 Monday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost <i>Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, 1941</i> <i>Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Civil Rights Witness, Martyr, 1965</i> 2 Samuel 2:1-11; Acts 15:36-16:5; Mark 6:14-29; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	15 Tuesday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost <i>St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord</i> Isaiah 61:7-11; Galatians 4:4-7; Luke 1:46-55; Psalms 34, 45:11-16 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	16 Wednesday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost <i>Stephen I, King of Hungary, 1038</i> 2 Samuel 3:22-39; Acts 16:16-24; Mark 6:47-56; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	17 Thursday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost <i>Johann Gerhard, Theologian, 1637</i> 2 Samuel 4:1-12; Acts 16:25-40; Mark 7:1-23; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	18 Friday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost <i>William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918</i> 2 Samuel 5:1-12; Acts 17:1-15; Mark 7:24-37; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	19 Saturday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 5:22-6:11; Acts 17:16-34; Mark 8:1-10; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
39.	20 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153</i> 2 Samuel 6:12-23; Romans 14:7-12; John 1:43-51; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	21 Monday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 7:1-17; Acts 18:1-11; Mark 8:11-21; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	22 Tuesday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 7:18-29; Acts 18:12-28; Mark 8:22-33; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	23 Wednesday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 9:1-13; Acts 19:1-10; Mark 8:34-9:1; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	24 Thursday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost <i>St. Bartholomew, Apostle</i> Deuteronomy 18:15-18; Exodus 19:1-6; 1 Corinthians 4:9-15; 12:27-31a; Luke 22:24-30; John 1:43-51; Psalms 91, 12 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	25 Friday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost <i>Louis IX Capet, King of France, 1270</i> 2 Samuel 12:1-14; Acts 19:21-41; Mark 9:14-29; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	26 Saturday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 12:15-31; Acts 20:1-16; Mark 9:30-41; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
40.	27 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Monica, Mother of Augustine 387</i> <i>Thomas Gallaudet, 1902; Henry Winter Syle, 1890; Priests to the Deaf</i> 2 Samuel 13:1-22; Romans 15:1-13; John 3:22-36; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	28 Monday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher, 430</i> <i>Moses the Black, Monk and Martyr, c. 400</i> 2 Samuel 13:23-39; Acts 20:17-38; Mark 9:42-50; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	29 Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost <i>The Beheading of St. John the Baptist</i> 2 Samuel 14:1-20; Acts 21:1-14; Mark 10:1-16; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	30 Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 14:21-33; Acts 21:15-26; Mark 10:17-31; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	31 Thursday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Bunyan, Teacher, 1688</i> 2 Samuel 15:1-18; Acts 21:27-36; Mark 10:32-45; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)		

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40.						1 Friday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost <i>David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931</i> 2 Samuel 15:19–37; Acts 21:37–22:16; Mark 10:46–52; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	2 Saturday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, Bishop and Renewer of the Church, 1872</i> 2 Samuel 16:1–23; Acts 22:17–29; Mark 11:1–11; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
41.	3 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1942</i> 2 Samuel 17:1–23; Galatians 3:6–4; John 5:30–47; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	4 Monday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Albert Schweitzer, Missionary to Africa, 1965</i> <i>Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941</i> 2 Samuel 17:24–18:8; Acts 22:30–23:11; Mark 11:12–26; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	5 Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Renewer of Society, 1997</i> 2 Samuel 18:9–18; Acts 23:12–24; Mark 11:27–12:12; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	6 Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 18:19–33; Acts 23:23–35; Mark 12:13–27; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	7 Thursday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost 2 Samuel 19:1–23; Acts 24:1–23; Mark 12:28–34; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	8 Friday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary 2 Samuel 19:24–43; Acts 24:24–25:12; Mark 12:35–44; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	9 Saturday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Peter Claver, Priest, Missionary to Colombia, 1654</i> <i>Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, 1878</i> 2 Samuel 23:1–7, 13–17; Acts 25:13–27; Mark 13:1–13; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
42.	10 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898</i> 2 Samuel 24:1–2, 10–25; Galatians 3:23–47; John 8:12–20; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	11 Monday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost 1 Kings 1:1–31; Acts 26:1–23; Mark 13:14–27; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	12 Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830</i> 1 Kings 1:32–2:46; Acts 26:24–27:8; Mark 13:28–37; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	13 Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407</i> 1 Kings 3:1–15; Acts 27:9–26; Mark 14:1–11; Psalms 96 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	14 Thursday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost HOLY CROSS DAY Isaiah 45:21–25; Philippians 2:5–11; Galatians 6:14–18; John 12:31–36a; Psalms 98 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	15 Friday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost 1 Kings 5:1–6:1, 7; Acts 28:1–16; Mark 14:27–42; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	16 Saturday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr at Carthage, 258</i> <i>Ninian, Bishop, Missionary to Scotland, c. 430</i> 1 Kings 7:51–8:21; Acts 28:17–31; Mark 14:43–52; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
43.	17 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Renewer of the Church, 1179</i> 1 Kings 8:22–40; 1 Timothy 4:7b–16; John 8:47–59; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	18 Monday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Dag Hammarskjöld, Peacemaker, 1961</i> <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882</i> 2 Chronicles 6:32–7:7; James 2:1–13; Mark 14:53–65; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	19 Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</i> 1 Kings 8:65–9:9; James 2:14–26; Mark 14:66–72; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	20 Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and His Companions; Martyrs, 1871</i> 1 Kings 9:24–10:13; James 3:1–12; Mark 15:1–11; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	21 Thursday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost St. MATTHEW, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Ezekiel 2:8–3:11; Ephesians 2:4–10; Matthew 9:9–13; Psalms 119:33–40 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	22 Friday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Julius Falkner, First Lutheran Pastor Ordained in North America, 1723</i> <i>Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio and Illinois, 1852</i> 1 Kings 11:26–43; James 4:13–5:6; Mark 15:22–32; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	23 Saturday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost 1 Kings 12:1–20; James 5:7–20; Mark 15:33–39; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
44.	24 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 1 Kings 12:21–33; Acts 4:18–31; John 10:31–42; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	25 Monday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392</i> 1 Kings 13:1–10; Philippians 1:1–11; Mark 15:40–47; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	26 Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626</i> 1 Kings 16:23–34; Philippians 1:12–30; Mark 16:1–20; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	27 Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Vincent de Paul, Priest, Renewer of Church and Society, 1660</i> 1 Kings 17:1–24; Philippians 2:1–11; Matthew 2:1–12; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	28 Thursday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Jehu Jones, Jr., Pastor, 1852</i> 1 Kings 18:1–19; Philippians 2:12–30; Matthew 2:13–23; Psalms 36 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	29 Friday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost St. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS Daniel 7:9–10, 13–14; Genesis 28:10–17; Revelation 12:7–12; John 1:47–51; Psalms 103 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	30 Saturday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Jerome of Stridon, Translator and Teacher, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420</i> 1 Kings 18:41–19:8; Philippians 3:17–4:7; Matthew 3:13–17; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)

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45.	1 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 533</i> 1 Kings 19:8-21; Acts 5:34-42; John 11:45-57; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	2 Monday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost 1 Kings 21:1-16; 1 Corinthians 1:1-19; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	3 Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost 1 Kings 21:17-29; 1 Corinthians 1:20-31; Matthew 4:12-17; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	4 Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, Renewer of the Church, 1226</i> 1 Kings 22:1-28; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Matthew 4:18-25; Psalms 65 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	5 Thursday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Frederike Fliedner, 1842; Theodor Fliedner, 1864; Karolin Fliedner, 1892; Renewers of Society</i> 1 Kings 22:29-45; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15; Matthew 5:1-10; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	6 Friday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>William Tyndale, Priest, Translator, Martyr, 1536</i> 2 Kings 1:2-17; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Matthew 5:11-16; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	7 Saturday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Missionary to America, 1787</i> 2 Kings 2:1-18; 1 Corinthians 4:1-7; Matthew 5:17-20; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)	
46.	8 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2 Kings 4:8-37; Acts 9:10-31; Luke 3:7-18; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	9 Monday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost Thanksgiving Day (Canada) <i>Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253</i> 2 Kings 5:1-19; 1 Corinthians 4:8-21; Matthew 5:21-26; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	10 Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 5:19-27; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Matthew 5:27-37; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	11 Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost Philip, Deacon and Evangelist 2 Kings 6:1-23; 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Matthew 5:38-48; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	12 Thursday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 9:1-16; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	13 Friday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Elizabeth Fry, Renewer of Society, 1845</i> 2 Kings 9:17-37; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9; Matthew 6:7-15; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	14 Saturday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, 1906; Channing Moore Williams, 1910; Missionary Bishops</i> 2 Kings 11:1-20a; 1 Corinthians 7:10-24; Matthew 6:19-24; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)	
47.	15 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Teresa of Avila, Renewer of the Church, 1582</i> 2 Kings 17:1-18; Acts 9:36-43; Luke 5:1-11; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	16 Monday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Renewer of the Church, 1556 2 Kings 17:24-41; 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Matthew 6:25-34; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	17 Tuesday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 115 Paull Spring, First Bishop of the NALC, 2020 2 Chronicles 29:1-3; 30:1-27; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40; Matthew 7:1-12; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	18 Wednesday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost St. Luke, Evangelist and Companion of Paul Isaiah 43:8-13; Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14; 2 Timothy 4:5-13; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21; Psalms 147 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	19 Thursday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost <i>Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812</i> 2 Kings 18:28-37; 1 Corinthians 9:1-15; Matthew 7:22-29; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	20 Friday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 19:1-20; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Matthew 8:1-17; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	21 Saturday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 19:21-36; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Matthew 8:18-27; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)	
48.	22 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST 2 Kings 20:1-21; Acts 12:1-17; Luke 7:11-17; Psalms 119 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	23 Monday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Bishop, Martyr, c. 62 Acts 15:12-22a; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58; Psalms 1 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	24 Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 22:1-13; 1 Corinthians 11:2-22; Matthew 9:1-8; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	25 Wednesday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 22:14-23:3; 1 Corinthians 11:23-34; Matthew 9:9-17; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	26 Thursday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost <i>Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; Hymnwriters</i> Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899 2 Kings 23:4-25; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Matthew 9:18-26; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	27 Friday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost 2 Kings 23:36-24:17; 1 Corinthians 12:12-26; Matthew 9:27-34; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	28 Saturday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Jeremiah 26:1-16; Ephesians 2:13-22; 1 John 4:1-6; John 15:17-27; 14:21-27; Psalms 119:89-96 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)	
49.	29 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>James Hannington, and His Companions, Martyrs, 1885</i> Jeremiah 36:1-10; Acts 14:8-18; Luke 7:36-50; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	30 Monday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Jeremiah 36:11-26; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Matthew 10:5-15; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	31 Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Reformation Day Jeremiah 36:27-37:2; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12; Matthew 10:16-23; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)					

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49.				1 Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost <i>ALL SAINTS' DAY</i> Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14, Isaiah 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 19-21; Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17; Matthew 5:1-12; Psalms 149 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	2 Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Commemoration of the Faithful Departed Jeremiah 38:1-13; 1 Corinthians 14:26-33a; Matthew 10:34-42; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	3 Friday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost <i>Martin de Porres, Renewer of Society, 1639</i> <i>Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600</i> Jeremiah 38:14-28; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 11:1-6; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	4 Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Jeremiah 52:1-34; 1 Corinthians 15:12-29; Matthew 11:7-15; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
50.	5 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Elizabeth and Zechariah, Parents of St. John the Baptist Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14; Acts 16:6-15; Luke 10:1-12, 17-20; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	6 Monday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944</i> Jeremiah 44:1-14; 1 Corinthians 15:30-41; Matthew 11:16-24; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	7 Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739</i> Lamentations 1:1-12; 1 Corinthians 15:41-50; Matthew 11:25-30; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	8 Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>John Christian Frederick Heyer, Missionary to India, 1873</i> <i>Johannes von Staupitz, Abbot and Confessor, 1524</i> Lamentations 2:8-15; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Matthew 12:1-14; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	9 Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>Martin Chemnitz, Pastor and Confessor, 1586</i> Ezra 1:1-11; 1 Corinthians 16:1-9; Matthew 12:15-21; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	10 Friday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461 Ezra 3:1-13; 1 Corinthians 16:10-24; Matthew 12:22-32; Psalms 8 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	11 Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397 Ezra 4:7, 11-24; Philemon 1-25; Matthew 12:33-42; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
51.	12 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, Theologian, 1855</i> <i>Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836</i> Haggai 1:1-2; 9; Acts 18:24-19:7; Luke 10:25-37; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	13 Monday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost Zechariah 1:7-17; Revelation 1:4-20; Matthew 12:43-50; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	14 Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Anglican Bishop, 1784</i> Ezra 5:1-17; Revelation 4:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	15 Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost Ezra 6:1-22; Revelation 5:1-10; Matthew 13:10-17; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	16 Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093</i> Nehemiah 1:1-11; Revelation 5:11-6:11; Matthew 13:18-23; Psalms 97 & 147:15-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	17 Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost Elizabeth of Thuringia, Princess of Hungary, 1231 <i>Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200</i> Nehemiah 2:1-20; Revelation 6:12-7:4; Matthew 13:24-30; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	18 Saturday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680 Nehemiah 4:1-23; Revelation 7:4-17; Matthew 13:31-35; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
52.	19 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Mechtilid of Magdeburg, 1282; Mechtilid of Hackeborn, 1298; Gertrude the Great, 1302; Renewers of the Church Nehemiah 5:1-19; Acts 20:7-12; Luke 12:22-31; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	20 Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost <i>Edmund, King of East Anglia, Martyr, 870</i> Nehemiah 6:1-19; Revelation 10:1-11; Matthew 13:36-43; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	21 Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost Nehemiah 12:27-31a, 42b-47; Revelation 11:1-19; Matthew 13:44-52; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	22 Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost Clives Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963 Nehemiah 13:4-22; Revelation 12:1-12; Matthew 13:53-58; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	23 Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost Thanksgiving Day (United States) Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100 Ezra 7:1-26; Revelation 14:1-13; Matthew 14:1-12; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	24 Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost <i>Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr, 1927</i> Ezra 7:27-28; 8:21-36; Revelation 15:1-8; Matthew 14:13-21; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	25 Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748 <i>James Otis Sargent Hannington, Priest and Monk, 1935</i> Ezra 9:1-15; Revelation 17:1-14; Matthew 14:22-36; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
53.	26 CHRIST THE KING: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Isaiah 19:19-25; Romans 15:5-13; Luke 19:11-27; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	27 Monday after Christ the King Joel 3:1-2, 9-17; 1 Peter 1:1-12; Matthew 19:1-12; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	28 Tuesday after Christ the King <i>Kamehameha IV, 1864, and Emma, 1885, King and Queen of Hawaii</i> Nahum 1:1-13; 1 Peter 1:13-25; Matthew 19:13-22; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	29 Wednesday after Christ the King Obadiah 15-21; 1 Peter 2:1-10; Matthew 19:23-30; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	30 Thursday after Christ the King St. Andrew, Apostle Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Ezekiel 3:16-21; Romans 10:8b-18; Matthew 4:18-22, John 1:35-42; Psalms 19 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)		

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53.	<h1>DECEMBER 2023</h1>					1 Friday after Christ the King <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637</i> Isaiah 24:14–23; 1 Peter 3:13–4; 6; Matthew 20:17–28; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	2 Saturday after Christ the King Micah 7:11–20; 1 Peter 4:7–19; Matthew 20:29–34; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
1.	3 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>Francis Xavier, Missionary to Asia, 1552</i> <i>Jantine Auguste Haumersen, First Ordained Female Lutheran Pastor, 1967</i> Amos 1:1–5, 13–2; 8; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Luke 21:5–19; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	4 Monday of the First Week in Advent <i>John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760</i> Amos 2:6–16; 2 Peter 1:1–11; Matthew 21:1–11; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	5 Tuesday of the First Week in Advent <i>Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210</i> Amos 3:1–11; 2 Peter 1:12–21; Matthew 21:12–22; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM); Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)	6 Wednesday of the First Week in Advent <i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342</i> Amos 3:12–4; 5; 2 Peter 3:1–10; Matthew 21:23–32; Psalms 50 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)	7 Thursday of the First Week in Advent <i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397</i> Amos 4:6–13; 2 Peter 3:11–18; Matthew 21:33–46; Psalms 18:1–20 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)	8 Friday of the First Week in Advent Amos 5:1–17; Jude 1–16; Matthew 22:1–14; Psalms 102 & 148 (AM); Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)	9 Saturday of the First Week in Advent Amos 5:18–27; Jude 17–25; Matthew 22:15–22; Psalms 90 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
2.	10 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Amos 6:1–14; 2 Thessalonians 1:5–12; Luke 1:57–68; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	11 Monday of the Second Week in Advent <i>Lars Olsen Skrefsrud, Missionary to India, 1910</i> Amos 7:1–9; Revelation 1:1–8; Matthew 22:23–33; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	12 Tuesday of the Second Week in Advent Amos 7:10–17; Revelation 1:9–16; Matthew 22:34–46; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM); Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)	13 Wednesday of the Second Week in Advent <i>Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, c. 304</i> Amos 8:1–14; Revelation 1:17–2; 7; Matthew 23:1–12; Psalms 50 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)	14 Thursday of the Second Week in Advent <i>John of the Cross, Renewer of the Church, 1591</i> Amos 9:1–10; Revelation 2:8–17; Matthew 23:13–26; Psalms 18:1–20 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)	15 Friday of the Second Week in Advent Haggai 1:1–15; Revelation 2:18–29; Matthew 23:27–39; Psalms 102 & 148 (AM); Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)	16 Saturday of the Second Week in Advent Haggai 2:1–9; Revelation 3:1–6; Matthew 24:1–14; Psalms 90 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
3.	17 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>O Sapientia/O Wisdom</i> Amos 9:11–15; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–3, 13–17; John 5:30–47; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	18 Monday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Adonai/O Lord of Might</i> Zechariah 1:7–17; Revelation 3:7–13; Matthew 24:15–31; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	19 Tuesday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Radix Jesse/O Root of Jesse</i> Zechariah 2:1–13; Revelation 3:14–22; Matthew 24:32–44; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM); Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)	20 Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Clavis David/O Key of David</i> <i>Katherina von Bora Luther, 1552</i> Zechariah 3:1–10; Revelation 4:1–8; Matthew 24:45–51; Psalms 50 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)	21 Thursday of the Third Week in Advent St. THOMAS, APOSTLE <i>O Oriens/O Dayspring</i> Habakkuk 2:1–4; Hebrews 10:35–11:1; Ephesians 2:19–22; John 20:24–29; Psalms 126, 117 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)	22 Friday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Rex Gentium/O King of Nations</i> Zechariah 7:8–8; Revelation 5:6–14; Matthew 25:14–30; Psalms 102 & 148 (AM); Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)	23 Saturday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Emmanuel/O Come, Emmanuel</i> <i>Thorlak, Bishop of Skalholt, 1193</i> Zechariah 8:9–17; Revelation 6:1–17; Matthew 25:31–46; Psalms 90 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
4.	24 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT Genesis 3:8–15; Revelation 12:1–10; John 3:16–21; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS EVE Psalms 132 & 114 (PM)	25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY Micah 4:1–5; 5:2–4; 1 John 4:7–16; John 3:31–36; Psalms 2 & 145 (AM); Psalms 98 & 96 (PM)	26 Second Day of Christmas St. STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR Jeremiah 26:1–9, 12–15, 2 Chronicles 24:17–22; Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51–60; Matthew 10:17–22; Matthew 23:34–39; Psalms 31 & 146 (AM); Psalms 119:1–24 & 27 (PM)	27 Third Day of Christmas St. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31; 1 John 1:1–2; 2; John 21:20–25; Psalms 116:10–17 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 19 & 121 (PM)	28 Fourth Day of Christmas THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS Jeremiah 31:15–17; Revelation 21:1–7; Matthew 2:13–18; Psalms 124 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 110 & 111 (PM)	29 Fifth Day of Christmas Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170 2 Samuel 23:13–17; 2 John 1–13; John 2:1–11; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 132 & 97 (PM)	30 Sixth Day of Christmas 1 Kings 17:17–24; 3 John 1–15; John 4:46–54; Psalms 93 & 149 (AM); Psalms 89:1–18 & 89:19–52 (PM)
5.	31 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Seventh Day of Christmas Jonah 2:2–9; Ephesians 6:10–20; John 11:17–27, 38–44; Psalms 98 & 150 (AM); Psalms 45 & 96 (PM)						

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5.		1 Eighth Day of Christmas THE CIRCUMCISION AND HOLY NAME OF JESUS New Year's Day Numbers 6:22-27, Exodus 34:1-8; Galatians 4:4-7, Philippians 2:9-13; Luke 2:15-21; Psalms 8 & 145 (AM); Psalms 99 & 8 (PM)	2 Ninth Day of Christmas Johann Konrad Wilhelm Löhe, Pastor, 1872 Isaiah 62:1-5, 10-12; Revelation 19:11-16; Matthew 1:18-25; Psalms 48 & 146 (AM); Psalms 9 & 29 (PM)	3 Tenth Day of Christmas Charles Porterfield Krauth, Teacher, 1883 1 Kings 19:1-8; Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:1-14; Psalms 111 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 107 & 15 (PM)	4 Eleventh Day of Christmas 1 Kings 19:9-18; Ephesians 4:17-32; John 6:15-27; Psalms 20 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 93 & 97 (PM)	5 Twelfth Day of Christmas Kaj (pronounced KYE like "sky") Munk, Martyr, 1944 Joshua 3:14-4:7; Ephesians 5:1-20; John 9:1-12, 35-38; Psalms 99 & 148 (AM) VIGIL OF THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD Psalms 96 & 110 (PM)	6 THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES Isaiah 49:1-7; Revelation 21:22-27; Matthew 12:14-21; Psalms 72 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 67 (PM)	
6.	7 THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Genesis 1:1-2:3; Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:29-34; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	8 Monday of the First Week after the Epiphany Genesis 2:4-25; Hebrews 1:1-14; John 1:1-18; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	9 Tuesday of the First Week after the Epiphany Julia Chester Emery, Mission Supporter, 1922 Genesis 3:1-24; Hebrews 2:1-10; John 1:19-28; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	10 Wednesday of the First Week after the Epiphany William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645 Genesis 4:1-16; Hebrews 2:11-18; John 1:29-42; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	11 Thursday of the First Week after the Epiphany Genesis 4:17-26; Hebrews 3:1-11; John 1:43-51; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	12 Friday of the First Week after the Epiphany Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167 Genesis 6:1-8; Hebrews 3:12-19; John 2:1-12; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	13 Saturday of the First Week after the Epiphany Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367 Genesis 6:9-22; Hebrews 4:1-13; John 2:13-22; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)	
7.	14 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Eivind Josef Berggrav, Bishop of Oslo, 1959 Genesis 7:1-10, 17-23; Ephesians 4:1-16; Mark 3:7-19; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	15 Monday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Genesis 8:6-22; Hebrews 4:14-5:6; John 2:23-3:15; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	16 Tuesday of the Second Week after the Epiphany George Fox, Renewer of Society, 1691 Genesis 9:1-17; Hebrews 5:7-14; John 3:16-21; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	17 Wednesday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356 Genesis 9:18-29; Hebrews 6:1-12; John 3:22-36; Psalms 65 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	18 Thursday of the Second Week after the Epiphany THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS Acts 4:8-13; 1 Peter 5:1-4; Matthew 16:13-19; Psalms 23 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	19 Friday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, Missionary to Finland, Martyr, 1156 Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095 Genesis 11:27-12:8; Hebrews 7:1-17; John 4:16-26; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	20 Saturday of the Second Week after the Epiphany Fabian, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, 250 Genesis 12:9-13:1; Hebrews 7:18-28; John 4:27-42; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)	
8.	21 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304 Genesis 13:2-18; Galatians 2:1-10; Mark 7:31-37; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	22 Monday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Vincent, Deacon at Saragossa, Martyr, 304 Genesis 14:1-24; Hebrews 8:1-13; John 4:43-54; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	23 Tuesday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893 Genesis 15:1-11, 17-21; Hebrews 9:1-14; John 5:1-18; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	24 Wednesday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, 1622 Genesis 16:1-14; Hebrews 9:15-28; John 5:19-29; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	25 Thursday of the Third Week after the Epiphany THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS Acts 9:1-22; Galatians 1:11-24; Luke 21:10-19; Psalms 67 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	26 Friday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Timothy, Titus, Silas; Companions of St. Paul Genesis 17:15-27; Hebrews 10:11-25; John 6:1-15; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	27 Saturday of the Third Week after the Epiphany Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe; Helpers of the Apostles Genesis 18:1-16; Hebrews 10:26-39; John 6:16-27; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)	
9.	28 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Thomas Aquinas, Teacher, 1274 Genesis 18:16-33; Galatians 5:13-25; Mark 8:22-30; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	29 Monday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 19:1-29; Hebrews 11:1-12; John 6:27-40; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	30 Tuesday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 21:1-21; Hebrews 11:13-22; John 6:41-51; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	31 Wednesday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 22:1-18; Hebrews 11:23-31; John 6:52-59; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)				

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9.					1 Thursday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany <i>Bride (Brigid), Abbess, 523</i> Genesis 23:1-20; Hebrews 11:32-12:2; John 6:60-71; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	2 Friday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (CANDLEMAS) Malachi 3:1-4; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40; Psalms 24:7-10, 84:1-6 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	3 Saturday of the Fourth Week after the Epiphany Ansgar (Anskar), Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865 Genesis 24:28-38, 49-51; Hebrews 12:12-29; John 7:14-36; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
10.	4 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY <i>Cornelius the Centurion</i> Genesis 24:50-67; 2 Timothy 2:14-21; Mark 10:13-22; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	5 Monday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Paul Miki and His Companions, Martyrs of Japan, 1597 Genesis 25:19-34; Hebrews 13:1-16; John 7:37-52; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	6 Tuesday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany <i>Philipp Jakob Spener, Renewer of the Church, 1705</i> Genesis 26:1-6, 12-33; Hebrews 13:17-25; John 7:53-8:11; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	7 Wednesday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 27:1-29; Romans 12:1-8; John 8:12-20; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	8 Thursday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 27:30-45; Romans 12:9-21; John 8:21-32; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	9 Friday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 27:46-28:4, 10-22; Romans 13:1-14; John 8:33-47; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	10 Saturday of the Fifth Week after the Epiphany Genesis 29:1-20; Romans 14:1-23; John 8:47-59; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
11.	11 THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD: LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Malachi 4:1-6; 2 Corinthians 3:7-18; Luke 9:18-27; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	12 Monday after the Transfiguration Proverbs 27:1-6, 10-12; Philippians 2:1-13; John 18:15-18, 25-27; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	13 Tuesday after the Transfiguration <i>Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818</i> Proverbs 30:1-4, 24-33; Philippians 3:1-11; John 18:28-38; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	14 ASH WEDNESDAY Cyril, Monk, 865; Methodius, Bishop, 885; Missionaries to the Slavs Amos 5:6-15; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 18:9-14; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	15 Thursday after Ash Wednesday <i>Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730</i> Habakkuk 3:1-18; Philippians 3:12-21; John 17:1-8; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	16 Friday after Ash Wednesday Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32; Philippians 4:1-9; John 17:9-19; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	17 Saturday after Ash Wednesday Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977 Ezekiel 39:21-29; Philippians 4:10-20; John 17:20-26; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
12.	18 FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT Martin Luther, Renewer of the Church, 1546 Daniel 9:3-10; Hebrews 2:10-18; John 12:44-50; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	19 Monday of the First Week in Lent Genesis 37:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-19; Mark 1:1-13; Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	20 Tuesday of the First Week in Lent <i>Rasmus Jensen, First Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1620</i> Genesis 37:12-24; 1 Corinthians 1:20-31; Mark 1:14-28; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	21 Wednesday of the First Week in Lent Genesis 37:25-36; 1 Corinthians 2:1-13; Mark 1:29-45; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	22 Thursday of the First Week in Lent Genesis 39:1-23; 1 Corinthians 2:14-3:15; Mark 2:1-12; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	23 Friday of the First Week in Lent Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156 Genesis 40:1-23; 1 Corinthians 3:16-23; Mark 2:13-22; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	24 Saturday of the First Week in Lent St. Matthias, Apostle Acts 1:15-26; Philippians 3:13-21; John 15:1, 6-16; Psalms 15 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
13.	25 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Elizabeth Fedde, 1921; Emma Francis, 1945; Deaconesses</i> Genesis 41:14-45; Romans 6:3-14; John 5:19-24; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	26 Monday of the Second Week in Lent <i>Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg, Missionary to India, 1719</i> <i>Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Female Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944</i> Genesis 41:46-57; 1 Corinthians 4:8-21; Mark 3:7-19a; Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	27 Tuesday of the Second Week in Lent Genesis 42:1-17; 1 Corinthians 5:1-8; Mark 3:19b-35; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	28 Wednesday of the Second Week in Lent Genesis 42:18-28; 1 Corinthians 5:9-6:11; Mark 4:1-20; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	29 Thursday of the Second Week in Lent Genesis 42:29-38; 1 Corinthians 6:12-20; Mark 4:21-34; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)		

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13.	<h1>MARCH 2024</h1>						1 Friday of the Second Week in Lent George Herbert, Priest, 1633 <i>David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544</i> Genesis 43:1-15; 1 Corinthians 7:1-9; Mark 4:35-41; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	2 Saturday of the Second Week in Lent John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788; Renewers of the Church <i>Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672</i> Genesis 43:16-34; 1 Corinthians 7:10-24; Mark 5:1-20; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)
14.	3 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT Genesis 44:1-17; Romans 8:1-10; John 5:25-29; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	4 Monday of the Third Week in Lent Genesis 44:18-34; 1 Corinthians 7:25-31; Mark 5:21-43; Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	5 Tuesday of the Third Week in Lent Genesis 45:1-15; 1 Corinthians 7:32-40; Mark 6:1-13; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	6 Wednesday of the Third Week in Lent Genesis 45:16-28; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 6:13-29; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	7 Thursday of the Third Week in Lent Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202 Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34; 1 Corinthians 9:1-15; Mark 6:30-46; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	8 Friday of the Third Week in Lent Genesis 47:1-26; 1 Corinthians 9:16-27; Mark 6:47-56; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	9 Saturday of the Third Week in Lent Genesis 47:27-48:7; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Mark 7:1-23; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)	
15.	10 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT Genesis 48:8-22; Romans 8:11-25; John 6:27-40; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	11 Monday of the Fourth Week in Lent Genesis 49:1-28; 1 Corinthians 10:14-11:3; Mark 7:24-37; Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	12 Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Lent Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604 Genesis 49:29-50:14; 1 Corinthians 11:2-34; Mark 8:1-10; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	13 Wednesday of the Fourth Week in Lent Genesis 50:15-26; 1 Corinthians 12:1-11; Mark 8:11-26; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	14 Thursday of the Fourth Week in Lent Exodus 1:6-22; 2 Corinthians 12:12-26; Mark 8:27-9:1; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	15 Friday of the Fourth Week in Lent Exodus 2:1-22; 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:3; Mark 9:2-13; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	16 Saturday of the Fourth Week in Lent Exodus 2:23-3:15; 1 Corinthians 13:1-13; Mark 9:14-29; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)	
16.	17 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT <i>Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 461</i> Exodus 3:16-4:12; Romans 12:1-21; John 8:46-59; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	18 Monday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386</i> Exodus 4:10-31; 1 Corinthians 14:1-19; Mark 9:30-41; Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	19 Tuesday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and Guardian of Our Lord</i> 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16; Romans 4:13-18; Luke 2:41-52; Matthew 1:18-24a; Psalms 89:1-29 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	20 Wednesday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687</i> Exodus 7:8-24; 2 Corinthians 2:14-3:6; Mark 10:1-16; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	21 Thursday of the Fifth Week in Lent <i>Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711</i> Exodus 7:25-8:19; 2 Corinthians 3:7-18; Mark 10:17-31; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	22 Friday of the Fifth Week in Lent Jonathan Edwards, Teacher, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1758 <i>James De Koven, Priest, 1879</i> Exodus 9:13-35; 2 Corinthians 4:1-12; Mark 10:32-45; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	23 Saturday of the Fifth Week in Lent Gregory the Illuminator, Missionary Bishop of Armenia, c. 332 Exodus 10:21-11:8; 2 Corinthians 4:13-18; Mark 10:46-52; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM); Psalms 31 & 143 (PM)	
17.	24 SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY Óscar Arnulfo Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980 Zechariah 9:9-12; 1 Timothy 6:12-16; Luke 19:41-48; Psalms 84 & 150 (AM); Psalms 42 & 32 (PM)	25 MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE VIRGIN MARY Isaiah 7:10-14; Hebrews 10:4-10; Luke 1:26-38; Psalms 40:1-11 & 145 (AM); Psalms 121 & 6 (PM)	26 TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK Lamentations 1:17-22; 2 Corinthians 1:8-22; Mark 11:27-33; Psalms 34 & 146 (AM); Psalms 25 & 91 (PM)	27 WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK <i>Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1929</i> Lamentations 2:1-9; 2 Corinthians 1:23-2:11; Mark 12:1-11; Psalms 5 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 27 & 51 (PM)	28 MAUNDY THURSDAY Lamentations 2:10-18; 1 Corinthians 10:14-17; 11:27-32; Mark 14:12-25; Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 102 (PM)	29 GOOD FRIDAY <i>John Keble, Priest, 1866</i> <i>Hans Nielsen Haug, Renewer of the Church, 1824</i> Lamentations 3:1-9, 19-33; 1 Peter 1:10-20; John 13:36-38; Psalms 22 & 148 (AM); Psalms 105 & 130 (PM)	30 HOLY SATURDAY Lamentations 3:37-58; Hebrews 4:1-16; Romans 8:1-11; Psalms 43 & 149 (AM) THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: VIGIL OF EASTER Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
18.	31 THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD: EASTER DAY <i>John Donne, Priest, 1631</i> Exodus 12:1-14; John 1:1-18; Luke 24:13-35; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)							

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18.		1 Easter Monday <i>Amalie Wilhelmina Sieveking, Renewer of Society, 1859; Frederick Dennison Maurice, Priest, 1872</i> Exodus 12:14-27; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Mark 16:1-8; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	2 Easter Tuesday <i>James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876</i> Exodus 12:28-39; 1 Corinthians 15:12-28; Mark 16:9-20; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	3 Easter Wednesday Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253 Exodus 12:40-51; 1 Corinthians 15:29-41; Matthew 28:1-16; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	4 Easter Thursday Martin Luther King, Jr., Renewer of Society, 1968; Benedict the African, Friar, 1589 Exodus 13:3-10; 1 Corinthians 15:41-50; Matthew 28:16-20; Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	5 Easter Friday Exodus 13:1-2, 11-16; 1 Corinthians 15:51-58; Luke 24:1-12; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	6 Easter Saturday <i>Albrecht Dürer, Painter, 1528; Lucas Cranach the Elder, Painter, 1553; Matthäus Grünewald, Painter, 1528; Michelangelo Buonarroti, Artist, 1564</i> Exodus 13:17-14:4; 2 Corinthians 4:16-5:10; Mark 12:18-27; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
19.	7 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER Exodus 14:5-22; 1 John 1:1-7; John 14:1-7; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	8 Monday of the Second Week of Easter <i>William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877</i> Exodus 14:21-31; 1 Peter 1:1-12; John 14:1-17; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	9 Tuesday of the Second Week of Easter Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Teacher, Martyr, 1945 Exodus 15:1-21; 1 Peter 1:13-25; John 14:18-31; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	10 Wednesday of the Second Week of Easter <i>Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, Renewer of the Church, 1557</i> <i>William Law, Priest, 1761</i> Exodus 15:22-16:10; 1 Peter 2:1-10; John 15:1-11; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	11 Thursday of the Second Week of Easter <i>George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and of Lichfield, 1878</i> Exodus 16:10-22; 1 Peter 2:11-3:12; John 15:12-27; Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	12 Friday of the Second Week of Easter Exodus 16:23-36; 1 Peter 3:13-4:6; John 16:1-15; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	13 Saturday of the Second Week of Easter Exodus 17:1-16; 1 Peter 4:7-19; John 16:16-33; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
20.	14 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER Exodus 18:1-12; 1 John 2:7-17; Mark 16:9-20; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	15 Monday of the Third Week of Easter Exodus 18:13-27; 1 Peter 5:1-14; Matthew 1:1-17; 3:1-6; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	16 Tuesday of the Third Week of Easter Exodus 19:1-16; Colossians 1:1-14; Matthew 3:7-12; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	17 Wednesday of the Third Week of Easter Exodus 19:16-25; Colossians 1:15-23; Matthew 3:13-17; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	18 Thursday of the Third Week of Easter Exodus 20:1-21; Colossians 1:24-2:7; Matthew 4:1-11; Psalms 47 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	19 Friday of the Third Week of Easter Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012 <i>Olavus Petri, Priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1573; Renewers of the Church</i> Exodus 24:1-18; Colossians 2:8-23; Matthew 4:12-17; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	20 Saturday of the Third Week of Easter <i>Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor, 1558</i> Exodus 25:1-22; Colossians 3:1-17; Matthew 4:18-25; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
21.	21 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1109 Exodus 28:1-4, 30-38; 1 John 2:18-29; Mark 6:30-44; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	22 Monday of the Fourth Week of Easter <i>Stewardship of Creation</i> Exodus 32:1-20; Colossians 3:18-4:18; Matthew 5:1-10; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	23 Tuesday of the Fourth Week of Easter Toyohiko Kagawa, Renewer of Society, 1960 Exodus 32:21-34; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 5:11-16; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	24 Wednesday of the Fourth Week of Easter <i>Johann Walter (Walther), Musician, 1570</i> Exodus 33:1-23; 1 Thessalonians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:17-20; Psalms 99 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	25 Thursday of the Fourth Week of Easter St. Mark, Evangelist Isaiah 52:7-10; Ephesians 4:7-8, 11-16, 2 Timothy 4:6-11, 18; Mark 1:1-15; 16:15-20; Psalms 2, 57 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	26 Friday of the Fourth Week of Easter Exodus 34:18-35; 1 Thessalonians 3:1-13; Matthew 5:27-37; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	27 Saturday of the Fourth Week of Easter Exodus 40:18-38; 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12; Matthew 5:38-48; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)	
22.	28 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Leviticus 8:1-13, 30-36; Hebrews 12:1-14; Luke 4:16-30; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	29 Monday of the Fifth Week of Easter <i>Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380</i> Leviticus 16:1-19; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 6:1-6, 16-18; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	30 Tuesday of the Fifth Week of Easter Leviticus 16:20-34; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11; Matthew 6:7-15; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)					

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22.				1 Wednesday of the Fifth Week of Easter St. Philip and St. James, Apostles Isaiah 30:18–21; 2 Corinthians 4:1–6; John 14:6–14; Psalms 119:33–40 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	2 Thursday of the Fifth Week of Easter Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373 Leviticus 19:26–37; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–12; Matthew 6:25–34; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	3 Friday of the Fifth Week of Easter Leviticus 23:1–22; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–17; Matthew 7:1–12; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	4 Saturday of the Fifth Week of Easter Leviticus 23:23–44; 2 Thessalonians 3:1–18; Matthew 7:13–21; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
23.	5 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER <i>Frederick III Wettin, the Wise, Elector of Saxony and Founder of Wittenberg University, 1525</i> Leviticus 25:1–17; James 1:2–8, 16–18; Luke 12:13–31; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	6 Monday of the Sixth Week of Easter Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah) Leviticus 25:35–55; Colossians 1:9–14; Matthew 13:1–16; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	7 Tuesday of the Sixth Week of Easter Leviticus 26:1–20; 1 Timothy 2:1–6; Matthew 13:18–23; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	8 Wednesday of the Sixth Week of Easter <i>Dame Julian of Norwich, anchoress, c. 1417</i> Leviticus 26:27–42; Ephesians 1:1–10; Matthew 22:41–46; Psalms 99 & 147:1–12 (AM) VIGIL OF THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	9 THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD Thursday of the Sixth Week of Easter <i>Nicolaus Ludwig, Count von Zinzendorf, Renewer of the Church, 1760</i> Daniel 7:9–14; Hebrews 2:5–18; Matthew 28:16–20; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	10 Friday of the Sixth Week of Easter 1 Samuel 2:1–10; Ephesians 2:1–10; Matthew 7:22–27; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	11 Saturday of the Sixth Week of Easter Numbers 11:16–17, 24–29; Ephesians 2:11–22; Matthew 7:28–8:4; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM); Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
24.	12 SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER Exodus 3:1–12; Hebrews 12:18–29; Luke 10:7–24; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 136 & 117 (PM)	13 Monday of the Seventh Week of Easter Joshua 1:1–9; Ephesians 3:1–13; Matthew 8:5–17; Psalms 97 & 145 (AM); Psalms 124 & 115 (PM)	14 Tuesday of the Seventh Week of Easter 1 Samuel 16:1–13a; Ephesians 3:14–21; Matthew 8:18–27; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 66 & 116 (PM)	15 Wednesday of the Seventh Week of Easter Isaiah 4:2–6; Ephesians 4:1–16; Matthew 8:28–34; Psalms 99 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 9 & 118 (PM)	16 Thursday of the Seventh Week of Easter Zechariah 4:1–14; Ephesians 4:17–32; Matthew 9:1–8; Psalms 47 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 68 & 113 (PM)	17 Friday of the Seventh Week of Easter Jeremiah 31:27–34; Ephesians 5:1–32; Matthew 9:9–17; Psalms 96 & 148 (AM); Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)	18 Saturday of the Seventh Week of Easter <i>Erik IX Jedvardsson, King of Sweden, Martyr, 1160</i> Ezekiel 36:22–27; Ephesians 6:1–24; Matthew 9:18–26; Psalms 92 & 149 (AM) VIGIL OF PENTECOST Psalms 23 & 114 (PM)
25.	19 THE DAY OF PENTECOST Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988 Deuteronomy 16:9–12; Acts 4:18–21, 23–33; John 4:19–26; Psalms 93 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	20 Monday after Pentecost Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804 Ezekiel 33:1–11; 1 John 1:1–10; Matthew 9:27–34; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	21 Tuesday after Pentecost John Eliot, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1690 Ezekiel 33:21–33; 1 John 2:1–11; Matthew 9:35–10:4; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	22 Wednesday after Pentecost <i>Helena, Mother of Constantine, c. 330</i> Ezekiel 34:1–16; 1 John 2:12–17; Matthew 10:5–15; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	23 Thursday after Pentecost <i>Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen, Missionary to Sumatra, 1918</i> Ezekiel 37:21b–28; 1 John 2:18–29; Matthew 10:16–23; Psalms 97 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	24 Friday after Pentecost <i>Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Johannes Kepler, 1630; Leonhard Euler, 1783; Teachers</i> <i>Jackson Kemper, Missionary Bishop, 1870</i> Ezekiel 39:21–29; 1 John 3:1–10; Matthew 10:24–33; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	25 Saturday after Pentecost Bede the Venerable, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, 735 Ezekiel 47:1–12; 1 John 3:11–18; Matthew 10:34–42; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
26.	26 THE HOLY TRINITY: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, Missionary, 605</i> Job 38:1–11; 42:1–5; Revelation 19:4–16; John 1:29–34; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	27 Monday after the Holy Trinity John Calvin, Renewer of the Church, 1564 Proverbs 3:11–20; 1 John 3:18–4:6; Matthew 11:1–6; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	28 Tuesday after the Holy Trinity Proverbs 4:1–27; 1 John 4:7–21; Matthew 11:7–15; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	29 Wednesday after the Holy Trinity <i>Jiří Třanovský, Hymnwriter, 1637</i> Proverbs 6:1–19; 1 John 5:1–12; Matthew 11:16–24; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	30 Thursday after the Holy Trinity Proverbs 7:1–27; 1 John 5:13–21; Matthew 11:25–30; Psalms 36 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	31 Friday after the Holy Trinity THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH Zephaniah 2:14–15a; Isaiah 12:1–6; Romans 12:9–16; Luke 1:39–47; Psalms 113 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	

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26.	<h1>JUNE 2024</h1>						1 Saturday after the Holy Trinity Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 165 Proverbs 8:22–36; 3 John 1–15; Matthew 12:15–21; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
27.	2 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Blandina and Her Companions, Martyrs at Lyons, 177 Proverbs 9:1–12; Acts 8:14–25; Luke 10:25–28, 38–42; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	3 Monday of the Second Week after Pentecost The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886 Proverbs 10:1–12; 1 Timothy 1:1–17; Matthew 12:22–32; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	4 Tuesday of the Second Week after Pentecost John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Renewer of the Church, 1963 Proverbs 15:16–33; 1 Timothy 1:18–2:15; Matthew 12:33–42; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	5 Wednesday of the Second Week after Pentecost Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, Martyr, 754 Proverbs 17:1–20; 1 Timothy 3:1–16; Matthew 12:43–50; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	6 Thursday of the Second Week after Pentecost William Alfred Passavant, Renewer of Society, 1894 Proverbs 21:30–22:6; 1 Timothy 4:1–16; Matthew 13:24–30; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	7 Friday of the Second Week after Pentecost Noah Sealth (Seattle), Chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866 Proverbs 23:19–21, 29–24:2; 1 Timothy 5:17–25; Matthew 13:31–35; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	8 Saturday of the Second Week after Pentecost Proverbs 25:15–28; 1 Timothy 6:6–21; Matthew 13:36–43; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
28.	9 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597; Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651 Ecclesiastes 1:1–11; Acts 8:26–40; Luke 11:1–13; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	10 Monday of the Third Week after Pentecost Ephrem of Edessa, Deacon, 373 Ecclesiastes 2:1–15; Galatians 1:1–17; Matthew 13:44–52; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	11 Tuesday of the Third Week after Pentecost St. Barnabas, Apostle Isaiah 42:5–12; Acts 11:19–30; 13:1–3; Matthew 10:7–16; Psalms 112 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	12 Wednesday of the Third Week after Pentecost Ecclesiastes 3:1–15; Galatians 2:11–21; Matthew 14:1–12; Psalms 96 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	13 Thursday of the Third Week after Pentecost Ecclesiastes 3:16–4:3; Galatians 3:1–14; Matthew 14:13–21; Psalms 116 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	14 Friday of the Third Week after Pentecost Macrina, Monastic, Teacher, 379; Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385 Ecclesiastes 5:1–7; Galatians 3:15–22; Matthew 14:22–36; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	15 Saturday of the Third Week after Pentecost Evelyn Underhill, Teacher, 1941 Ecclesiastes 5:8–20; Galatians 3:23–4:11; Matthew 15:1–20; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
29.	16 FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752 Ecclesiastes 6:1–12; Acts 10:9–23; Luke 12:32–40; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	17 Monday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Ecclesiastes 7:1–14; Galatians 4:12–20; Matthew 15:21–28; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	18 Tuesday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896 Ecclesiastes 8:14–9:10; Galatians 4:21–31; Matthew 15:29–39; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	19 Wednesday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Ecclesiastes 9:11–18; Galatians 5:1–15; Matthew 16:1–12; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	20 Thursday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Ecclesiastes 11:1–8; Galatians 5:16–24; Matthew 16:13–20; Psalms 97 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	21 Friday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Onesimos Nesib, Translator, Evangelist, 1931 Ecclesiastes 11:9–12:14; Galatians 5:25–6:10; Matthew 16:21–28; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	22 Saturday of the Fourth Week after Pentecost Alban, the First Martyr in Britain, c. 304 Numbers 3:1–13; Galatians 6:11–18; Matthew 17:1–13; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
30.	23 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Numbers 6:22–27; Acts 13:1–12; Luke 12:41–48; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	24 Monday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost THE NATIVITY OF ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST Malachi 3:1–4; Acts 13:13–26; Luke 1:57–80; Psalms 141 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	25 Tuesday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, Renewer of the Church, 1560 Numbers 11:1–23; Romans 1:16–25; Matthew 17:22–27; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	26 Wednesday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost Numbers 11:24–35; Romans 1:28–2:11; Matthew 18:1–9; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	27 Thursday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Teacher, 444 Numbers 12:1–16; Romans 2:12–24; Matthew 18:10–20; Psalms 36 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	28 Friday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202 Numbers 13:1–3, 21–30; Romans 2:25–3:8; Matthew 18:21–35; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	29 Saturday of the Fifth Week after Pentecost St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles Ezekiel 34:11–16; 2 Timothy 4:1–8; John 21:15–19; Psalms 87 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
31.	30 SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Johan Olof Wallin, Archbishop of Uppsala, Hymnwriter, 1839 Numbers 14:26–45; Acts 15:1–12; Luke 12:49–56; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)						

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31.		1 Monday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>John Mason Neale, 1866; Catherine Winkworth, 1878; Hymnwriters</i> Numbers 16:1–19; Romans 3:21–31; Matthew 19:13–22; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	2 Tuesday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost Numbers 16:20–35; Romans 4:1–12; Matthew 19:23–30; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	3 Wednesday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost Numbers 16:36–50; Romans 4:13–25; Matthew 20:1–16; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	4 Thursday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost Numbers 17:1–11; Romans 5:1–11; Matthew 20:17–28; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	5 Friday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost Numbers 20:1–13; Romans 5:12–21; Matthew 20:29–34; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	6 Saturday of the Sixth Week after Pentecost Jan Hus, Martyr, 1415 Numbers 20:14–29; Romans 6:1–11; Matthew 21:1–11; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
32.	7 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Numbers 21:4–9, 21–35; Acts 17:12–34; Luke 13:10–17; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	8 Monday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost Numbers 22:1–21; Romans 6:12–23; Matthew 21:12–22; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	9 Tuesday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost Numbers 22:21–38; Romans 7:1–12; Matthew 21:23–32; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	10 Wednesday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost Numbers 22:41–23:12; Romans 7:13–25; Matthew 21:33–46; Psalms 96 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	11 Thursday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost <i>Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 547; Scholastica, Abbess, c. 547</i> Numbers 23:11–26; Romans 8:1–11; Matthew 22:1–14; Psalms 116 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	12 Friday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost <i>Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1931</i> Numbers 24:1–13; Romans 8:12–17; Matthew 22:15–22; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	13 Saturday of the Seventh Week after Pentecost <i>Johannes Flierl, Missionary to Australia and Papua New Guinea, 1947</i> Numbers 24:12–25; Romans 8:18–25; Matthew 22:23–40; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
33.	14 EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Numbers 27:12–23; Acts 19:11–20; Mark 1:14–20; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	15 Monday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>Olga, Princess of Kiev, Confessor, 969; Vladimir, First Christian Ruler of Russia, 1015</i> Numbers 32:1–6, 16–27; Romans 8:26–30; Matthew 23:1–12; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	16 Tuesday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost Numbers 35:1–3, 9–15, 30–34; Romans 8:31–39; Matthew 23:13–26; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	17 Wednesday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>Bartolomé de Las Casas, Missionary to the Indies, 1566</i> <i>William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1816</i> Deuteronomy 1:1–18; Romans 9:1–18; Matthew 23:27–39; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	18 Thursday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 3:18–28; Romans 9:19–33; Matthew 24:1–14; Psalms 97 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	19 Friday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost Deuteronomy 31:7–13, 24–32:4; Romans 10:1–13; Matthew 24:15–31; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	20 Saturday of the Eighth Week after Pentecost <i>Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Jenks Bloomer, 1894; Sojourner Truth, 1883; Harriet Ross Tubman, 1912; Renewers of Society</i> Deuteronomy 34:1–12; Romans 10:14–21; Matthew 24:32–51; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
34.	21 NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Joshua 1:1–18; Acts 21:3–15; Mark 1:21–27; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	22 Monday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>St. Mary Magdalene</i> Judith 9:1, 11–14; 2 Corinthians 5:14–18; John 20:11–18; Psalms 42:1–7 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	23 Tuesday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>Birgitta of Sweden, Renewer of the Church, 1373</i> Joshua 2:15–24; Romans 11:13–24; Matthew 25:14–30; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	24 Wednesday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>Thomas à Kempis, Priest, 1471</i> Joshua 3:1–13; Romans 11:25–36; Matthew 25:31–46; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	25 Thursday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>St. James the Elder, Apostle</i> Jeremiah 45:1–5; Acts 11:27–12:3; Matthew 20:20–28; Psalms 7:1–10 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	26 Friday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Joshua 4:19–5:1, 10–15; Romans 12:9–21; Matthew 26:17–25; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	27 Saturday of the Ninth Week after Pentecost <i>William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1919</i> Joshua 6:1–14; Romans 13:1–7; Matthew 26:26–35; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
35.	28 TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schütz, 1672; George Frederick Handel, 1759; Musicians</i> Joshua 6:15–27; Acts 22:30–23:11; Mark 2:1–12; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	29 Monday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany</i> <i>Olaf II Haraldsson, King of Norway, Martyr, 1030</i> Joshua 7:1–13; Romans 13:8–14; Matthew 26:36–46; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	30 Tuesday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>William Wilberforce, Renewer of Society, 1833</i> <i>Robert Barnes, Confessor, Martyr, 1540</i> Joshua 8:1–22; Romans 14:1–12; Matthew 26:47–56; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	31 Wednesday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Monastic, and Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556</i> Joshua 8:30–35; Romans 14:13–23; Matthew 26:57–68; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)			

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35.					1 Thursday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost <i>Joseph of Arimathea</i> Joshua 9:3–21; Romans 15:1–13; Matthew 26:69–75; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	2 Friday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost Joshua 9:22–10:15; Romans 15:14–24; Matthew 27:1–10; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	3 Saturday of the Tenth Week after Pentecost Joshua 23:1–16; Romans 15:25–33; Matthew 27:11–23; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
36.	4 ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Joshua 24:1–15; Acts 28:23–31; Mark 2:23–28; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	5 Monday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost Joshua 24:16–33; Romans 16:1–16; Matthew 27:24–31; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	6 Tuesday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD Judges 2:1–5, 11–23; Romans 16:17–27; Matthew 27:32–44; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	7 Wednesday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost Judges 3:12–30; Acts 1:1–14; Matthew 27:45–54; Psalms 96 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	8 Thursday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost Dominic de Guzmán, Priest and Friar, 1221 Judges 4:4–23; Acts 1:15–26; Matthew 27:55–66; Psalms 116 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	9 Friday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost Judges 5:1–18; Acts 2:1–21; Matthew 28:1–10; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	10 Saturday of the Eleventh Week after Pentecost Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258 Judges 5:19–31; Acts 2:22–36; Matthew 28:11–20; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
37.	11 TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Clare, Abbess of Assisi, 1253</i> Judges 6:1–24; 2 Corinthians 9:6–15; Mark 3:20–30; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	12 Monday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost Judges 6:25–40; Acts 2:37–47; John 1:1–18; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	13 Tuesday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost <i>Florence Nightingale, 1910; Clara Maass, 1901; Renewers of Society</i> <i>Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667</i> Judges 7:1–18; Acts 3:1–11; John 1:19–28; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	14 Wednesday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost <i>Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, 1941</i> <i>Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Civil Rights Witness, Martyr, 1965</i> Judges 7:19–8:12; Acts 3:12–26; John 1:29–42; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	15 Thursday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord Isaiah 61:7–11; Galatians 4:4–7; Luke 1:46–55; Psalms 34, 45:11–16 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	16 Friday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost <i>Stephen I, King of Hungary, 1038</i> Judges 9:1–16, 19–21; Acts 4:13–31; John 2:1–12; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	17 Saturday of the Twelfth Week after Pentecost <i>Johann Gerhard, Theologian, 1637</i> Judges 9:22–25, 50–57; Acts 4:32–5:11; John 2:13–25; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
38.	18 THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918</i> Judges 11:1–11, 29–40; 2 Corinthians 11:21b–31; Mark 4:35–41; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	19 Monday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost Judges 12:1–7; Acts 5:12–26; John 3:1–21; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	20 Tuesday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153</i> Judges 13:1–15; Acts 5:27–42; John 3:22–36; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	21 Wednesday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost Judges 13:15–24; Acts 6:1–15; John 4:1–26; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	22 Thursday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost Judges 14:1–19; Acts 6:15–7:16; John 4:27–42; Psalms 36 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	23 Friday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost Judges 14:20–15:20; Acts 7:17–29; John 4:43–54; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	24 Saturday of the Thirteenth Week after Pentecost St. Bartholomew, Apostle Deuteronomy 18:15–18; Exodus 19:1–6; 1 Corinthians 4:9–15; 12:27–31a; Luke 22:24–30, John 1:43–51; Psalms 91, 12 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
39.	25 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Louis IX Capet, King of France, 1270</i> Judges 16:15–31; 2 Corinthians 13:1–11; Mark 5:25–34; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	26 Monday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost Judges 17:1–13; Acts 7:44–8:1a; John 5:19–29; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	27 Tuesday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Monica, Mother of Augustine 387</i> <i>Thomas Gallaudet, 1902; Henry Winter Syle, 1890; Priests to the Deaf</i> Judges 18:1–15; Acts 8:1–13; John 5:30–47; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	28 Wednesday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher, 430</i> <i>Moses the Black, Monk and Martyr, c. 400</i> Judges 18:16–31; Acts 8:14–25; John 6:1–15; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	29 Thursday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost The Beheading of St. John the Baptist Job 1:1–22; Acts 8:26–40; John 6:16–27; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	30 Friday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost Job 2:1–13; Acts 9:1–9; John 6:27–40; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	31 Saturday of the Fourteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Bunyan, Teacher, 1688</i> Job 3:1–26; Acts 9:10–19a; John 6:41–51; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)

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40.	1 FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931</i> Job 4:1–6, 12–21; Revelation 4:1–11; Mark 6:1–6a; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	2 Monday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, Bishop and Renewer of the Church, 1872</i> Job 4:1; 5:1–11, 17–21, 26–27; Acts 9:19b–31; John 6:52–59; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	3 Tuesday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1942</i> Job 6:1–4, 8–15, 21; Acts 9:32–43; John 6:60–71; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	4 Wednesday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Albert Schweitzer, Missionary to Africa, 1965</i> <i>Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941</i> Job 6:1; 7:1–21; Acts 10:1–16; John 7:1–13; Psalms 96 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	5 Thursday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Renewer of Society, 1997</i> Job 8:1–10, 20–22; Acts 10:17–33; John 7:14–36; Psalms 116 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	6 Friday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost Job 9:1–15, 32–35; Acts 10:34–48; John 7:37–52; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	7 Saturday of the Fifteenth Week after Pentecost Job 9:1; 10:1–9, 16–22; Acts 11:1–18; John 8:12–20; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
41.	8 SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i> Job 11:1–9, 13–20; Revelation 5:1–14; Matthew 5:1–12; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	9 Monday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Peter Claver, Priest, Missionary to Colombia, 1654</i> <i>Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, 1878</i> Job 12:1–6, 13–25; Acts 11:19–30; John 8:21–32; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	10 Tuesday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898</i> Job 12:1; 13:3–17, 21–27; Acts 12:1–17; John 8:33–47; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	11 Wednesday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost Job 12:1; 14:1–22; Acts 12:18–25; John 8:47–59; Psalms 89:1–18 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	12 Thursday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830</i> Job 16:16–22; 17:1, 13–16; Acts 13:1–12; John 9:1–17; Psalms 97 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	13 Friday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407</i> Job 19:1–7, 14–27; Acts 13:13–25; John 9:18–41; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	14 Saturday of the Sixteenth Week after Pentecost Holy Cross Day Isaiah 45:21–25; Philippians 2:5–11; Galatians 6:14–18; John 12:31–36a; Psalms 98 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
42.	15 SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Job 25:1–6; 27:1–6; Revelation 14:1–7, 13; Matthew 5:13–20; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	16 Monday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr at Carthage, 258</i> <i>Ninian, Bishop, Missionary to Scotland, c. 430</i> Job 32:1–10, 19–33:1, 19–28; Acts 13:44–52; John 10:19–30; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	17 Tuesday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Renewer of the Church, 1179</i> Job 29:1–20; Acts 14:1–18; John 10:31–42; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	18 Wednesday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Dag Hammarskjöld, Peacemaker, 1961</i> <i>Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882</i> Job 29:1; 30:1–2, 16–31; Acts 14:19–28; John 11:1–16; Psalms 15 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	19 Thursday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690</i> Job 29:1; 31:1–23; Acts 15:1–11; John 11:17–29; Psalms 36 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	20 Friday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost <i>John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and His Companions; Martyrs, 1871</i> Job 29:1; 31:24–40; Acts 15:12–21; John 11:30–44; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	21 Saturday of the Seventeenth Week after Pentecost St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist Ezekiel 2:8–3:11; Ephesians 2:4–10; Matthew 9:9–13; Psalms 119:33–40 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
43.	22 EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Julius Falkner, First Lutheran Pastor Ordained in North America, 1723</i> <i>Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio and Illinois, 1852</i> Job 38:1, 18–41; Revelation 18:1–8; Matthew 5:21–26; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	23 Monday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost Job 40:1–24; Acts 15:36–16:5; John 11:55–12:8; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	24 Tuesday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost Job 40:1; 41:1–11; Acts 16:6–15; John 12:9–19; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	25 Wednesday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392</i> Job 42:1–17; Acts 16:16–24; John 12:20–26; Psalms 65 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	26 Thursday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626</i> Job 28:1–28; Acts 16:25–40; John 12:27–36a; Psalms 143 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	27 Friday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Vincent de Paul, Priest, Renewer of Church and Society, 1660</i> Esther 1:1–4, 10–19; Acts 17:1–15; John 12:36b–43; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	28 Saturday of the Eighteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Jehu Jones, Jr., Pastor, 1852</i> Esther 2:5–8, 15–23; Acts 17:16–34; John 12:44–50; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
44.	29 NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST St. Michael and All Angels Esther 3:1–4:3; James 1:19–27; Matthew 6:1–6, 16–18; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	30 Monday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Jerome of Stridon, Translator and Teacher, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420</i> Esther 4:4–17; Acts 18:1–11; Luke 1:1–4; 3:1–14; Psalms 62 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)					

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Week of the Liturgical Year	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
44.			1 Tuesday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 533</i> Esther 5:1-14; Acts 18:12-28; Luke 3:15-22; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	2 Wednesday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost Esther 6:1-14; Acts 19:1-10; Luke 4:1-13; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	3 Thursday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost Esther 7:1-10; Acts 19:11-20; Luke 4:14-30; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)	4 Friday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, Renewer of the Church, 1226</i> Esther 8:1-8, 15-17; Acts 19:21-41; Luke 4:31-37; Psalms 84 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	5 Saturday of the Nineteenth Week after Pentecost <i>Frederike Fljedner, 1842; Theodor Fljedner, 1864; Karolin Fljedner, 1892; Renewers of Society</i> Esther 9:1-32; Acts 20:1-16; Luke 4:38-44; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
45.	6 TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>William Tyndale, Priest, Translator, Martyr, 1536</i> Hosea 1:1-21; James 3:1-13; Matthew 13:44-52; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	7 Monday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost <i>Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Missionary to America, 1787</i> Hosea 2:2-15; Acts 20:17-38; Luke 5:1-11; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	8 Tuesday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost Hosea 2:16-23; Acts 21:1-14; Luke 5:12-26; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	9 Wednesday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost <i>Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253</i> Hosea 3:1-5; Acts 21:15-26; Luke 5:27-39; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	10 Thursday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost Hosea 4:1-10; Acts 21:27-36; Luke 6:1-11; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	11 Friday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost <i>Phillip, Deacon and Evangelist</i> Hosea 4:11-19; Acts 21:37-22:16; Luke 6:12-26; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	12 Saturday of the Twentieth Week after Pentecost Hosea 5:1-7; Acts 22:17-29; Luke 6:27-38; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
46.	13 TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Elizabeth Fry, Renewer of Society, 1845</i> Hosea 5:8-6:6; 1 Corinthians 2:6-16; Matthew 14:1-12; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	14 Monday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost Thanksgiving Day (Canada) <i>Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, 1906; Channing Moore Williams, 1910; Missionary Bishops</i> Hosea 6:7-7:7; Acts 22:30-23:11; Luke 6:39-49; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	15 Tuesday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost <i>Teresa of Avila, Renewer of the Church, 1582</i> Hosea 7:8-16; Acts 23:12-24; Luke 7:1-17; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	16 Wednesday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost <i>Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Renewer of the Church, 1556</i> Hosea 8:1-14; Acts 23:23-35; Luke 7:18-35; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	17 Thursday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost <i>Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 115</i> <i>Paull Spring, First Bishop of the NALC, 2020</i> Hosea 9:1-9; Acts 24:1-23; Luke 7:36-50; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	18 Friday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost ST. LUKE, EVANGELIST AND COMPANION OF PAUL Isaiah 43:8-13; Ecclesiasticus 38:1-4, 6-10, 12-14; 2 Timothy 4:5-13; Luke 1:1-4; 4:14-21; Psalms 147 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	19 Saturday of the Twenty-First Week after Pentecost <i>Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812</i> Hosea 10:1-15; Acts 25:13-27; Luke 8:16-25; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
47.	20 TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Hosea 11:1-11; 1 Corinthians 4:9-16; Matthew 15:21-28; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	21 Monday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Hosea 11:12-12:1; Acts 26:1-23; Luke 8:26-39; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	22 Tuesday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Hosea 12:2-14; Acts 26:24-27:8; Luke 8:40-56; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	23 Wednesday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost ST. JAMES OF JERUSALEM, BROTHER OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, BISHOP, MARTYR, c. 62 Acts 15:12-22a; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 13:54-58; Psalms 1 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	24 Thursday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Hosea 13:4-8; Acts 27:27-44; Luke 9:18-27; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	25 Friday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Hosea 13:9-16; Acts 28:1-16; Luke 9:28-36; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	26 Saturday of the Twenty-Second Week after Pentecost Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; Hymnwriters <i>Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899</i> Hosea 14:1-9; Acts 28:17-31; Luke 9:37-50; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
48.	27 TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Ecclesiasticus 4:1-10; 1 Corinthians 10:1-13; Matthew 16:13-20; Psalms 108 & 150 (AM); Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)	28 Monday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost ST. SIMON AND ST. JUDE, APOSTLES Deuteronomy 32:1-4; Jeremiah 26:1-16; Ephesians 2:13-22, 1 John 4:1-6; John 15:17-27; 14:21-27; Psalms 119:89-96 & 145 (AM); Psalms 73 & 9 (PM)	29 Tuesday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>James Hannington, and His Companions, Martyrs, 1885</i> Ecclesiasticus 6:5-17; Revelation 7:9-17; Luke 10:1-16; Psalms 12 & 146 (AM); Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)	30 Wednesday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost Ecclesiasticus 7:4-14; Revelation 8:1-13; Luke 10:17-24; Psalms 96 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 132 & 134 (PM)	31 Thursday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost Reformation Day Ecclesiasticus 10:1-18; Revelation 9:1-12; Luke 10:25-37; Psalms 116 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 26 & 130 (PM)		

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48.						1 Friday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>ALL SAINTS' DAY</i> Ecclesiasticus 44:1-10, 13-14, Isaiah 26:1-4, 8-9, 12-13, 19-21; Revelation 7:2-4, 9-17; Matthew 5:1-12; Psalms 149 & 148 (AM); Psalms 25 & 40 (PM)	2 Saturday of the Twenty-Third Week after Pentecost <i>Commemoration of the Faithful Departed</i> Ecclesiasticus 15:9-20; Revelation 10:1-11; Luke 11:1-13; Psalms 63 & 149 (AM); Psalms 138 & 98 (PM)
49.	3 TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Martin de Porres, Renewer of Society, 1639</i> <i>Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600</i> Ecclesiasticus 18:19-33; 1 Corinthians 10:15-24; Matthew 18:15-20; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	4 Monday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost Ecclesiasticus 19:4-17; Revelation 11:1-14; Luke 11:14-26; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	5 Tuesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>Elizabeth and Zechariah, Parents of St. John the Baptist</i> Ecclesiasticus 24:1-12; Revelation 11:14-19; Luke 11:27-36; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	6 Wednesday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944</i> Ecclesiasticus 28:14-26; Revelation 12:1-6; Luke 11:37-52; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	7 Thursday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739</i> Ecclesiasticus 31:12-18, 25-32:2; Revelation 12:7-17; Luke 11:53-12:12; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	8 Friday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>John Christian Frederick Heyer, Missionary to India, 1873</i> <i>Johannes von Staupitz, Abbot and Confessor, 1524</i> Ecclesiasticus 34:1-8, 18-22; Revelation 13:1-10; Luke 12:13-31; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	9 Saturday of the Twenty-Fourth Week after Pentecost <i>Martin Chemnitz, Pastor and Confessor, 1586</i> Ecclesiasticus 35:1-17; Revelation 13:11-18; Luke 12:32-48; Psalms 104 & 149 (AM); Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)
50.	10 TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461</i> Ecclesiasticus 36:1-17; 1 Corinthians 12:27-13:13; Matthew 18:21-35; Psalms 19 & 150 (AM); Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)	11 Monday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost <i>Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397</i> Ecclesiasticus 38:24-34; Revelation 14:1-13; Luke 12:49-59; Psalms 135 & 145 (AM); Psalms 97 & 112 (PM)	12 Tuesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost <i>Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, Theologian, 1855</i> <i>Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836</i> Ecclesiasticus 43:1-22; Revelation 14:14-15:8; Luke 13:1-9; Psalms 123 & 146 (AM); Psalms 30 & 86 (PM)	13 Wednesday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost Ecclesiasticus 43:23-33; Revelation 16:1-11; Luke 13:10-17; Psalms 15 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 48 & 4 (PM)	14 Thursday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost <i>Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Anglican Bishop, 1784</i> Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15; Revelation 16:12-21; Luke 13:18-30; Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 80 & 27 (PM)	15 Friday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost Ecclesiasticus 50:1, 11-24; Revelation 17:1-18; Luke 13:31-35; Psalms 130 & 148 (AM); Psalms 32 & 139 (PM)	16 Saturday of the Twenty-Fifth Week after Pentecost <i>Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093</i> Ecclesiasticus 51:1-12; Revelation 18:1-14; Luke 14:1-11; Psalms 56 & 149 (AM); Psalms 100 & 63 (PM)
51.	17 TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Elizabeth of Thuringia, Princess of Hungary, 1231</i> <i>Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200</i> Ecclesiasticus 51:13-22; 1 Corinthians 14:1-12; Matthew 20:1-16; Psalms 67 & 150 (AM); Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)	18 Monday of the Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680</i> Joel 1:1-13; Revelation 18:15-24; Luke 14:12-24; Psalms 57 & 145 (AM); Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)	19 Tuesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Mechtild of Magdeburg, 1282; Mechtild of Hackeborn, 1298; Gertrude the Great, 1302; Renewers of the Church</i> Joel 1:15-2:11; Revelation 19:1-10; Luke 14:25-35; Psalms 54 & 146 (AM); Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)	20 Wednesday of the Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Edmund, King of East Anglia, Martyr, 870</i> Joel 2:12-19; Revelation 19:11-21; Luke 15:1-10; Psalms 65 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)	21 Thursday of the Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost Joel 2:21-27; James 1:1-15; Luke 15:1-2, 11-32; Psalms 143 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 81 & 116 (PM)	22 Friday of the Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Clives Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963</i> Joel 2:28-3:8; James 1:16-27; Luke 16:1-9; Psalms 88 & 148 (AM); Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)	23 Saturday of the Twenty-Sixth Week after Pentecost <i>Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100</i> Joel 3:9-17; James 2:1-13; Luke 16:10-18; Psalms 122 & 149 (AM); Psalms 125 & 90 (PM)
52.	24 CHRIST THE KING: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST <i>Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr, 1927</i> Zechariah 9:9-16; 1 Peter 3:13-22; Matthew 21:1-13; Psalms 103 & 150 (AM); Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)	25 Monday after Christ the King <i>Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748</i> <i>James Otis Sargent Hannington, Priest and Monk, 1935</i> Zechariah 10:1-12; Galatians 6:1-10; Luke 18:15-30; Psalms 5 & 145 (AM); Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)	26 Tuesday after Christ the King Zechariah 11:4-17; 1 Corinthians 3:10-23; Luke 18:31-43; Psalms 42 & 146 (AM); Psalms 102 & 133 (PM)	27 Wednesday after Christ the King Zechariah 12:1-10; Ephesians 1:3-14; Luke 19:1-10; Psalms 89:1-18 & 147:1-12 (AM); Psalms 1 & 33 (PM)	28 Thursday after Christ the King <i>Thanksgiving Day (United States)</i> <i>Kamehameha IV, 1864, and Emma, 1885, King and Queen of Hawaii</i> Zechariah 13:1-9; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 19:11-27; Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM); Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)	29 Friday after Christ the King Zechariah 14:1-11; Romans 15:7-13; Luke 19:28-40; Psalms 51 & 148 (AM); Psalms 142 & 65 (PM)	30 Saturday after Christ the King <i>St. Andrew, Apostle</i> Deuteronomy 30:11-14, Ezekiel 3:16-21; Romans 10:8b-18; Matthew 4:18-22, John 1:35-42; Psalms 19 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)

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1.	1 FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637</i> Isaiah 1:1–9; 2 Peter 3:1–10; Matthew 25:1–13; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	2 Monday of the First Week in Advent Isaiah 1:10–20; 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10; Luke 20:1–8; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	3 Tuesday of the First Week in Advent <i>Francis Xavier, Missionary to Asia, 1552</i> <i>Jantine Auguste Haumersen, First Ordained Female Lutheran Pastor, 1967</i> Isaiah 1:21–31; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–12; Luke 20:9–18; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM); Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)	4 Wednesday of the First Week in Advent <i>John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760</i> Isaiah 2:1–4; 1 Thessalonians 2:13–20; Luke 20:19–26; Psalms 50 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)	5 Thursday of the First Week in Advent <i>Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210</i> Isaiah 2:5–22; 1 Thessalonians 3:1–13; Luke 20:27–40; Psalms 18:1–20 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)	6 Friday of the First Week in Advent <i>Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342</i> Isaiah 3:1–4:1; 1 Thessalonians 4:1–12; Luke 20:41–21:4; Psalms 102 & 148 (AM); Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)	7 Saturday of the First Week in Advent <i>Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397</i> Isaiah 4:2–6; 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18; Luke 21:5–19; Psalms 90 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
2.	8 SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT Isaiah 5:1–7; 2 Peter 3:11–18; Luke 7:28–35; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	9 Monday of the Second Week in Advent Isaiah 5:8–17; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11; Luke 21:20–28; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	10 Tuesday of the Second Week in Advent Isaiah 5:18–25; 1 Thessalonians 5:12–28; Luke 21:29–38; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM); Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)	11 Wednesday of the Second Week in Advent <i>Lars Olsen Skrefsrud, Missionary to India, 1910</i> Isaiah 6:1–13; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–12; John 7:53–8:11; Psalms 50 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)	12 Thursday of the Second Week in Advent Isaiah 7:1–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–12; Luke 22:1–13; Psalms 18:1–20 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)	13 Friday of the Second Week in Advent <i>Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, c. 304</i> Isaiah 7:10–25; 2 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5; Luke 22:14–30; Psalms 102 & 148 (AM); Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)	14 Saturday of the Second Week in Advent <i>John of the Cross, Renewer of the Church, 1591</i> Isaiah 8:1–15; 2 Thessalonians 3:6–18; Luke 22:31–18; Psalms 90 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
3.	15 THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT Isaiah 13:1–13; Hebrews 12:18–29; John 3:22–30; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	16 Monday of the Third Week in Advent Isaiah 8:16–9:1; 2 Peter 1:1–11; Luke 22:39–53; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	17 Tuesday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Sapientia/O Wisdom</i> Isaiah 9:2–7; 2 Peter 1:12–21; Luke 22:54–69; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM); Psalms 85 & 94 (PM)	18 Wednesday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Adonai/O Lord of Might</i> Isaiah 9:8–17; 2 Peter 2:1–10a; Mark 1:1–8; Psalms 50 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 53 & 17 (PM)	19 Thursday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Radix Jesse/O Root of Jesse</i> Isaiah 9:18–10:4; 2 Peter 2:10b–16; Matthew 3:1–12; Psalms 18:1–20 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 126 & 62 (PM)	20 Friday of the Third Week in Advent <i>O Clavis David/O Key of David</i> <i>Katherina von Bora Luther, 1552</i> Isaiah 10:5–19; 2 Peter 2:17–22; Matthew 11:2–15; Psalms 102 & 148 (AM); Psalms 130 & 16 (PM)	21 Saturday of the Third Week in Advent <i>St. Thomas, Apostle</i> <i>O Oriens/O Dayspring</i> Habakkuk 2:1–4; Hebrews 10:35–11:1; Ephesians 2:19–22; John 20:24–29; Psalms 126, 117 & 149 (AM); Psalms 80 & 72 (PM)
4.	22 FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT <i>O Rex Gentium/O King of Nations</i> Isaiah 11:1–9; Ephesians 6:10–20; John 3:16–21; Psalms 24 & 150 (AM); Psalms 25 & 110 (PM)	23 Monday of the Fourth Week in Advent <i>O Emmanuel/O Come, Emmanuel</i> <i>Thorlak, Bishop of Skalholt, 1193</i> Isaiah 11:10–16; Revelation 20:1–10; John 5:30–47; Psalms 122 & 145 (AM); Psalms 40 & 67 (PM)	24 Tuesday of the Fourth Week in Advent Isaiah 28:9–22; Revelation 20:11–21:8; Luke 1:5–25; Psalms 33 & 146 (AM)	25 THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD: CHRISTMAS DAY Zechariah 2:10–13; 1 John 4:7–16; John 3:31–36; Psalms 2 & 147:1–12 (AM); Psalms 98 & 96 (PM)	26 Second Day of Christmas St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr Jeremiah 26:1–9, 12–15, 2 Chronicles 24:17–22; Acts 6:8–7:2a, 51–60; Matthew 10:17–22, Matthew 23:34–39; Psalms 31 & 147:13–21 (AM); Psalms 119:1–24 & 27 (PM)	27 Third Day of Christmas St. John, Apostle and Evangelist Genesis 1:1–5, 26–31; 1 John 1:1–2:2; John 21:20–25; Psalms 116:10–17 & 148 (AM); Psalms 19 & 121 (PM)	28 Fourth Day of Christmas The Holy Innocents, Martyrs Jeremiah 31:15–17; Revelation 21:1–7; Matthew 21:3–18; Psalms 124 & 149 (AM); Psalms 110 & 111 (PM)
5.	29 FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS Fifth Day of Christmas <i>Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170</i> Isaiah 62:6–7, 10–12; Hebrews 2:10–18; Matthew 1:18–25; Psalms 96 & 150 (AM); Psalms 132 & 97 (PM)	30 Sixth Day of Christmas Isaiah 25:1–9; Revelation 1:9–20; John 7:53–8:11; Psalms 93 & 145 (AM); Psalms 89:1–18 & 89:19–52 (PM)	31 Seventh Day of Christmas Isaiah 26:1–6; 2 Corinthians 5:16–6:2; John 8:12–19; Psalms 98 & 146 (AM); Psalms 45 & 96 (PM)				

PSALM PRAYERS

Psalm 1

Lord God, in your loving wisdom you have set us beside the fountain of life, like a tree planted by running streams. Grant that the cross of your Son may become our tree of life in the paradise of your saints, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 2

Lord God, you gave the peoples of the world to be the inheritance of your Son; you crowned him as king of Zion, your holy city, and gave him your Church as his bride. As he proclaims the way of your eternal kingdom, may we serve him faithfully, and so know the royal power of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 3

Lord God, king of the universe, you deliver your people from adversity even as you delivered your own Son from the grasp of death. Shield us from danger and raise us up on the last day with all your saints to dwell with you in your eternal kingdom, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 4

Lord, you consoled your Son in his anguish and released him from the darkness of the grave. Turn your face toward us, that we may sleep in your peace and rise in your light; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 5

Holy Lord, all justice and all goodness come from you; you hate evil and abhor lies. Lead us in the path of justice, so that all who hope in you may with the Church rejoice in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 6

Lord God, you love mercy and tenderness; you give life and overcome death. Look upon the weakness and grief of your Church; restore it to health by your risen Son, so that it may sing a new song in your praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 7

Lord God, righteous judge of the nations, you expose us for what we are. Purge us of all sin, set a firm guard on our thoughts, and make us your people because of the Just One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 8

Almighty Lord, amid the grandeur of your creation you sought us out, and by the coming of your Son you adorned us with glory and honor, raising us in him above the heavens. Enable us so to care for the earth that all creation may radiate the splendor of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 9

Lord God, righteous judge, hear the cries of your oppressed people. Rescue them from their oppressors, and save them from the gates of death, so that we may always rejoice in your help and speak your praise in the gates of Zion; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 10

Faithful Lord, remember your people; do not hide your face from our troubles. Father of orphans, wealth of the poor, give us comfort in times of pain, that we might proclaim the joyous news of freedom in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 11

Lord God, heavenly Father, your Son has fulfilled your holy will so that we might stand before you. Fill us with your Spirit and move us to place our confidence only in you, and then on the day of judgment we shall rejoice to see you face to face; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 12

Lord God, protector of your people, your light is true light and your truth shines like the day. Through your pure and life-giving words direct us to salvation and give us the help we long for in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 13

Lord our God, by the light of the resurrection of your Son you have helped us see that we shall not sleep in death forever. Look upon the sufferings of your Church, so that our hearts may rejoice in your saving help and sing you songs of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 14

God of wisdom and truth, without you neither truth nor holiness can survive. Show your mighty presence among us, and make us glad in proclaiming your deliverance in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 15

Lord Jesus, you first chose to live among us, and in returning to your Father you made an eternal home for us. Help us walk blamelessly in your ways and bring us at last to your holy mountain, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 16

Lord Jesus, uphold those who hope in you, and give us your counsel, so that we may know the joy of your resurrection and share the pleasures of the saints at your right hand, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 17

Lord God, you vindicated your Son when he was unjustly condemned and surrounded by the wicked. Watch over your people as the apple of your eye, and guard our steps until we see your face; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 18

Lord God, our stronghold and our salvation, give us such strength of love that we may reach out to our neighbor without counting the cost, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 19

Heavenly Father, you have filled the world with beauty. Open our eyes to see your gracious hand in all your works, that rejoicing in your whole creation, we may learn to serve you with gladness, for the sake of him through whom all things were made, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 20

Lord God, you accepted the perfect sacrifice of your Son upon the cross. Hear us during times of trouble and protect us by the power of his name, that we who share his struggle on earth may share in his victory in heaven, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 21

Father, you have given us life on this earth and have met us with the richness of your grace. Bestow on us your greatest blessing, the fullness of eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 22

Father, when your Son was handed over to torture and felt abandoned by you, he cried out from the cross. Then death was destroyed, and life was restored. By his death and resurrection save the poor, lift up the downtrodden, break the chains of the oppressed, that your Church may sing your praises; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 23

Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of your Church, you give us new birth in the waters of baptism; you anoint us with oil, and call us to salvation at your table. Dispel the terrors of death and the darkness of error. Lead your people along safe paths, that they may rest securely in you and dwell in the house of the Lord now and forever, for your name's sake. Amen.

Psalm 24

Lord God, ruler and guide of heaven and earth, you made your Son a priest and brought him into your everlasting temple. Open our hearts that the King of glory may enter, and bring us rejoicing to your holy mountain, where you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 25

Lord our God, you show us your ways of compassion and love, and you spare sinners. Remember not our sins; relieve our misery; satisfy the longing of your people; and fulfill all our hopes for eternal

peace through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 26

Lord Jesus, Lamb without stain, image of the Father's glory: Give us the strength to avoid sin and be faithful to you always. Lead us to the place where God dwells in his glory, that we may praise him with joy among his saints now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 27

Gracious Father, protector of those who hope in you: You heard the cry of your Son and kept him safe in your shelter in the day of evil. Grant that your servants who seek your face in times of trouble may see your goodness in the land of the living, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 28

Strong Shepherd of your people, when your Son stretched out his hands on the cross, you heard him and he did not become like those who go down into the pit. By his resurrection strengthen your people to offer you thanks for the mighty works that you have done, and make our hearts dance for joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 29

Lord our king, your voice sounds over the waters as you reign above the flood. Help us, who are born again by water and the Holy Spirit, to praise your wonderful deeds in your holy temple; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 30

God our Father, glorious in giving life and even more glorious in restoring it: In his last night on earth your Son knew anguish and deep sorrow. Do not turn away from us, or we shall fall back into dust; but rather turn our mourning into joy by raising us up with your Son, Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 31

God of kindness and truth, you saved your chosen one, Jesus Christ, and you give your martyrs strength. Watch over your people who come to you now, and strengthen the hearts of those who hope in you, that they may proclaim your saving acts of kindness in the eternal city; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 32

Lord God, you desired to keep from us your wrath and so did not spare your holy servant Jesus Christ, who was wounded for our sins. We are your prodigal children, but we come back to you confessing our sins. Embrace us, that we may rejoice in your mercy together with your beloved Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 33

Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and earth; through him you continue to accomplish the intentions of your heart. Make your chosen people witnesses of your truth among the nations and heralds of your glory in the heavens; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 34

Lord, graciously hear us, for we seek you alone. Calm our bodies and minds with the peace which passes understanding, and make us radiant with joy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 35

Lord God, you rose to the aid of your beloved Son against those who unjustly sought his life. Look on your Church as we journey to you, and rescue the poor from their oppressors, that they may tell of your righteousness and your praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 36

Lord God, source of light and

life, by the light of your truth let the virtuous know your goodness and sinners feel your mercy, so that together they may drink from your river of delight and rejoice now and ever in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 37

Lord Jesus, you bless the poor with the kingdom of heaven. Teach us to put our trust in the Father and to seek his kingdom rather than to imitate the powerful or envy the rich; so may we serve you now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 38

Lord our God, you did not forget the pierced body of your Son nor the mockery his love received. Do not abandon us, your children, weighed down with sins, but give us the fullness of your mercy in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 39

Heavenly Father, through your Son you taught us not to fear tomorrow but to commit our lives to your care. Withhold not your Spirit from us, but help us find a life of peace after these days of trouble; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 40

Lord Jesus Christ, you became obedient to death and your name was exalted above all others. Teach us always to do the Father's will, so that, made holy by your obedience and united to your sacrifice, we can know your great love in times of sorrow and sing a new song to our God now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 41

Lord Jesus, healer of soul and body, you said, "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy." Teach us to come to the aid of the needy in a spirit of love, as we have been received and strengthened by you; and to you be the glory and praise now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 42

Lord God, never-failing fountain

of life, through the saving waters of baptism you called us from the depth of sin to the depths of mercy. Do not forget the trials of our exile, but from the wellspring of the Word satisfy our thirst for you, so that we may come rejoicing to your holy mountain, where you live and reign now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 43

Almighty Father, source of everlasting light, send forth your truth into our hearts and pour over us the brightness of your light to bring us, through our joyful participation at your altar, to your eternal dwelling on high, where you live and reign now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 44

Lord, rise up and come to our aid. You are the king who knows the secrets of our hearts; fill us with the light of truth and with your strong arm lead us to freedom, as you mightily delivered our ancestors; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 45

Lord God, you have formed the holy Church to be the bride of Christ. Grant to your Church the faith and peace she will need to do your will and to show your glory, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 46

Lord God, our refuge and strength, when the restless powers of this world and the waters of hell rise up against your holy city, watch over it and keep it safe. By the river that flows from the throne of the Lamb, purify this new Jerusalem as your chosen dwelling, for you are with us, our stronghold now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 47

Lord Jesus, the dominion of the universe is yours, for you have ascended on high and are seated on the throne prepared for you by the Father. Gather all peoples

into your Church and make them a holy nation, a royal priesthood, your own chosen heritage, to praise and adore your divine majesty now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 48

Father, the body of your risen Son is the temple not made by human hands and the bulwark of the new Jerusalem. Make this holy city, built of living stones, so shine with spiritual radiance that it may show your greatness in the sight of all nations; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 49

Lord Jesus, you condemned the rich because they have already received their reward, and you proclaimed the poor blessed because the kingdom of heaven is theirs. Teach us to seek imperishable goods and to have confidence in your blood, poured out as the price of our redemption; and to you be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 50

Heavenly Father, because Jesus your servant became obedient to death, his sacrifice was greater than all the holocausts of old. Accept the sacrifice of praise we offer you through him, and help us show the effects of it in our lives by striving to do your will, until our whole life becomes adoration in spirit and truth; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 51

Almighty and merciful Father, you freely forgive those who, as David of old, acknowledge and confess their sins. Create in us pure hearts, and wash away all our sins in the blood of your dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 52

Heavenly Father, you cut down the unfruitful branch for burning and prune the fertile to make it bear more fruit. Make us grow like rich olive trees in your kingdom,

firmly rooted in the power and mercy of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 53

Holy Father, apart from you nothing is true, nothing is holy. Eradicate our sins and give us strength in our weakness, so that all who believe in your Son may rejoice in his glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 54

Father, hear our prayer and come to the aid of your Church. Mercifully deliver us from evil, so that from the rising of the sun to its setting we may offer you a pure sacrifice of praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 55

Lord Jesus, you were rejected by your people, betrayed by the kiss of a friend, and deserted by your disciples. In our trouble, give us the confidence that you had in the Father and the assurance of our salvation now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 56

Lord Jesus Christ, victim for our sins, you trusted in your Father's protection and kept silent when you were tormented. Give us that same confidence, that we may gladly suffer with you and for you, offering the Father our sacrifice of praise and walking before him in the light of the living; and to you be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 57

Lord, send your mercy and your truth to rescue us from the snares of the devil, and we will praise you among the peoples and proclaim you to the nations, happy to be known as companions of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 58

Merciful God, all judgment belongs to you. Give us the wisdom to perceive Christ in others, and to examine our own conduct; so that on the

great and final day we may approach you not as severe judge, but as our Father, who loves us in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 59

Lord God of power, you rescued your Son from the grasp of evil powers. Deliver us from evil and confirm our trust in you, so that with our rising we may sing of your power and at dawn exult in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 60

Lord Jesus, you have overcome the world, and all power and authority is yours. When evil seems to triumph, give us courage and faith, and help us never to forget that you are with us to the end of time. To you be glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 61

Lord Jesus, love and truth of the Father, you came to earth to relieve the pain of our exile; you took our weakness as your own. When our hearts grow faint, uphold us until we stand with you before God and praise your name forever. Amen.

Psalm 62

Lord God, in a constantly changing world we look to you as our rock of hope. Hear us as we pour out our hearts to you, and give us your grace and secure protection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 63

Heavenly Father, creator of unfailing light, enlighten those who call to you. May our lives proclaim your goodness, our work give you honor, and our voices praise you forever; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 64

Heavenly Father, you gave your Son victory over those who plotted evil against him; when he cried to you in his agony, you delivered him

from the fear of his enemies. May those who suffer with him in this life find refuge in you, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 65

Lord God, joy marks your presence; beauty, abundance, and peace are the tokens of your work in all creation. Work also in our lives, that by these signs we may see the splendor of your love and may praise you through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 66

Almighty Father, you brought us through the waters of baptism to the shores of new life. Accept the sacrifice of our lives, and let us enter your house, there to praise your unfailing power and love, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 67

Father, through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its embrace, and feed them with its fruit, everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 68

Lord Jesus Christ, king of the universe, you have given us joy in your holy meal. Help us to understand the significance of your death and to acknowledge you as the conqueror of death, seated at the right hand of the Father, where you live and reign with him and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 69

God our Father, you fulfilled the ancient prophecies in Christ's passover from death to life. Through the contemplation of his healing wounds, make us zealous for your Church and grateful for your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 70

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin

and protect us from all anxiety, as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 71

Lord God of the living, do not desert us in old age, but help us to follow your will in both good and bad times, so that forever we may praise your faithfulness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 72

Almighty God, you gave the kingdom of justice and peace to David and his descendant, our Lord Jesus Christ. Extend this kingdom to every nation, so that through your Son the poor may receive justice, the destitute relief, and the people of the earth peace in the name of him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 73

Father, in your wisdom you allowed your Son to be dismayed by the prospect of his cross, but by his death the penalty of sin was changed into glory. Grant that, on our journey to you, the cross of your Son may not be a stumbling block but a beacon to guide us to that heavenly country where you with your Son Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit live and reign one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 74

Lord our God, remember the covenant sealed with the blood of your Son. Make the Church your spiritual house and make us living stones built upon Christ, so that a full and true temple may be raised to your glory; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 75

Father, by the Passion of your Son you proclaimed the final judgment of the world; when you raised Christ upon the cross, you deposed the prince of darkness. Strike down the pride that rules our hearts,

and raise us to the glory of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 76

Mighty God, awesome in power and splendid in holiness, in your presence the earth both trembles and stands still, for you shattered death's power by the cross. Rise to help your people; give the light of your salvation to the meek of the earth, that they may praise your name forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 77

Heavenly Father, by signs and wonders you established your ancient covenant, and through the sacrifice of your Son you confirmed the new covenant yet more wondrously. Guide your Church to the land of promise, that there we may celebrate your name with lasting praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 78

Lord Jesus Christ, shepherd of your Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the kingdom, you renewed and surpassed the marvels of the old covenant. Through the uncertainties of this earthly journey, lead us home to the everlasting pastures, where we may praise you now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 79

Father of mercy, your Son told his enemies that, if they should destroy the temple of his body, you would raise it again in three days. By his death and resurrection demolish our pretensions of strength, and on the ruins build a temple worthy of your name, so that all the world may know the glory of your transforming power, shown in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 80

Lord God, you so tend the vine you planted that now it extends its branches even to the farthest shore. Keep us in your Son as branches on

the vine, that, rooted firmly in your love, we may testify before the whole world to your great power working everywhere; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 81

Almighty Father, you rescued your people from slavery and, through the Passion of your Son, acquired a new people united in his body and marked with the sign of his holiness. Feed us with your finest bread so that we may have food for this life and a foretaste of eternity, where you live and reign with your Son and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 82

Jesus, our Lord and our God, by your death you give life to the dead; by your resurrection you give strength to the weak. Rise up to rule the earth, and at the end of the world, when the secrets of the heart are revealed, make us glad to celebrate your justice now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 83

Lord, dispel from us the error of pride and illusions of greatness, and help us to abandon every vice and stand in awe of you, for you alone are the Most High over all the world now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 84

Almighty God, you heard the prayer of Christ, your chosen one, and raised him to the lasting joy of your presence. Help us in our pilgrimage toward you to love your Church and to offer the sacrifice of praise at your altar, that we may hasten to your home and joyfully look upon your glorious splendor, which we have seen in your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 85

God of love and faithfulness, you so loved the world that you gave your only Son to be our Savior. Help us to receive him as both Lord and brother and freely celebrate him as

our gracious Redeemer now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 86

God of mercy, when Christ called out to you in torment, you heard him and gave him victory over death. Fill us with the love of your name and help us to proclaim you before the world, that all peoples may celebrate your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 87

Lord God, your Son wept over ancient Jerusalem, and he established the new Jerusalem firmly upon rock and made it the mother of the faithful. Make us rejoice in your Church, and grant that all people may be reborn into the freedom of your Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 88

Lord Jesus, author of our salvation and redeemer of all, for us you descended to the dead and broke the grip of death. Hear the prayers of your family, and lift us from our slavery in evil, that we may be set free to see your Father's glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 89

Mighty God, in fulfillment of the promise made to David's descendants you established a lasting covenant through your firstborn Son. You anointed your servant Jesus with holy oil and raised him higher than all kings on earth. Remember your covenant, so that we who are signed with the blood of your Son may sing of your mercies forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 90

Eternal Father of our mortal race, in Jesus Christ your grace has come upon us: For his sake, prosper the work of our hands until he returns to gladden our hearts forever. Amen.

Psalm 91

Lord Jesus Christ, when tempted

by the devil, you remained true to your Father, who commanded his angels to watch over you. Guard your Church from the plague of sin, so that we may remain faithful to you until the day when we enjoy the fullness of your salvation; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 92

Lord, take our shame away and make us rejoice in your saving acts, that all who have been redeemed by your Son may always abound in works of faith, hope, and love in your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 93

Lord Jesus, king of glory, when you rose from the grave in the power of the Spirit, you firmly established your kingdom, never to be shaken or destroyed by death. May your will be done on earth as in heaven until the Church is made holy by your embrace, our Redeemer and our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 94

Lord Jesus, do not abandon your people, nor ignore the power of the enemy against your Church. Grant that those who suffer for the sake of justice may find consolation in the cross and be filled with your joy now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 95

Almighty God, neither let us go astray as did those who murmured in the desert, nor let us be torn apart by discord. With Jesus as our shepherd, bring us to enjoy the unity for which he prays; and to you be the glory and the praise now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 96

Lord Jesus, the incarnate Word, when you consented to dwell with us, the heavens were glad and the earth rejoiced. In hope and love we await your return. Help us to proclaim your glory to those who do not know you, until

the whole earth sings a new song to you and the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 97

God our king, you clothe the sky with light and the depths of the ocean with darkness. Among the peoples you work wonders, and rain terror upon your enemies. Do not try your servants by fire, but bring us rejoicing to the shelter of your home, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 98

Lord, we sing to you a new song, for your victory is ever new. In the empty tomb you have given us a glimpse of your future, and in your victory over death you have shown us how we shall overcome the last enemy. As the seas roar and the hills sing together, we too will praise you for your great triumph, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 99

Lord our God, King of the universe, you love what is right. Lead us in your righteousness, that we may live to praise you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 100

God our Father, you have created us as your people and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give you thanks, for you alone are worthy of thanksgiving and praise and honor now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 101

Lord Jesus, you came to us so that your people might walk in innocence, and you taught us to be holy as your Father is holy. Help us, your children, to love what is truly perfect, so that we may neither speak what is evil nor do what is wrong. Then let us stand in your sight and celebrate with you the Father's love and justice forever. Amen.

Psalm 102

Lord, while our days vanish like shadows and our lives wear out like a garment, you remain undisturbed by change. Although our earthly lives come to an end, help us to live in Christ's endless life and at length attain our home, the heavenly Jerusalem, where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 103

Lord, you have compassion for the sinner, as a father has compassion for his children. Heal the weakness of your people and save us from everlasting death, that with the saints and angels we may praise and glorify you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 104

God of all light, life, and love, through the visible things of this world you raise our thoughts to things unseen, and you show us your power and your love. From your dwelling-place refresh our hearts and renew the face of the earth with the life-giving water of your Word, until the new heaven and new earth resound with the song of resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 105

God our Father, through the death and resurrection of your Son you have fulfilled the promise to Abraham, Joseph, and Moses to redeem the world from slavery and to lead us into the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive our desert pilgrimage and praise you forever; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 106

God our Father, remembering your covenant, you graciously pardoned those who rebelled against you. Grant that, where sin abounds, grace may abound more; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 107

Lord God, you fill the hungry with good things and break the sinner's chains. Hear your people who call to you in their need, and lead your Church from the shadows of death. Gather us from sunset to sunrise, that we may grow together in faith and love, and may give thanks for your kindness in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 108

Lord, accept the prayers of your servants, and prepare our hearts to praise your holy name. Come to our aid in times of trouble, that we may sing you songs of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 109

Lord Jesus, on the cross you blessed those who cursed you and asked that the Father forgive those who nailed you there. Teach us to despise hatred and not those who hate, to detest the sin and not the sinner, and to forgive the offenses of others, as we have been forgiven by you, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 110

Almighty God, make known in every place the perfect offering of your Son, the eternal high priest of the new Jerusalem, and so consecrate all nations to be your holy people, that the kingdom of Christ, your anointed one, may come in its fullness; and to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and praise now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 111

Merciful and gentle Lord, the crowning glory of all the saints, give us, your children, the gift of obedience, which is the beginning of wisdom, so that we may be filled with your mercy and that what you command we may do by the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 112

Lord Jesus, you are the light shining in darkness for the

upright. Teach us to love one another as you love us, that we might bring peace and joy to the world and find the happiness of your home, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 113

Lord Jesus, surrendering the brightness of your glory, you became mortal so that we might be raised from the dust to share your very being. May the children of God always bless your name from the rising of the sun to its going down, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 114

Almighty God, you gave life to the new Israel by birth from water and the Spirit. Make all those whom you have called to walk in the splendor of the new light render you fitting service and adoration, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 115

Lord God, creator and ruler of the universe, you have entrusted the care of the earth to its peoples. Grant that your children, surrounded by signs of your presence, may live continually in Christ, praising you through him and with him, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 116

God of power and mercy, through the Passion and resurrection of your Son you have freed us from the bonds of death and the anguish of separation from you. Be with us on our pilgrimage, and help us offer you a sacrifice of praise, fulfill our vows, and glorify you in the presence of all your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 117

Lord God, you have revealed your kindness to all people. Gather the nations into your Church, that in all the various tongues of this world one hymn of praise may be offered to you; through your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 118

Lord God, your Son, rejected by the builders, has become the cornerstone of the Church. Shed rays of your glory upon your Church, that it may be seen as the gate of salvation open to all nations. Let cries of joy and exultation ring out from its courts to celebrate the wonder of Christ's resurrection, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 119

Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbor as ourselves, for the sake of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 120

Lord Jesus, you blessed the peacemakers and called them children of God. Give us that peace which the world cannot give, so that your Church may be freed from the schemes of the arrogant and, devoted to works of peace, may go forward joyfully to meet you, the Prince of Peace, our Savior and our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 121

Lord Jesus Christ, you have prepared a quiet place for us in your Father's eternal home. Watch over our welfare on this perilous journey, shade us from the burning heat of day, and keep our lives free of evil now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 122

Lord Jesus, give us the peace of the new Jerusalem. Bring all nations into your kingdom to share your gifts, that they may render thanks to you without end and may come to your eternal city, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 123

Lord, our creator and redeemer, we look to you for all that we need. Look with favor on us, your servants, and give us your grace; for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 124

Lord Jesus, you foretold that your disciples would be despised on account of your name, yet you number the very hairs of their heads. In times of persecution, defend and revive us by the power and comfort of the Holy Spirit, so that we can be freed from our enemies and praise your saving help now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 125

Lord, surround your people with your presence. Do not let us stretch out our hands to evil deeds, nor be destroyed by the snares of the enemy, but bring us to share the land prepared for the saints in light, where you live and reign, God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 126

Lord Jesus, our life and our resurrection, the tears you sowed in the sorrow of your Passion brought the earth to flower on Easter morning. Renew the wonders of your power in the Church, so that, after the sorrows of our exile, we may come home to you in gladness and praise you now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 127

Lord God, the land is brought to flower not with human tears but with the tears of your Son. Grant that those who labor for you may not trust in their own work but in your help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 128

Lord Jesus, from your opened side your bride, the Church, was formed, and sanctified in your cleansing blood. Make your Church a fruitful vine, with many children who will rejoice with you at your table and celebrate your goodness now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 129

Lord Jesus, when our sins had plowed long furrows on your back, your death broke the bonds of sin and Satan forever. Bless your Church, wounded in its members, and

strengthen it by your power and grace, that it may praise you now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 130

God of might and compassion, you sent your Word into the world as a watchman to announce the dawn of salvation. Do not leave us in the depths of our sins, but listen to your Church pleading for the fullness of your redeeming grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 131

Lord Jesus, gentle and humble of heart, you promised your kingdom to those who are like children. Never let pride reign in our hearts, but let the Father's compassion embrace all who willingly bear your gentle yoke now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 132

Lord God, our King, you have chosen the new Zion as your dwelling-place, the Church as your place of rest; you have kindled in it a lamp that will burn brightly forever before Christ, your anointed one. Make our hearts your tabernacle, clothe your people with holiness, and give bread to the poor, that we may rejoice and sing to you now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 133

Lord God, you have poured into our hearts the precious oil of your Spirit of love. Make us of one heart and of one will, so that we may be true members of the body of Jesus Christ, united as he has commanded us; and to you be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 134

Lord, where two or three gather in your name, you promised to be with them and share their fellowship. Look down upon your family gathered in your name, and graciously pour out your blessing upon us; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 135

Lord God, you are great and have done mighty deeds; you have shattered the powers of darkness and have shown compassion to your servants. Keep us from being deceived by idols, for there is no god like you, and your renown endures from age to age. Blessed be the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 136

God of everlasting love, through your Word you made all things in heaven and on earth; you have opened to us the path from death to life. Listen to the song of the universe, the hymn of resurrection, sung by your Church, and give us your blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 137

Heavenly Father, you willed to make us citizens of your country and singers of your mercy. Do not abandon us in the land of exile, but bring us to the heavenly Jerusalem chanting your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 138

Lord God, you keep the proud at a distance and look upon the lowly with favor. Stretch out your hand to us in our suffering, perfect in us the work of your love, and bring us to life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 139

Lord Jesus Christ, when you descended among the dead, you brought them the light of day; when you ascended into heaven, you brought it new radiance. Remain with us and lead us along the paths of life until we come to rest with your saints in the holy dwelling-place, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 140

Lord, you keep constant guard over your faithful people. Protect us from

hidden snares, deliver us from those who would seek to do us harm, and make us holy; that we may praise and bless your name and live in righteousness before you now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 141

Lord, from the rising of the sun to its setting your name is worthy of all praise. Let our prayer rise before you as incense, and may the lifting up of our hands be as an evening sacrifice, acceptable to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 142

Lord Jesus, hanging on the cross and left alone by your disciples, you called on your Father with a mighty cry as you gave up your spirit. Deliver us from the prison of affliction, and be yourself our inheritance in the land of the living, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you are blessed now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 143

Lord Jesus, you bring the first light of dawn to those who dwell in darkness and make your love known to them. Enter not into judgment against your servants, but let your Spirit guide us into the land of justice, where with the Father and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 144

Lord God of strength, you gave your Son victory over death. Direct your Church's fight against evil in the world; clothe us with the weapons of light; and unite us under the banner of love, that after the battle of earthly life we may rejoice in your presence now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 145

Loving Father, you are faithful in your promises and tender in your compassion. Listen to our hymn of joy, and continue to satisfy the needs of all your creatures, that all flesh may bless your name in your

everlasting kingdom, where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 146

God of glory and power, happy indeed are those who have put their trust in you. Shine the brightness of your light upon us, that we may love you always with a pure heart and praise you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 147

God our Father, great builder of the heavenly Jerusalem, you know the number of the stars and call each of them by name. Heal hearts that are broken, gather those who have been scattered, and enrich us all from the plenitude of your eternal wisdom, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 148

God Most High, by your Word you created a wondrous universe, and through your Spirit you breathed into it the breath of life. Accept creation's hymn of praise from our lips, and let the praise that is sung in heaven resound in the heart of every creature on earth, to the glory of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 149

Lord, let Israel rejoice in you and acknowledge you as creator and redeemer. In your lovingkindness embrace us now, that we may proclaim the wonderful truths of salvation with your saints in glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 150

Lord God, unite our voices with the praise of all creation, that we may worthily magnify your excellent greatness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SEASONAL PRAYERS

Church Year Begins

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Evening of December 2, 2023 to Evening of December 9, 2023; Evening of November 30, 2024 to Evening of December 7, 2024)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Protect us by your strength and save us from the threatening dangers of our sins, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Evening of December 9, 2023 to Evening of December 16, 2023; Evening of December 7, 2024 to Evening of December 14, 2024)

Stir up our hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only Son. By his coming give us strength in our conflicts and shed light on our path through the darkness of this world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Evening of December 16, 2023 to Evening of December 23, 2023; Evening of December 14, 2024 to Evening of December 21, 2024)

Almighty God, you once called John the Baptist to give witness to the coming of your Son and to prepare his way. Grant us, your people, the wisdom to see your purpose today and the openness to hear your will, that we may witness to Christ's coming and so prepare his way; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

Lord, hear our prayers and come to us, bringing light into the darkness of our hearts; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Evening of December 23, 2023 to Evening of December 24, 2023; Evening of December 21, 2024 to Evening of December 24, 2024)

Stir up your power, O Lord, and come. Take away the hindrance of our sins and make us ready for the celebration of your birth, that we may receive you in joy and serve you always; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Evening of December 24, 2023 to Evening of December 30, 2023; Evening of December 24, 2024 to Evening of December 28, 2024)

CHRISTMAS EVE
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 only Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

CHRISTMAS DAY AND FOLLOWING

Almighty God, you have made yourself known in your Son, Jesus, redeemer of the world. We pray that his birth as a human child will set us free from the old slavery of our sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Evening of December 31, 2023 to Evening of January 5, 2023; Evening of December 30, 2023 to Evening of January 5, 2024; Evening of December 28, 2024 to Evening of January 4, 2025)

Almighty God, you wonderfully created and yet more wonderfully restored the dignity of human nature. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of Jesus Christ who came to share our humanity, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES (Evening of January 5, 2023 to Evening of January 7, 2023; Evening of January 5, 2024 to Evening of January 6, 2024)

Lord 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. Amen.

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of January 7, 2023 to Evening of January 14, 2023; Evening of January 6, 2024 to Evening of January 13, 2024)

Father in heaven, at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit. Make all who are baptized into Christ faithful in their calling to be your children and inheritors with him of everlasting life;

through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of January 14, 2023 to Evening of January 21, 2023; Evening of January 13, 2024 to Evening of January 20, 2024)

Lord God, you showed your glory and led many to faith by the works of your Son. As he brought gladness and healing to his people, grant us these same gifts and lead us also to perfect faith in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of January 21, 2023 to Evening of January 28, 2023; Evening of January 20, 2024 to Evening of January 27, 2024)

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of January 28, 2023 to Evening of February 4, 2023; Evening of January 27, 2024 to Evening of February 3, 2024)

O God, you know that we cannot withstand the dangers which surround us. Strengthen us in body and spirit so that, with your help, we may be able to overcome the weakness that our sin has brought upon us; through Jesus Christ, your Son our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of February 4, 2023 to Evening of February 11, 2023; Evening of February 3, 2024 to Evening of February 10, 2024)

Almighty God, you sent your only Son as the Word of life for our eyes to see and our ears to hear. Help us to believe with joy what the Scriptures proclaim, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of February 11, 2023 to Evening of February 19, 2023; Not in 2024)

Lord God, mercifully receive the prayers of your people. Help us to see and understand the things we ought to do, and give us grace and power to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD: LAST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of February 18, 2023 to Evening of February 21, 2023; Evening of February 10, 2024 to Evening of February 13, 2024)

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Give us the vision to see beyond the turmoil of our world and to behold the king in all his glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us with the king heirs of your

glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ASH WEDNESDAY (Evening of February 21, 2023 to Evening of February 25, 2023; Evening of February 13, 2024 to Evening of February 17, 2024)

Almighty and ever-living God, you hate nothing you have made and you forgive the sins of all who are penitent. Create in us new and honest hearts, so that, truly repenting of our sins, we may obtain from you, the God of all mercy, full pardon and forgiveness; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of February 25, 2023 to Evening of March 4, 2023; Evening of February 17, 2024 to Evening of February 24, 2024)

O Lord God, you led your ancient people through the wilderness and brought them to the promised land. Guide now the people of your Church, that, following our Savior, we may walk through the wilderness of this world toward the glory of the world to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

Lord God, our strength, the battle of good and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foe tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word and, when we fall, raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of March 4, 2023 to Evening of March 11, 2023; Evening of February 24, 2024 to Evening of March 2, 2024)

Heavenly Father, it is your glory always to have mercy. Bring back all who have erred and strayed from your ways; lead them again to embrace in faith the truth of your Word and to hold it fast; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

God our Father, your Son once welcomed an outcast woman because of her faith. Give us faith like hers, that we also may trust only in your love for us and may accept one another as we have been accepted by you; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of March 8, 2023 to Evening of March 18, 2023; Evening of March 2, 2024 to Evening of March 9, 2024)

Eternal Lord, your kingdom has broken into our troubled world through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son. Help us to hear your Word and obey it, so that we become instruments of your redeeming love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of March 18, 2023 to Evening of March 25, 2023; Evening of March 9, 2024 to Evening of March 16, 2024)

God of all mercy, by your power to heal and to forgive, graciously cleanse us from all sin and make us strong; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the

Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT
(Evening of March 25, 2023 to Evening of April 1, 2023; Evening of March 16, 2024 to Evening of March 23, 2024)

Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope in the world. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SUNDAY OF THE PASSION: PALM SUNDAY (Evening of April 1, 2023 to Evening of April 2, 2023; Evening of March 23, 2024 to Evening of March 24, 2024)

Almighty God, you sent your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, to take our flesh upon him and to suffer death on the cross. Grant that we may share in his obedience to your will and in the glorious victory of his resurrection; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK
(Evening of April 2, 2023 to Evening of April 3, 2023; Evening of March 24, 2024 to Evening of March 25, 2024)

O God, your Son chose the path which led to pain before joy and the cross before glory. Plant his cross in our hearts, so that in its power and love we may come at last to joy and glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TUESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
(Evening of April 3, 2023 to Evening of April 4, 2023; Evening of March 25, 2024 to Evening of March 26, 2024)

Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you. Grant that our love may not grow cold in your service, and that we may not fail or deny you in the hour of trial. Amen.

WEDNESDAY IN HOLY WEEK
(Evening of April 4, 2023 to Evening of April 5, 2023; Evening of March 26, 2024 to Evening of March 27, 2024)

Almighty God, your Son our Savior suffered at the hands of men and endured the shame of the cross. Grant that we may walk in the way of his cross and find it the way of life and peace; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

MAUNDY THURSDAY
(Evening of April 5, 2023 to Evening of April 6, 2023; Evening of March 27, 2024 to Evening of March 28, 2024)

Holy God, source of all love, on the night of his betrayal, Jesus gave his disciples a new commandment: To love one another as he had loved them. By your Holy Spirit write this commandment in our hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

Lord God, in a wonderful Sacrament you have left us a memorial of your suffering and death. May this Sacrament of your body and blood so work in us that the way we live will proclaim the redemption you have brought; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOOD FRIDAY & HOLY SATURDAY (Evening of April 6, 2023 to Evening of April 8, 2023; Evening of March 28, 2024 to Evening of March 30, 2024)

Almighty God, we ask you to look with mercy on your family, for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and 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. Amen.

or

Lord Jesus, you carried our sins in your own body on the tree so that we might

have life. May we and all who remember this day find new life in you now and in the world to come, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD (Evening of April 8, 2023 to Evening of April 15, 2023; Evening of March 30, 2024 to Evening of April 6, 2024)

VIGIL OF EASTER

First Prayer: Almighty God, you wonderfully created the dignity of human nature and yet more wonderfully restored it. In your mercy, let us share the divine life of him who came to share our humanity, Jesus Christ your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Second Prayer: O God, strength of the powerless and light in all darkness: Look in mercy upon your Church, that wonderful and sacred mystery, that it may be an ark of peace in the midst of chaos. Let the whole world experience and see that what was fallen is being raised up, that what was old is being made new, and that all things are being restored to wholeness through him from whom they first took being, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Third Prayer: God and Father of all the faithful, you promised Abraham that he would become the father of all nations, and through this paschal mystery you increase your chosen people throughout the world. Help us respond to your call by joyfully accepting the new life of grace. We ask this through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fourth Prayer: O God, whose wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day: By the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, a sign for us of the salvation of all nations by the water of Baptism. Grant

that all the peoples of earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham and may rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Fifth Prayer: O God, you have created all things by the power of your Word, and you renew the earth by your Spirit. Give now the water of life to those who thirst for you, that they may bring forth abundant fruit in your glorious kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Sixth Prayer: O God, you increase your Church by continuing to call all peoples to salvation. Let the cleansing waters of Baptism flow, and by your love watch over those whom you have called; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Seventh Prayer: O God, by the Passover of the Son you have brought us out of sin into righteousness and out of death into life. Give us such an understanding of your mercy that, in receiving the gifts of Word and Sacrament now, we may learn to hope for all your gifts to come; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eighth Prayer: O God, by the word of the prophets you are known in the Church as the sower of the good seed, the keeper of the chosen vineyard. Grant to your people, who are called your vine and your harvest, that, cleansed of all thorns and briars, they may abundantly bring forth good fruit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Ninth Prayer: Almighty and ever-living God, wonderful in all your works: Let your people understand that even more marvelous than the world's creation is your gift at the end of time: the sacrifice of our Passover Lamb, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Tenth Prayer: O God, you have united all nations in the

confession of your name. Now give us the will and the power to do what you command, that the faith of the people whom you call to everlasting life may direct their speech and actions; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Eleventh Prayer: O God, exaltation of the humble and strength of the righteous: You taught your people through Moses to sing your praise, that the law which he delivered to them might be helpful to us. Show your power among all nations that, in the forgiveness of sins, terror may turn to joy, and fear of retribution to salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EASTER DAY

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, so that we may live with him forever in the joy of the resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

Almighty God, through your only Son you overcame death and opened for us the gate of everlasting life. Give us your continual help; put good desires into our minds and bring them to full effect; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

EASTER EVENING AND FOLLOWING

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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER (Evening of April 15, 2023 to Evening of April 22, 2023; Evening of April 6, 2024 to Evening of April 13, 2024)

Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of our Lord's resurrection. Graciously help us to show the power of the resurrection in all that we say and do; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Evening of April 22, 2023 to Evening of April 29, 2023; Evening of April 13, 2024 to Evening of April 20, 2024)

O God, by the humiliation of your Son you lifted up this fallen world, rescuing us from the hopelessness of death. Grant your faithful people a share in the joys that are eternal; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Evening of April 29, 2023 to Evening of May 6, 2023; Evening of April 20, 2024 to Evening of April 27, 2024)

God of all power, you called from death our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, and to feed one another with knowledge and understanding; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

Almighty God, you show the light of your truth to those in darkness, to lead them into the way of righteousness. Give strength to all who are joined in the family of the Church, so that they will resolutely reject what erodes their faith and firmly follow what faith requires; through your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Evening of May 6, 2023 to Evening of May 13, 2023; Evening of April 27, 2024 to Evening of May 4, 2024)

O God, form the minds of your faithful people into a single will. Make us love what you command and desire what you promise, that, amid all the changes of this world, our hearts may be fixed where true joy is found; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
(Evening of May 13, 2023 to Evening of May 17, 2023; Evening of May 4, 2024 to Evening of May 8, 2024)

O God, from whom all good things come: Lead us by the inspiration of your Spirit to think those things which are right, and by your goodness help us to do them; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD (Evening of May 17, 2023 to Evening of May 20, 2023; Evening of May 8, 2024 to Evening of May 11, 2024)

Almighty God, your only Son was taken up into heaven and in power intercedes for us. May we also come into your presence and live forever in your glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER: SUNDAY AFTER THE ASCENSION (Evening of May 20, 2023 to Evening of May 27, 2023; Evening of May 11, 2024 to Evening of May 18, 2024)

Almighty and eternal God, your Son our Savior is with

you in eternal glory. Give us your faith to see that, true is his promise, he is among us still, and will be with us to the end of time; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

God, our creator and redeemer, your Son Jesus prayed that his followers might be one. Make all Christians one with him as he is one with you, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST (Evening of May 27, 2023 to Evening of June 3, 2023; Evening of May 18, 2024 to Evening of May 25, 2024)

THE VIGIL OF PENTECOST
Almighty and ever-living God, you fulfilled the promise of Easter by sending your Holy Spirit to unite the races and nations on earth and thus to proclaim your glory. 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 your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE DAY OF PENTECOST AND FOLLOWING

God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, as you sent upon the disciples the promised gift of the Holy Spirit, look upon your Church and open our hearts to the power of the Spirit. Kindle in us the fire of your love, and strengthen our lives for service in your kingdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and forever. Amen.

or

God our creator, earth has many languages, but your Gospel announces your love to all nations in one heavenly speech. Make us messengers of the good news that, through the power of your Spirit, everyone may united in one song of praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE HOLY TRINITY: FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of June 3, 2023 to Evening of June 10, 2023; Evening of May 25, 2024 to Evening of June 1, 2024)

Almighty God our Father, dwelling in majesty and mystery, renewing and fulfilling creation by your eternal Spirit, and revealing your glory through our Lord, Jesus Christ: Cleanse us from doubt and fear, and enable us to worship you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, living and reigning, now and forever. Amen.

or

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given us grace, by the confession of the true faith, to acknowledge the glory of the eternal Trinity and, in the power of your divine majesty, to worship the unity. Keep us steadfast in this faith and worship, and bring us at last to see you in your eternal glory, one God, now and forever. Amen.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of June 10, 2023 to Evening of June 17, 2023; Evening of June 1, 2024 to Evening of June 8, 2024)

Lord God of all nations, you have revealed your will to your people and promised your help to us all. Help us to hear and to do what you command, that the darkness may be overcome by the power of your light; through

your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of June 17, 2023 to Evening of June 24, 2023; Evening of June 8, 2024 to Evening of June 15, 2024)

O God, the strength of those who hope in you: Be present and hear our prayers; and, because in the weakness of our mortal nature we can do nothing good without you, give us the help of your grace, so that in keeping your commandments we may please you in will and deed; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of June 24, 2023 to Evening of July 1, 2023; Evening of June 15, 2024 to Evening of June 22, 2024)

God, our maker and redeemer, you have made us a new company of priests to bear witness to the Gospel. Enable us to be faithful to our calling to make known your promises to all the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of July 1, 2023 to Evening of July 8, 2023; Evening of June 22, 2024 to Evening of June 29, 2024)

O God our defender, storms rage about us and cause us to be afraid. Rescue your people from despair, deliver your sons and daughters from fear, and preserve us all from unbelief; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of July 8, 2023 to Evening of July 15, 2023; Evening of June 29, 2024 to Evening of July 6, 2024)

O God, you have prepared for those who love you joys beyond understanding. Pour into our hearts such love for you that, loving you above all things, we may obtain your promises, which exceed all

that we can desire; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of July 15, 2023 to Evening of July 22, 2023; Evening of July 6, 2024 to Evening of July 13, 2024)

God of glory, Father of love, peace comes from you alone. Send us as peacemakers and witnesses to your kingdom, and fill our hearts with joy in your promises of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of July 22, 2023 to Evening of July 29, 2023; Evening of July 13, 2024 to Evening of July 20, 2024)

Almighty God, we thank you for planting in us the seed of your word. By your Holy Spirit help us to receive it with joy, live according to it, and grow in faith and hope and love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Lord God, use our lives to touch the world with your love. Stir us, by your Spirit, to be neighbor to those in need, serving them with willing hearts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of July 29, 2023 to Evening of August 5, 2023; Evening of July 20, 2024 to Evening of July 27, 2024)

Pour out upon us, O Lord, the spirit to think and do what is right, that we, who cannot even exist without you, may have the strength to live according to your will; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

O God, you see how busy we are with many things. Turn us to listen to your teachings and lead us to choose the one thing which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of August 5, 2023 to Evening of August 12, 2023; Evening of July 27, 2024 to Evening of August 3, 2024)

O God, your ears are open always to the prayers of your servants. Open our hearts and minds to you, that we may live in harmony with your will and receive the gifts of your Spirit; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of August 12, 2023 to Evening of August 19, 2023; Evening of August 3, 2024 to August 10, 2024)

Gracious Father, your blessed Son came down from heaven to be the true bread which gives life to the world. Give us this bread, that he may live in us and we in him, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Almighty God, judge of us all, you have placed in our hands the wealth we call our own. Give us such wisdom by your Spirit that our possessions may not be a curse in our lives, but an instrument for blessing; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of August 19, 2023 to Evening of August 26, 2023; Evening of August 10, 2024 to Evening of August 17, 2024)

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we are to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve. Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merit of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of August 26, 2023 to Evening of September 2, 2023; Evening of August 17, 2024 to Evening of August 24, 2024)

Almighty and ever-living God, you have given great and precious promises to those who believe. Grant us the perfect faith which overcomes all doubts, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 2, 2023 to Evening of September 9, 2023; Evening of August 24, 2024 to Evening of August 31, 2024)

God of all creation, you reach out to call people of all nations to your kingdom. As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 9, 2023 to Evening of September 16, 2023; Evening of August 31, 2024 to Evening of September 7, 2024)

O God, we thank you for your Son who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point us to the path of obedience, and give us strength to follow his commands; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 16, 2023 to Evening of September 23, 2023; Evening of September 7, 2024 to Evening of September 14, 2024)

Almighty and eternal God, you know our problems and our weaknesses better than we ourselves. In your love and by your power help us in our confusion and, in spite of our weakness, make us firm in faith; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 23, 2023 to Evening of September 30, 2023; Evening of September 14, 2024 to Evening of September 21, 2024)

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity. Grant us the fullness of your grace, that, pursuing what you have promised, we may share your heavenly glory; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 30, 2023 to Evening of October 7, 2023; Evening of September 21, 2024 to Evening of September 28, 2024)

Lord God, you call us to work in your vineyard and leave no one standing idle. Set us to our tasks in the work of your kingdom, and help us to order our lives by your wisdom; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of October 7, 2023 to Evening of October 14, 2023; Evening of September 28, 2024 to Evening of October 5, 2024)

God of love, you know our frailties and failings. Give us your grace to overcome them; keep us from those things that harm us; and guide us in the way of salvation; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TWENTIETH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of October 14, 2023 to Evening of October 21, 2023; Evening of October 5, 2024 to Evening of October 12, 2024)

Our Lord Jesus, you have endured the doubts and foolish questions of every generation. Forgive us for trying to be judge over you, and grant us the confident faith to acknowledge you as Lord. Amen.

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of October 21, 2023 to Evening of October 28, 2023; Evening of October 12, 2024 to Evening of October 19, 2024)

Almighty God, source of every blessing, your generous goodness comes to us anew every day. By the work of your Spirit lead us to acknowledge your goodness, give thanks for your benefits, and serve you in willing obedience; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of October 28, 2023 to Evening of November 4, 2023; Evening of October 19, 2024 to Evening of October 26, 2024)

Almighty and everlasting God, in Christ you have revealed your glory among the nations. Preserve the works of your mercy, that your Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of your name; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of November 4, 2023 to Evening of November 11, 2023; Evening of October 26, 2024 to Evening of November 2, 2024)

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and charity; and, that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of November 11, 2023 to Evening of November 18, 2023; Evening of November 2, 2024 to Evening of November 9, 2024)

Lord, when the day of wrath comes we have no hope except in your grace. Make us so to watch for the last days that the consummation of our hope may be the joy of the marriage feast of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of November 18, 2023 to Evening of November 25, 2023; Evening of November 9, 2024 to Evening of November 16, 2024)

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful

people to seek more eagerly the help you offer, that, at the last, they may enjoy the fruit of salvation; through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Not in 2023; Evening of November 16, 2024 to Evening of November 23, 2024)

Lord God, so rule and govern our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit that, always keeping in mind the end of all things and the day of judgment, we may be stirred up to holiness of life here and may live with you forever in the world to come, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. through our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

CHRIST THE KING: LAST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of November 25, 2023 to Evening of December 2, 2023; Evening of November 23, 2024 to Evening of November 30, 2024)

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things to your beloved Son, whom you anointed priest forever and king of all creation: Grant that all the people of the earth, now divided by the power of sin, may be united under the glorious and gentle rule of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Church Year Ends



FESTIVAL & COMMEMORATION PRAYERS

January 1: THE CIRCUMCISION AND HOLY NAME OF JESUS

Eternal Father, you gave to your incarnate Son the holy Name of Jesus to be a sign of our salvation: Plant in every heart, we pray, the love of him who is the Savior of the world, our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper devotion to our Lord and a greater reliance on his saving power; For the cleansing of God's people from sin; For reverence for the holy name of Jesus; For God's blessing on the new year.

January 1: New Year's Day

Eternal Father, 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 this new year we may know your presence, see you love at work, and live in the light of the event which gives us joy forever—the coming of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

January 2: Johann Konrad Wilhelm Löhe, Pastor, 1872

Everlasting, gracious heavenly Father, you have given to your church the holy ministry of Word and Sacrament: Grant that the pastors of your church, following the example of Wilhelm Löhe, may fearlessly proclaim your word against every error, false doctrine, and abuse; and may so minister your divine mysteries in all their purity and fullness, that your people may be strengthened to serve those in need wherever they

may be, for the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Additional Prayers: For truth; For doctrinal purity and clarity; For missionary concern at home and abroad; For a deeper understanding of the Holy Communion; For parish pastors.

January 3: Charles Porterfield Krauth, Teacher, 1883

Almighty God, source of knowledge, wisdom, and faith: We praise you for the gifts you richly bestowed on your servant Charles Porterfield Krauth; and we pray that, by his teaching and example, we may honor the tradition that has been entrusted to us, cherish it, and hand it on in its fullness to generations after us; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a renewed appreciation of the tradition of the church; For a deepened concern for truth and doctrine; For scholars, teachers, professors, and administrators; For charity and understanding in times of quarrel and dissent.

January 5: Kaj (pronounced KYE like "sky") Munk, Martyr, 1944

Gracious Lord, in every age you have sent men and women who have given their lives for the message of your love: Inspire us with the example of your servant Kaj Munk, whose faithfulness led

him in the way of the cross, and give us courage to bear full witness with our lives to the victory over sin and death won by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For strength to follow Christ into the world; For those under persecution; For all who resist tyranny; For courage to proclaim the whole gospel; For the theater writers, actors, audiences, and all who produce and perform drama.

January 6: THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD: THE MANIFESTATION OF CHRIST TO THE GENTILES

O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the nations of the earth; For seekers of wisdom; For the spirit of humility and reverence; For those who bring offerings to God; For churches named for the mystery of the Epiphany, for which this day is their feast of title.

January 9: Julia Chester Emery, Mission Supporter, 1922

God of all creation, who calls us in Christ to make disciples of all nations and to proclaim your mercy and love: Grant that we, after the example

of your servant Julia Chester Emery, might have vision and courage in proclaiming the Gospel to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ, our light and our salvation, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

January 10: William Laud, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1645

Keep us, O Lord, constant in faith and zealous in witness, that, like your servant William Laud, we may live in your fear, die in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

January 12: Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167

Pour into our hearts, O God, the Holy Spirit's gift of love, that we, clasping each the other's hand, may share the joy of friendship, human and divine, and with your servant Aelred draw many to your community of love; through Jesus Christ the Righteous, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For our friends; For the gift of gentleness and understanding; For increased love for our neighbors; For greater love for God.

January 13: Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers, 367

Almighty God, your servant Hilary defended the divinity of Jesus Christ your Son: Give us, we pray, a deeper

understanding of this mystery and help us profess it in all truth, that we may rejoice in having you for our Father, and may abide in your Son, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit; who live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For teachers of theology facing opposition because of their adherence to the apostolic faith; For bishops that they defend and maintain the catholic faith; For closer relations between the Eastern and the Western Churches.

January 14: Eivind Josef Berggrav, Bishop of Oslo, 1959

Mighty God, you gave your servant Eivind Berggrav, together with the bishops and faithful priests of Norway, strength and courage to resist tyranny, to defend your ancient people the Jews, and to uphold the rights of your church: So strengthen our faith by their witness, we pray, that we in our generation may serve you faithfully and confess your Name before the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those under persecution; For those who resist tyranny; For those in prison; For those who explore relationships between religion and culture; For colleges and schools.

January 15

This day, Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday, may be observed as his commemoration as the calendars in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* and

Evangelical Lutheran Worship provide in recognition of the civil holiday in the United States. The observance of the civil holiday, however, takes place not on January 15 but on the third Monday in January. It is more liturgically appropriate for the commemoration to be kept on the day of his death, April 4 (unless the day conflicts with Holy Week or Easter Week), as the Episcopal (Anglican) *Lesser Feasts and Fasts* and the Methodist *For All the Saints* provide. Information about Dr. King therefore may be found at April 4.

January 16: George Fox, Renewer of Society, 1691

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image: Illumine our hearts and our minds with your light that we may recognize injustice, and, strengthened by your might and encouraged by the example of George Fox, may contend fearlessly against oppression and bring justice and peace among peoples and nations; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with William Penn, 1644; Robert Barclay, 1690; and John Woolman, 1772.

Additional Prayers: For seekers after truth; For those in prison; For the outcast and those out of step with society; For equal justice for all.

January 17: Antony, Abbot in Egypt, 356

O God, by your Holy Spirit you called Antony and Pachomius

to renounce the world and to serve you in the solitude of the desert, withstanding the temptations of the world, the flesh, and the devil: Grant us grace to learn by their example to deny ourselves, to love you above all things, and, with pure hearts and minds, to follow you, the only God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Remembered with Pachomius, Abbot, 346.

Additional Prayers: For all whom God is calling to the Religious Life; For all monks and nuns and for all communities in which men and women seek a deeper faith and a fuller life; For an appreciation of the virtues of poverty, chastity, and obedience; For deliverance from acquisitiveness and from attachment to the things of this world.

January 18: THE CONFESSION OF ST. PETER: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY BEGINS

Almighty God, who inspired Simon Peter, first among the apostles, to confess Jesus as Messiah and Son of the living God: Keep your Church steadfast upon the rock of this faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim one truth and follow the one Lord, our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Eastern Orthodox, Coptic, and other Eastern Churches.

Additional Prayers: For the unity of the church; For clarity

and boldness in the church's preaching; For reconciliation between the Roman and the non-Roman churches.

January 19: Henry, Bishop of Uppsala, Missionary to Finland, Martyr, 1156

Almighty God, your servant Henry of Uppsala brought the light of the gospel to the people of Finland and confirmed his preaching by martyrdom: Shine, we pray, in our hearts, that we, also, in our generation may show forth your praise, who called us out of darkness into your marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Roman Catholic and Uniate Churches.

Additional Prayers: For the Church of Finland; For faithfulness; For zeal in preaching the gospel.

Also on January 19: Wulfstan, Bishop of Worcester, 1095

Almighty God, who through days of change and turmoil kept your holy bishop Wulfstan strong in his simplicity, his compassion, and his faith: Multiply in your church leaders of his quality, faithful to themselves, to your people, and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all bishops; For all who work to improve the social conditions of their society; For all regular communicants and especially those who attend daily worship.

January 20: Fabian, Bishop of Rome, Martyr, 250

O God, in your providence you singled out the holy martyr Fabian as worthy to be chief pastor of your people in Rome, and guided him so

to strengthen your church that it stood fast in the day of persecution: Grant that the example of your martyr Fabian may help us to imitate his faith and offer you our loving service; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Anglican, Old Catholic, and allied churches.

Additional Prayers: For all who today are facing persecution, suffering, and death for their faith; For all who are engaged in church administration; For the lapsed; For the fearful; For parishes throughout the world, particularly those in great cities; For the unity of the church.

Also on January 20

The *Lutheran Service Book* (2006) of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, following the practice of the Eastern Church, a practice introduced in the West by the calendar of Wilhelm Löhe (see January 2), commemorates certain people from the Hebrew Bible. On January 20 the *Lutheran Service Book* remembers *Sarah* (Genesis 11-23); she is listed on January 19 on Löhe's calendar.

January 21: Agnes, Martyr at Rome, 304

Almighty and everlasting God, you choose those whom the world deems powerless to put the powerful to shame: Grant us so to cherish the memory of your youthful martyr Agnes, that we may share her pure and steadfast faith in you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Lutheran, Moravian, and Methodist Churches.

Additional Prayers: For all Christian children and teenagers, especially those

enduring ridicule for their faith and life; For church schools and Christian youth groups; For those who teach and work with young people; For a willingness to learn from children.

January 22: Vincent, Deacon at Saragossa, Martyr, 304

Eternal God, you gave your deacon Vincent the courage to endure torture and death for the gospel: Fill us with your Spirit to endure all adversity with invincible and steadfast faith, and strengthen us in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Congregational, Presbyterian, and Reformed Churches.

Additional Prayers: For the Church in Spain, its bishops, clergy, and people; For all deacons; For freedom from fear; For a will to embrace our calling to serve the world.

January 23: Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893

O everlasting God, you revealed your truth to your servant Phillips Brooks and so formed and molded his mind and hunt that he was able to mediate that truth with grace and power; Grant, we pray, that all whom you call to preach the gospel may steep themselves in your Word, and conform their lives to your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Baptist, Amish, Mennonite, Hutterite, and Christian (Disciples of Christ) Churches.

Additional Prayers: For all who preach the gospel; For a lively sense of social justice; For a burning desire to bring the world to Christ.

January 24: Francis de Sales, Bishop of Geneva, 1622

O God, you gave your blessed bishop Francis de Sales the spirit of compassion to befriend all on the way of salvation: By his example, lead us to show to the world the tenderness of your own love in the service of others; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Pentecostal and charismatic churches.

Additional Prayers: For devotion to Christ in our daily lives, whatever our circumstances; For faithful stewardship of possessions; For men and women in their everyday life; For writers and journalists.

January 25: THE CONVERSION OF ST. PAUL: THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ENDS

O God, by the preaching of your apostle Paul you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine throughout the world: Grant, we pray, that we, having his wonderful conversion in remembrance, may show ourselves thankful to you by following his holy teaching; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Prayers for Christian Unity: Non-mainstream communities; theologians and councils seeking to promote Christian unity while preserving Christian truth.

Additional Prayers: For renewal of faith; For preachers of the gospel; For opening our eyes to see beyond this world.

January 26: Timothy, Titus, Silas; Companions of St. Paul

Almighty God, you called your saints Timothy and Titus and Silas to the work of evangelists and teachers, and made them strong to endure

hardship and joyful in prison: Strengthen us to stand firm in adversity and to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly in this present time, that with sure confidence we may wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Savior Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the hesitant; For reconciliation; For mixed marriages; For Christians in Turkey; For the Greek Orthodox Church in Greece and Crete.

January 27: Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe; Helpers of the Apostles

Almighty God, you inspired your servants Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe to support and sustain your church by their deeds of generous love: Open our hearts to hear you, conform our will to love you, and strengthen our hands to serve you; for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor; For foreigners in a strange land; For female deacons; For all who assist in the proclamation of the word of God.

January 28: Thomas Aquinas, Teacher, 1274

Almighty God, you have enriched your church with the singular learning and holiness of your servant Thomas Aquinas: Enable us, we pray, to grow in wisdom by his teaching and deepen our devotion by the example of his faith and holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of inquiry; For the gift of wisdom; For grace to

perceive the mystery of God's presence; For teachers of theology; For the grounding of theology always in prayer and in the life and worship of the church.

February 1: Bride (Brigid), Abbess, 523

Everliving God, we rejoice today in the fellowship of your blessed servant Brigid, and we give you thanks for her life of devoted service. Inspire us with life and light, and give us perseverance to serve you all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the gift of joyful compassion; For all who lead lives of prayer; For communities of women; For brides.

February 2: THE PRESENTATION OF OUR LORD (CANDLEMAS)

Almighty and everliving God, we humbly pray that, as your only-begotten Son was this day presented in the temple, so may we be presented to you with pure and clean hearts by Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the illumination of the darkness of the world; For the aged; For those who wait patiently for salvation; For those who have become mothers.

February 3: Ansgar (Anskar), Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your servant Anskar as an apostle to the people of Scandinavia, and enabled him to lay a firm foundation for their conversion, though he did not see the results of his labors: Keep your Church from discouragement in the day of small things, knowing that when you have begun a good work you will bring it to

a fruitful conclusion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For courage and resolution in the face of defeat; For the church in Sweden; For the church in Denmark.

Also on February 3

In addition to Ansgar, the Roman Catholic General Calendar also commemorates on this date St. Blaise (Blasius), who according to a late and historically dubious legend was bishop of Sebaste in Armenia, where he was martyred early in the fourth century. Because of the story that he miraculously saved a young child who was choking on a fish-bone, he became extraordinarily popular, especially in Germany, and his feast day was observed with the blessing of throats. The blessing is still done, especially in many Roman Catholic churches.

The Eastern Church on this day following the Presentation of Our Lord in the Temple commemorates *Righteous Simeon and Anna the Prophetess*. All we know of them is given in Luke 2:33-38.

February 4: Cornelius the Centurion

O God, by your Spirit you called Cornelius the Centurion to be the first Christian among the Gentiles: Grant to your Church such a ready will to go where you send and to do what you command, that under your guidance it may welcome all who turn to you in love and faith, and proclaim the Gospel to all nations; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those in military service; For converts to the faith; For an inclusive church.

February 5: Paul Miki and His Companions, Martyrs of Japan, 1597

God our Father, source of strength to all your saints, you brought the holy martyrs of Japan through the suffering of the cross to the joys of eternal life: Grant that we, encouraged by their example, may hold fast the faith we profess, even to death itself, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Japan; For boldness to confess Christ; for the spirit of Christ to forgive our enemies.

Also on February 5

The *Lutheran Service Book* on the date commemorates the patriarch **Jacob (Israel)**.

February 6: Philipp Jakob Spener, Renewer of the Church, 1705

Almighty God, from whom every good prayer comes, you pour out on all who desire it the spirit of grace and supplication: By your Spirit and by the example of your servant Philipp Jakob Spener, deliver us, when we draw near to you, from coldness of heart and wanderings of mind, that with steadfast thoughts and kindled affections we may worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a living faith; For the work of Christian laity; For lay leaders in the church; For a holy life.

February 13: Absalom Jones, Priest, 1818

Set us free, heavenly Father, from every bond of prejudice and fear; that, honoring the steadfast courage of your servant Absalom Jones, we may show forth in our lives the reconciling love and true

freedom of the children of God, which you have given us in your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Also on February 13:

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates **Aquila and Priscilla (Prisca)**, early Christian converts. Aquila, a tentmaker, and his wife Priscilla were prominent members of the early church; see Acts 18. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006) lists on this date Priscilla and Aquila together with **Apollon**, a learned Jew who completed his Christian education under Priscilla and Aquila.

February 14: Cyril, Monk, 865; Methodius, Bishop, 885; Missionaries to the Slavs

O Lord our God, through the ministry of your servants Cyril and Methodius you brought the gospel to the Slavic nations: Protect your faithful people, make them known and supplication: By your Spirit and their faith, guide them by your word and teaching, and ever protect them under the shadow of your wings; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those under persecution and attack; For the Slavic churches; For linguists and translators; For respect for the past and openness to the future.

Also on February 14

The *Lutheran Service Book*, with its penchant for the old Roman calendar, commemorates **Valentine** on this date. There were apparently two Valentines who were martyrs: a third-century Roman priest who was killed on the Flaminian Way under the Emperor Claudius (c. 269) and a Bishop

of Terni (Interamna) who was taken to Rome and martyred there and whose remains were later taken back to Terni. The surviving legends obscure whatever the historical facts may be; possibly the two Valentines are the same person. John Donne has a poem that begins, "Hail, Bishop Valentine, whose day this is."

February 15: Thomas Bray, Priest and Missionary, 1730

O God of compassion, you opened the heart of your servant Thomas Bray to answer the needs of the church in the New World: Make your church diligent at all times to propagate the Gospel, and to promote the spread of Christian knowledge; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Eastern Church on this date (and also November 22) commemorates **Apostle Onesimus** (of the Seventy). The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Löhe's calendar (February 16), lists **Philemon** and his slave Onesimus on February 15; their story is given in the New Testament book Philemon.

February 16

The *Lutheran Service Book*, departing from the church's tradition of celebrating only three earthly birthdays (Jesus, John the Baptist, and the Virgin Mary) commemorates today the **birth of Philipp Melancthon**. See June 25.

February 17: Janani Luwum, Archbishop of Uganda and Martyr, 1977

O God, whose Son the Good Shepherd laid down his life for his sheep: We give you thanks for your faithful shepherd, Janani Luwum, who after his Savior's example gave up his life for the sake of his flock. Grant us to be so inspired by

his witness that we make no peace with oppression, but live as those who are sealed with the cross of Christ, who died and rose again, and now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

February 18: Martin Luther, Renewer of the Church, 1546

God, our refuge and our strength: You raised up your servant Martin Luther to reform and renew your Church in the light of your Word. Defend and purify the Church in our own day and grant that, through faith, we may boldly proclaim the riches of your grace which you have made known in Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the continual cleansing of the church; For an ever-new discovery of the good news of God; For the unity of the church.

February 20: Rasmus Jensen, First Lutheran Pastor in North America, 1620

Most gracious God, your servant Rasmus Jensen, faithful through desolation and peril, accompanied an expedition to distant and forbidding places as their chaplain to keep the explorers close to your word and sacrament: Strengthen us by his example to share the hardships of others in the name of him who came to share ours, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Canada; For faithful pastors and chaplains; Of thanksgiving for those who planted the church on these shores.

February 23: Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, Martyr, 156

O God, the maker of heaven and earth, you gave your venerable servant, the holy and gentle Polycarp, boldness to confess Jesus Christ as King and Savior, and steadfastness to die for his faith: Give us grace, following his example, to share the cup of Christ and rise to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a life of devotion; For boldness to witness to the faith; For courage to follow Christ, even to death; For faithfulness to the apostolic tradition.

February 24: St. Matthias, Apostle

Almighty God, who in the place of Judas chose your faithful servant Matthias to be numbered among the Twelve: Grant that your Church, being delivered from false apostles, may always be guided by faithful and true pastors; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who give testimony to the resurrection; For a renewed life; For faithfulness to Christ; For those who are passed over in selection processes.

February 25: Elizabeth Fedde, 1921; Emma Francis, 1945; Deaconesses

Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life for the world: By his love, reflected in the sacrifice of your servants Elizabeth Fedde and Emma Francis, encourage us to serve those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help, giving hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Emma Hermina Francesca Francis, Deaconess, 1945.

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of selfless service; For sailors and mariners; For the sick, the needy, the forgotten; For those who minister to those in need; For the liberation of women and men everywhere from bondage to stereotypes.

February 26: Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg, Missionary to India, 1719

God of eternal and abounding love, you strengthened your servant Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg in his zeal for a true and living faith, upheld him through conflict and discouragement, and opened his mind to the culture of the Tamil people: Foster in your church such respect for those to whom the gospel is proclaimed, that with conviction, persistence, and love your saving word may be made real to all who do not know you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Christian Frederick Schwartz, Missionary to India, 1798; Hans Egede, Missionary to Greenland, 1758; and Thomas von Westen, Missionary to the Lapland, 1727.

Additional Prayers: For the church in India; For schools and orphanages; For those who seek to understand different cultures; For those in frail health; For a spirit of understanding, acceptance, and support for new work in the church; For the church in Greenland; For the church in Lapland.

Also on February 26: Florence Li Tim-Oi, First Female Priest in the Anglican Communion, 1944

Almighty God, who pours out your Spirit upon your sons and daughters: grant that we, following the example of your servant Florence Li Tim-Oi, chosen priest in your church, may with faithfulness, patience, and tenacity proclaim your holy gospel to all the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

March 1: George Herbert, Priest, 1633

Our God and King, you called your servant George Herbert from the pursuit of worldly honors to be a pastor of souls, a poet, and a priest in your temple: Give us grace, we pray, joyfully to perform the tasks you give us to do, knowing that nothing is menial or common that is done for your sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For poets and those who make language sing; For humility; For grace to find God in everyday life; For devotion to prayer and dedication to service among clergy and laity.

March 1: David, Bishop of Menevia, Wales, c. 544

Almighty God, you called your servant David to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales: Mercifully grant that, following his purity of life and zeal for the whole Gospel of Christ, we may with him receive your heavenly reward; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Wales; For the people and leaders of Wales;

For the spirit of simplicity and austerity.

March 2: John Wesley, 1791; Charles Wesley, 1788; Renewers of the Church

Lord God, you inspired your servants John and Charles Wesley with burning zeal for the sanctification of souls, and endowed them with eloquence in speech and song: Kindle in your Church, we entreat you, such fervor, that those whose faith has cooled may be warmed, and those who have not known Christ may turn to him and be saved; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a heart burning with love for God; For a deepened spiritual life; For a social conscience; For the reconciliation of the Methodist and Anglican Churches.

March 2: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672

Almighty God, for the peace of the Church your servant Chad relinquished cheerfully the honors that had been thrust upon him, only to be rewarded with equal responsibility: Keep us, we pray, from thinking of ourselves more highly than we ought to think, and make us ready at all times to step aside for others, that the cause of Christ may be advanced; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For deliverance from deception by dreams of worldly greatness; For the gift of holiness and true humility; For charity in all our actions.

March 7: Perpetua and Her Companions, Martyrs at Carthage, 202

O God, the King of saints, in whose strength your servants Perpetua and Felicitas and

their companions made a good confession, staunchly resisting, for the cause of Christ, the claims of human affection, and encouraging one another in their time of trial: Grant that we who cherish their blessed memory may share their pure and steadfast faith, and win with them the palm of victory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For faithfulness; For confidence in God's care; For courage to confess Christ; For strength to support those who suffer.

March 12: Gregory the Great, Bishop of Rome, 604

Almighty and merciful God, guiding your people with kindness and governing us with love, you raised up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God: Give the Spirit of wisdom to those whom you call to be the shepherds of your church and that your people, growing in holiness and fruitful in every good work, may receive the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor; For social justice; For renewed appreciation of the liturgy; For a spirit of service; For harried pastors and administrators, distracted by many concerns.

March 17: Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 461

Almighty God, who in your providence chose your servant Patrick to be the apostle of the Irish people, to bring those who were wandering in darkness and error to the true light and knowledge of you: Grant us so to walk in that light, that we may bring others to the peace and joy of your gospel and come at last with them

to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church and people of Ireland; For an end to the many sufferings of the country and deliverance from terrorism and oppression; For missionaries in physical danger and harassment; For zeal in God's service; For renewed respect for the natural world.

March 18: Cyril, Bishop of Jerusalem, 386

O Lord our God, through Cyril of Jerusalem you led your church to a deeper understanding of the mysteries of salvation: Strengthen the bishops of your church in their calling to be teachers and ministers of the Sacraments, so that they may effectively instruct your people in Christian faith and practice; and that we, taught by them, may enter more fully into the celebration of the Paschal mystery; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Patriarch of Jerusalem; For the peace of Jerusalem and for reconciliation between Arabs and Jews; For all Christians in Jerusalem, that their unity may increase and that their witness to the love of Christ may be seen by all.

Learn more: thenalc.org/cyril-of-jerusalem

March 19: St. Joseph, Husband of Mary and Guardian of Our Lord

O God, who from the family of your servant David raised up Joseph to be the guardian of your incarnate Son and the spouse of his virgin mother: Give us grace to imitate his uprightness of life and his obedience to your commands; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For fathers and foster parents; For quite confidence; For humble service; For those who work with their hands: artisans and laborers; In thanksgiving for the patriarchs and prophets.

March 20: Cuthbert, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 687

Almighty God, you called Cuthbert from following the flock to be a shepherd of your people: Mercifully grant that, as he sought in dangerous and remote places those who had erred and strayed from your ways, so we may seek the indifferent and the lost, and lead them back to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the indifferent and those who no longer practice their religion; For a deeper understanding of the importance of prayer, meditation, and study; For the north of England, its church and people; For the cathedral and diocese of Durham.

March 21: Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711

Almighty God, you gave your servant Thomas Ken grace and courage to bear witness to the truth before rulers and kings: Give us strength also that, following his example, we may constantly defend what is right, boldly reprove what is evil, and patiently suffer for the truth's sake; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For integrity, the grace to know what is right, and the courage to do it; For those who teach young people the faith; For the Cathedral Church of Wells and the diocese of Bath and Wells; For an increase of

understanding among the branches of the Christian church.

March 22: Jonathan Edwards, Teacher, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1758

Almighty God, you gave to your servant Jonathan Edwards great gifts to understand and to teach your majesty and your grace: Grant that by his teaching your church may know you in your gentle and holy majesty and serve you in love and gratitude; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deepened sense of the majesty of God; For the spirit of inquiry; For an awakened conscience.

Also on March 22: James De Koven, Priest, 1879

Almighty and everlasting God, who led your servant James De Koven to honor your presence at the altar, and constantly to point to Christ: Grant that all ministers and stewards of your mysteries may impart to your faithful people the knowledge of your presence and the truth of your grace; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen. Learn more: thenalc.org/james-dekoven

March 23: Gregory the Illuminator, Missionary Bishop of Armenia, c. 332

Almighty God whose will it is to be glorified in your saints, and who raised up your servant Gregory the Illuminator to be a light in the world and to preach the Gospel to the people of Armenia: Shine, we pray, in our hearts, that we also in our generation may show forth your praise, who calls us out of darkness into your

marvelous light; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church and people of Armenia; For all who preach the gospel in the face of opposition and hardship; For the light of Christ to shine in the darkness of the world.

March 24: Óscar Arnulfo Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980

Eternal God of justice and love, you hold in your mind a vision of creation as you intend it to be: By the example of your servant Óscar Arnulfo Romero give us such a view of your work that we may commit the future to you, confident that what we do in your Name will, in your good time, grow and flourish to your glory; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For compassion for all in need; For social justice; For the poor and the oppressed; For an end to violence.

March 25: The Annunciation of Our Lord to the Virgin Mary

Pour your grace into our hearts, O Lord, that we who have known the incarnation of your Son Jesus Christ, announced by an angel, may by his cross and passion be brought to the glory of his resurrection; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For purity of heart; For obedience to the word of God; For joyful submission to the will of God.

March 27: Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1929

Heavenly Father, whose Son prayed that we all might be

one: Deliver us from arrogance and prejudice, and give us wisdom and forbearance, that, following your servant Charles Henry Brent, we may be united in one family with all who confess the Name of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

March 29: John Keble, Priest, 1866

Grant, O God, that in all time of our testing you may know your presence and obey your will; that, following the example of your servant John Keble, we may accomplish with integrity and courage what you give us to do, and endure what you give us to bear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the renewal of the church and its recovery of its heritage; For all poets and writers in the Christian tradition; For the spirit of love and gentleness in all discussions and controversies about religion.

Also on March 29: Hans Nielsen Hauge, Renewer of the Church, 1824

Gracious and loving Father, when the zeal and love of your church grow cold, you stir the hearts of your people by sending them men and women to preach repentance and renewal: In your mercy, grant that your church, inspired by the example of your servant Hans Nielsen Hauge, may never be destitute of such proclamation of the reality of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For lay readers and preachers; For those persecuted for the exercise of their faith; For confidence and courage; For deepened spiritual life; For growth in grace.

March 31: John Donne, Priest, 1631

O eternal and most gracious God, you permitted darkness to be before light in the creation, and yet in the making of light so multiplied it that it enlightened even the night: Grant that by your light we may see that no sickness, no temptation, no sin, no guilt can remove us from the determined and good purpose which you have revealed in your Son and sealed by your Holy Spirit; who live and reign with you, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who preach the gospel; For poets and writers; For an awareness of the shortness of life.

Also on March 31

The *Lutheran Service Book* lists **Joseph the patriarch** for commemoration on this date. The well-told story of his life and adventures is in Genesis 37-50.

April 1: Amalie Wilhelmina Sieveking, Renewer of Society, 1859; Frederick Dennison Maurice, Priest, 1872

Almighty God, you restored our human nature to heavenly glory through the perfect obedience of our Savior Jesus Christ: Keep alive in your Church, we pray, a passion for justice and truth; that, like your servants Amalie Sieveking and Frederick Denison Maurice, we may work and pray for the triumph of your Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who are working for the renewal and unity of the church; For the gift to see Christ in other people; For all who apply the message of the Bible to national and civic life; For a renewed sense of compassion for the poor and

infirm; For those who teach the underprivileged the way of God.

April 2: James Lloyd Breck, Priest, 1876

O God, who sent your Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: call us from comfortable complacency to preach, teach, and plant your church on new frontiers, after the example of your servant James Lloyd Breck; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

April 3: Richard, Bishop of Chichester, 1253

We thank you, Lord God, for all the benefits you have given us in your Son Jesus Christ, our most merciful Redeemer, Friend, and Brother, and for all the pains and insults he has borne for us; and we pray that, following the example of your saintly bishop Richard of Chichester, we may see Christ more clearly, love him more dearly, and follow him more nearly; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the diocese of Chichester, its cathedral, bishop, clergy, and people; For all bishops and church administrators; For grace to know, love, and follow Christ.

April 4: Martin Luther King, Jr., Renewer of Society, 1968; Benedict the African, Friar, 1589

Holy and righteous God, you created us in your image. Grant us grace to contend fearlessly against evil and to make no peace with oppression. Help us, like your servants Martin Luther King and Benedict the African, to use our freedom to bring justice among people and nations, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns

with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For peace; For social justice; For grace to learn that voluntary suffering can be redemptive; For a quickening of the national conscience.

April 6: Albrecht Dürer, Painter, 1528; Lucas Cranach the Elder, Painter, 1553; Matthäus Grünewald, Painter, 1528; Michelangelo Buonarroti, Artist, 1564

We give thanks to you, O God, creator and fashioner of the universe, for the work of your servants Albrecht Dürer, Lucas Cranach, Matthias Grünewald, and Michelangelo; and we pray that by the vigor and strength of their creations you would open our eyes to the wonder of life, the glories of creation, and the exploration of our place 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. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For painters, sculptors, architects; For a renewed appreciation of beauty as an attribute of God; For joy in the natural world; For a receptive mind to explore the beauty of creation.

April 8: William Augustus Muhlenberg, Priest, 1877

Do not let your Church close its eyes, O Lord, to the plight of the poor and neglected, the homeless and the destitute, the old and the sick, the lonely and those who have none to care for them. Give us the vision and compassion with which you so richly endowed your servant William Augustus Muhlenberg, that we may labor tirelessly to heal those who are broken in body or spirit, and to turn their sorrow into joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor, the neglected, the unemployed, the sick and those who suffer; For St. Luke's hospital in New York City; For a deeper understanding of the Holy Communion as the spring of the Christian life; For those who would improve the quality of hymns in the church; For a broad and gracious spirit throughout the church.

April 9: Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Teacher, Martyr, 1945

Gracious Lord, the Christian faith of your servant Dietrich Bonhoeffer impelled him to defy the forces of darkness, to protest the evil of anti-Semitism, and finally, fearing not death but rather the greater evil of tolerating oppression, to lay down his life in witness to your rule: Grant us the same Spirit of courage to resist tyranny in all its forms and the strength to follow Christ into unfamiliar places, knowing that, whether we live or die, we are with you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deepened discipleship; For courage to resist tyranny in all its forms; For strength to pay the price of following Christ into places where we are beyond familiar rules; For those whose names are not remembered who with Bonhoeffer resisted tyranny.

April 10: Mikael Agricola, Bishop of Turku, Renewer of the Church, 1557

Almighty God, by the ministry of your servants Mikael Agricola, Paavali Juusten, and Paavo Ruotsalainen, you revived the Church in Finland and renewed its life: Raise up in our own day teachers and prophets inspired by your Spirit, whose voices will give strength to your church and proclaim the reality of your kingdom; through your Son,

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Paavali (Paul) Juusten, Bishop of Viipuri, 1576; Paavo Henrik Ruotsalainen, Evangelist, 1852

Additional Prayers: For the Church in Finland: its archbishop, bishops, priests, deacons, and people; For increasingly intelligent participation in the worship of the church; For compassion and a conciliatory spirit, especially in controversy; For those who study language and culture.

Also on April 10: William Law, Priest, 1761

Almighty and everlasting God, you called William Law to a life of contemplation, and gave him, in visions of eternity, the assurance of your unalterable love: Grant us also, amid the transient occupations of our workaday world, glimpses of the King in his beauty, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all those who by their writing and example, help Christians to pray; For the churches work among the poor and needy; For the timid and those who suffer at the hands of oppressors; For grace that our lives may reflect our prayers.

April 11: George Augustus Selwyn, Bishop of New Zealand and of Lichfield, 1878

Almighty and everlasting God, whose servant George Augustus Selwyn laid a firm foundation for the growth of your church in many nations: Raise up in this and every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives

and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Nisan 27 (April 18, 2023/ May 6, 2024): Holocaust Remembrance Day (Yom HaShoah)

Almighty God, in penitence we come before you, acknowledging the sin that is within us. We share the guilt of those who, bearing the name Christian, slay their fellow human beings because of race or faith or nation. Whether killing or standing silent while others kill, we crucify our Lord anew. Forgive us and change us by your love, that your Word of hope may be heard clearly throughout the world; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a remembrance of the Holocaust so that it will never happen again; For the Jewish people that they remain faithful to the ancient covenant; For charity and understanding; For an appreciation of the rich fabric of human society.

April 19: Alphege, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1012

O loving God, your martyr bishop Alphege of Canterbury suffered a violent death when he refused to permit a ransom to be extorted from his people: Grant that all pastors of your flock may pattern themselves on the Good Shepherd, who laid down his life for the sheep; and who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all gentile people facing persecution and the violence of the world; For our own enemies; For those who harm others; For those who find it difficult to forgive.

Also on April 19: Olavus Petri, Priest, 1552; Laurentius Petri, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1573; Renewers of the Church

Almighty God, through the labors of your learned servants Olavus and Laurentius Petri you gave the people of Sweden the Scriptures and the services of the church in their own tongue: Mercifully grant that people everywhere may hear and understand the good news of salvation, and be drawn to the kingdom of your blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Church in Sweden; its archbishop, bishops, priests, and people; For the gift of wisdom and learning for the clergy; For a deepened appreciation of the long tradition of the church.

April 20: Johannes Bugenhagen, Pastor, 1558

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant Johannes Bugenhagen to be a pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Additional Prayers: For the Church in Germany; For the people of Germany and their openness to the Gospel; For pastors and teachers; For faithfulness to the Word of God; For the spread of the Gospel; For a rich, biblically informed, worship life.

April 21: Anselm, Archbishop of Canterbury, Teacher, 1109

Almighty God, you raised up your servant Anselm to study

and teach the sublime truths you have revealed: Let your gift of faith come to the aid of our understanding, and open our hearts to your truth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a sense of the majesty of God; For forgiveness for those who wrong us; For a spirit of prayer and devotion; For those who inquire into the mysteries of God and God's relation to the world; For those who seek to be certain of the existence of God.

April 22: Stewardship of Creation

The Lutheran Spanish-language service book, *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico*, lists this as Día de la Creación. In English, the observance is called Earth Day, instituted April 22, 1970, by Senator Gaylord Nelson of Wisconsin to emphasize the stewardship of environmental resources. The traditional liturgical expression of concern for the natural world has been on the Rogation Days observed in the spring, often just before the Ascension. They are retained in the *Book of Common Prayer* (pp. 207-8, 258-9, particularly no. III), in the *Lutheran Book of Worship* as the Stewardship of Creation (pp. 40-41), and in *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (p. 60).

Almighty God, Lord of heaven and earth, we humbly pray that your gracious providence may give and preserve to our use the fruitfulness of the land and of the seas, and may prosper all who labor therein, that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

O merciful Creator, your hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature.

Make us always thankful for your loving providence; and grant that we, remembering the account that we must one day give, may be faithful stewards of your good gifts; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

or

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ in his earthly life shared our toil and hallowed our labor: Be present with our people where they work; make those who carry on the industry and commerce of this land responsive to your will; and give to us all a pride in what we do, and a just return for our labor; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

April 23: Toyohiko Kagawa, Renewer of Society, 1960

Lord God, you planted in your servant Toyohiko Kagawa a fervent desire to relieve the misery of the poor and to establish in the social order the justice, love, and peace of the kingdom of God: Give to your church, we pray, such selfless compassion that we may find joy in the service of others and bring the light of hope where there is resignation and despair; though your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a renewed spirit of love for all people; For the poor, the outcast, the forgotten; For peace; For the reconciliation of peoples and nations; For laborers; For those who work among the poor, the diseased, the unemployed.

April 24: Johann Walter (Walther), Musician, 1570

O Lord God, through the life, death, and resurrection of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, the revelation of Your salvation mystery is now revealed and made known

to all the nations. Grant that this mystery of salvation, as confessed by Johann Walter in word and music, and all those who now rest from their labors, continue to guide Your Church on earth as we wait for the day when You come from heaven one last time and usher in the new creation; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

April 25: St. Mark, Evangelist

Almighty God, by the hand of Mark the evangelist you have given to your Church the Gospel of Jesus Christ the Son of God: We thank you for this witness, and pray that we may be firmly grounded in its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a heart to hear the gospel; For faith to acknowledge Jesus as the Son of God; For a sense of the mystery of the resurrection; For fruitful fields and good crops.

April 29: Catherine of Siena, Teacher, 1380

Everlasting God, you so kindled the flame of holy love in the heart of blessed Catherine of Siena, as she meditated on the passion of your Son our Savior, that she devoted her life to the poor and the sick, and to the peace and unity of the Church: Grant that we also may share in the mystery of Christ's death, and rejoice in the revelation of his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Johannes "Meister" Eckhardt, Mystic, 1327; Johannes Tauler, Mystic, 1361, and the Friends of God; Blessed Henry Suso, Mystic, 1366; Blessed John Ruysbroek, 1381, and Geert (Gerard) Groot, 1384,

Founders, Brethren of the Common Life

Additional Prayers: For a desire to imitate the love of Christ; For all women in the church and for their ministry; For regular and devout communicants; For a willingness to endure suffering with Christ; For social workers; For peace and reconciliation within families, neighborhoods, the nations.

May 1: St. Philip and St. James, Apostles

Almighty God, who gave to your apostles Philip and James grace and strength to bear witness to the truth: Grant that we, being mindful of their victory of faith, may glorify in life and death the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For strength to follow Christ the way; For grace to know the truth in Christ; For courage to live the life of Christ; For all laborers and workers.

May 2: Athanasius, Bishop of Alexandria, 373

O God of truth, you raised up your servant Athanasius to be a courageous defender of the truth of Christ's divinity: Strengthen us by his teaching to maintain and proclaim boldly the Catholic faith against all opposition, trusting solely in the grace of your eternal Word, who took upon himself our humanity that we might share his divinity; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ as the Son of God; For tireless pursuit of the truth, even when the majority opposes; For single-minded devotion; For reconciliation between quarreling parties in the church; For those who

do not believe in the divinity of Christ.

May 5: Frederick III Wettin, the Wise, Elector of Saxony and Founder of Wittenberg University, 1525

Heavenly Father, you provided wisdom and skill to Frederick, as elector of Saxony during the early years of the Reformation, using his rule and authority to protect Martin Luther and preserve the preaching of the Gospel. Graciously regard all your servants who make, administer, and judge the laws of this nation, and look with favor upon all the rulers of the earth. Grant them wisdom and understanding that they might provide sanctuary for your Church to continue to proclaim the true faith; for you live and reign with the Son and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For rulers of the nations, including presidents, governors, mayors, senators, etc., that they may lead with wisdom and justice; For Christian schools, including universities, seminaries, and day schools as well as all the schools in the land; For the church in Germany; For peace, that the Gospel may spread.

May 6

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates **Job the Longsuffering**. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006) lists Job on May 9.

May 8: Dame Julian of Norwich, anchoress, c. 1417

Lord God, in your compassion you granted to the Lady Julian many revelations of your nurturing and sustaining love: Move our hearts, like hers, to seek you above all things, for in giving us yourself you give us all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For love; For all who are leading a life of solitary communion with God; For the continuing enrichment of the church by the presence and prayers of visionaries; Of thanksgiving for all who by their teaching and example have witnessed to the centrality of prayer.

May 9: Nicolaus Ludwig, Count von Zinzendorf, Renewer of the Church, 1760

Lord Jesus Christ, your death for us and your own holiness will be our clothing when we stand before your dread judgment seat: In your mercy grant that we, taught by your servant Bishop Zinzendorf, may hold fast in faith to your saving sacrifice for us, and ever rejoice in your love for the world; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper knowledge of Christ and his benefits; For missionaries; For the Moravian Church.

May 18: Erik IX Jedvardsson, King of Sweden, Martyr, 1180

Lord God, your servant King Erik of Sweden reflected your transforming gospel in his own character and in his concern for the poor, the sick, and the infirm: Give to the leaders of the nations, we pray, such reverence for you and such an awareness of their duty toward the least members of society, that they may ever work selflessly for justice and for the good of all people; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the land and government and people of Sweden; For all who govern; For a spirit of self-sacrificing service; For a right relationship between church and states; For those who struggle with national pride and religious loyalty.

May 19: Dunstan, Archbishop of Canterbury, 988

O God of truth and beauty, you richly endowed your bishop Dunstan with skill in music and the working of metals, and with gifts of administration and reforming zeal: Teach us, we pray, to see in you the source of all our talents, and move us to offer them for the adornment of worship and the advancement of true religion; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deepened commitment to the Christian life; For god-fearing and wise leaders in church and state; For monasteries and those who serve God there; For those who explore the relationship between religion and culture; For musicians and artists.

May 20: Alcuin of York, Deacon, Abbot of Tours, 804

Almighty God, in a rude and barbarous age you raised up your deacon Alcuin to rekindle the light of learning: Illumine our minds, we pray, that amid the uncertainties and confusions of our own time we may show forth your eternal truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For scholars who preserve and pass on the heritage of learning; For integrity of character in teachers and students; For those who revise and improve the church's liturgy.

May 21: John Eliot, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1690

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your devout and earnest servant John Eliot, whom you called to preach the Gospel to the native peoples of New

England; and we pray that you would raise up in every land evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your Church may proclaim in the language understood by the people the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For justice for the Native Americans; For respect for Native American traditions and culture; For concern for their welfare; For the spirit of prayer; For those who teach the church to sing.

May 22: Helena, Mother of Constantine, c. 330

Most loving and faithful God, in honoring the sites of your incarnate Son's birth and Passion you permitted blessed Helen to enrich the memory of your church: In your mercy grant that by the ransom paid on the tree of the cross we may attain eternal life; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For women abandoned by their husbands; For Christian families; For the rulers of the nations.

May 23: Ludwig Ingwer Nommensen, Missionary to Sumatra, 1918

Almighty God, you planted in your servant Ludwig Nommensen a burning desire to take the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ to those who had not heard of it, and led him to be an apostle to the Batak people of Sumatra: Give to your church that same Spirit and teach us to respect the value of the cultures into which the gospel is brought that your people may rejoice in the diverse richness of your kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now

and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Batak church; For respect for the indigenous customs and traditions in missionary churches; For faithfulness to God rather than to human demands; For native scholars and teachers.

May 24: Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Johannes Kepler, 1630; Leonhard Euler, 1783; Teachers

O Lord our God, creator of stars and planets and worlds beyond our grasp: We give you thanks that by the work of your servants Nicolaus Copernicus, Johannes Kepler, and Leonhard Euler, you have enabled us to understand more clearly the pattern of what you have made and hold in being and direct in movement, and to recognize our place within the vastness of your wonderful creation: through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For astronomers and watchers of the skies; For mathematicians and all scientists who explore the beauty of number and order; For courage to pursue truth; For humility and awe in the face of mystery; For a new vision of the beauty of creation.

Also on May 24: Jackson Kemper, Missionary Bishop, 1870

O God, who send your son Jesus Christ to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near, Grant that we, like your servant Jackson Kemper, may proclaim the Gospel in our own day, with courage, vision, and perseverance; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, world without end. Amen.

Also on May 24

The *Lutheran Service Book*, following Löhe's calendar,

on this date commemorates *Esther the Queen*, whose story is told in the Old Testament book that bears her name.

May 25: Bede the Venerable, Priest, Monk of Jarrow, 735

Heavenly Father, you called your servant Bede, while still a child, to devote his life to your service in the disciplines of religion and scholarship: Grant that as he labored in the Spirit to bring the riches of your truth to his generation, so we, in our various vocations, may strive to make you known in all the world; Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all those who through the darkness keep alive the light of learning; For those who persevere in prayer; For universities, colleges, and schools; For students and teachers of history; For biblical scholars and translators.

May 26: Augustine, First Archbishop of Canterbury, Missionary, 605

O Lord our God, by your Son Jesus Christ you called your apostles and sent them forth to preach the Gospel to the nations: We bless your holy Name for your servant Augustine, first Archbishop of Canterbury, whose labors in propagating your Church among the English people we commemorate today, and we pray that all whom you call and send may do your will, and bide your time, and see your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Archbishop of Canterbury; For the church in England; For the churches of the Anglican Communion; For a willingness to share the faith; For all missionaries.

May 27: John Calvin, Renewer of the Church, 1564

God of sovereign majesty and majestic order, you have revealed yourself as the source of every blessing: Teach us, by the clarity and precision of the doctrines of your servant John Calvin, to respect your authority in all things, to aim always at the advancement of your glory, and joyfully submit to your decrees that we may come to know you, the one true God, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with John Knox, Reformer, 1572

Additional Prayers: For a sense of the majesty and sovereignty of God; For earnestness in God's presence; For excellence in preaching; For the Reformed Churches.

May 29: Jiří Třanovský, Hymnwriter, 1637

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness: you have taught your people to praise you in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs: We praise you for your servants to whom you have given skill in the composition of hymns, especially on this day for Jiří Třanovský; and we pray that by your grace we may find strength in your praise during this present life and finally attain to the perfect harmony of the life to come; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Slovak churches; For those who teach congregations to sing; For faithful pastors; That song might lift the hearts of the depressed and the despondent.

May 31: THE VISITATION OF THE VIRGIN MARY TO ELIZABETH AND ZECHARIAH

Almighty God, in choosing the Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son, you made known your gracious regard for the poor, the lowly, and the despised, and you inspired her to visit Elizabeth and assist her in her need: Grant us grace to receive your word in humility, and so to be made one with your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor, the forgotten, the despised; For grace to acknowledge Christ and to perceive his coming; For hospitality to visitors and travelers; For a deepening sense of Emmanuel, God with us; For God's blessing on homes and family life; For all expectant mothers; For a proper devotion among all Christians to Mary, the bearer of God.

June 1: Justin, Martyr at Rome, c. 165

Almighty and everlasting God, through the folly of the cross you taught your martyr Justin the sublime wisdom of Jesus Christ: Grant that all who seek you may be found by you, and, rejecting all falsehood and deception, remain loyal to the faith revealed to us in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who search for truth, especially philosophers and theologians; For those who defend the faith against the doubts of those who cannot believe; For those who preserve and interpret the liturgical traditions of the church.

June 2: Blandina and Her Companions, Martyrs at Lyons, 177

Grant, O Lord, that we who keep the festival of the martyrs Blandina and her companions may be rooted deep in your love, and may endure the sufferings of this life with inflexible courage for the glory that one day shall be ours; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who suffer discrimination, imprisonment, torture, or death because of their faith; For the Church and diocese of Lyons; For our selves that we may not be careless or lukewarm in our Christian life and witness.

June 3: The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886

O God, you make the blood of the martyrs the seed of the church: Grant that we who remember before you the blessed martyrs of Uganda, who opened in the heart of Africa the new and living way of your Son Jesus Christ, may, like them, persevere unflinchingly in the faith for which they died; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Uganda; For the growth of Christianity in Africa; For all African Christians who suffer persecution for their faith; For the enemies of the cross of Christ and for the persecutors of his disciples; For those who have recently become Christians.

June 4: John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Renewer of the Church, 1963

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your people, it is your will to heal division and discord among all who are called

by the Name of your Son: We pray that the open and reconciling spirit shown by your servant John XXIII may teach us to listen to our fellow Christians with humility and a willingness to learn, and to speak the truth in love to the healing of our divisions and the renewal of our witness to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord, "who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the renewal of the church; For the unity of Christ's church; For humility and humor; For the spirit of love and service; For openness to the surprises of God.

June 5: Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, Martyr, 754

Almighty God, you called your servant Boniface to bring your Word and Sacraments to the German people, to build up your Church among them, and to seal his ministry by martyrdom; We praise you for his life lived and laid down in your service, and we pray you to bestow on us and on all called to be missionaries an undaunted devotion to your people and to our Redeemer Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Germany and the Netherlands; For the government and people of Germany and the Netherlands; For those who teach the faith; For courage in the face of disappointment.

June 6: William Alfred Passavant, Renewer of Society, 1894

Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you call us to care for those whom the world would forget, the ill, the orphaned, the homeless, the aged: We pray that by the gifts and graces bestowed upon your

servant William Passavant and by the example of his perseverance and service, we may be encouraged to bring the comfort and joy of the gospel to those who have no one to care for them; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For confidence in God's care and providence; For social service agencies; For social workers; For those in prison; For children, especially orphans; For homeless; For the aged.

June 7: Noah Sealth (Seattle), Chief of the Duwamish Confederacy, 1866

Lord God, Great Spirit, you inspired your noble servant Noah Sealth to renounce war and to walk in the way of peace and gave him dignity in his bearing and eloquence in his speech: Give us the courage to acknowledge the common destiny of all mortals that we may gladly embrace the life you offer in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For faithfulness in daily prayer; For hospitality to strangers and newcomers; For the strengthening of the life and culture of the Native Americans; For understanding of the traditions of the Americans who came to this land first.

June 9: Columba, Abbot of Iona, 597

O God, you called your servant Columba from among the princes of Ireland to be a herald and evangelist of your kingdom to the Scottish people: Grant that your Church, having his faith and courage in remembrance, may so proclaim the splendor of your grace, that all the world may know your Son as

their Savior and serve him as their King; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Scotland; For the Iona Community; For a spirit of gentleness and self-denial, and for the gift of joy in our hearts; For perseverance in prayer.

Also on June 9: Aidan, Bishop of Lindisfarne, 651

O loving God, you called your servant Aidan from the peace of a cloister to re-establish the Christian mission in northern England, and endowed him with gentleness, simplicity, and strength: Grant that we, following his example, may use what you have given us for the relief of human need, and may persevere in commending the saving Gospel of our Redeemer Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For missionaries in inhospitable places; For evangelists in areas untouched by the church in cities and towns; For all lapsed Christians; For a commitment to simplicity and love for human souls.

June 10: Ephrem of Edessa, Deacon, 373

We pray you, O Lord, pour into our hearts your Holy Spirit, by whose inspiration the deacon Ephrem loved to sing your mysteries with a single-minded devotion to your service; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the ancient churches of the East, particularly the Syrian Orthodox Church; For all Christians living in Muslim countries; For theologians and presidents and deans of theological schools;

For church musicians and hymnwriters.

June 11: St. Barnabas, Apostle

Grant, O God, that we may follow the example of your faithful servant Barnabas, who, seeking not his own renown but the well-being of your Church, gave generously of the relief of the poor and the spread of the Gospel; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For preachers of the gospel; For reconciliation of those at variance with one another; For Cyprus and Turkey.

June 12

Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003 added on this date the commemoration of Enmegahbowh, the first recognized Native American priest in the Episcopal Church. He died in 1902.

The *Lutheran Service Book* lists the **Ecumenical Council at Nicæa**, A.D. 325, for commemoration on this date. The traditional date for the opening of what the Eastern Churches call "the Synod of the 318 Fathers" is May 20; it closed July 25.

June 14: Macrina, Monastic Teacher, 379; Basil the Great, Bishop of Caesarea, 379; Gregory of Nazianzus, Bishop of Constantinople, c. 389; Gregory, Bishop of Nyssa, c. 385

Almighty God, you have revealed to your Church the eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love as one God in Trinity of Persons: Give us grace that, like your servants Macrina, Basil, Gregory Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, we may continue steadfast in the confession of this faith, and constant in our worship of you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; for you live and reign one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Eastern Orthodox Churches; For the relief of the poor; For zeal for the truth; For teachers of the Catholic faith; For pastors who long for time for prayer and contemplation.

Also on June 14

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates the prophet *Elisha*. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following the calendar of Wilhelm Löhe, also lists Elisha on this date.

June 15: Evelyn Underhill, Teacher, 1941

O God, Origin, Sustainer, and End of all your creatures: Grant that your Church, taught by your servant Evelyn Underhill, guarded evermore by your power, and guided by your Spirit into the light of truth, may continually offer you all glory and thanksgiving and attain with your saints to the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have promised by our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper spiritual life; For those who conduct retreats and those who make retreats; For religious writers and artists.

June 16: Joseph Butler, Bishop of Durham, 1752

O God, who raises up scholars for your church in every generation; we praise you for the wisdom and insight granted to your bishop and theologian Joseph Butler, and pray that your church may never be destitute of such gifts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June 18: Bernard Mizeki, Catechist and Martyr in Rhodesia, 1896

Almighty and everlasting God, who kindled the flame of

your love in the heart of your holy martyr Bernard Mizeki: Grant to us, your humble servants, a like faith and power of love, that we who rejoice in his triumph may profit by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

June 21: Onesimos Nesib, Translator, Evangelist, 1931

God of grace and might, we praise you for those who planted the Church in Ethiopia and especially for your servant Onesimos, to whom you gave gifts to make the good news known to the Galla people and to furnish them with the Scriptures in their own tongue. Raise up, we pray, in this and every land, heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, so that the world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remembered with Frumentius, Apostle of the Abyssinians, c. 380

Additional Prayers: For the church in Ethiopia; For social justice; For courage to press on in the Christian pilgrimage; For deepened understanding of political and social freedom.

June 22: Alban, the First Martyr in Britain, c. 304

Almighty God, by whose grace and power your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember him in thanksgiving, to be so faithful in our witness to you in this world, that we may receive with him the crown of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all Christians in England; For soldiers and all who serve in military forces; For courage

to profess our faith when it would be easier to deny it.

June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Lord God, heavenly Father, through your servant John the Baptist you bore witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, and that all who believe in him shall inherit eternal life: Enlighten us by your Holy Spirit that we may at all times find comfort and joy in this witness, continue steadfast in the true faith, and at last with all believers attain eternal life; through the same your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For justice; For a zeal for truth; For renewal of life; For an earnest expectation of the coming of Christ; For all who proclaim Christ's presence among us; For courage to witness when the world condemns us.

June 25: The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philipp Melancthon, Renewer of the Church, 1560

Almighty God, through the preaching of your servants, the blessed Reformers, you have caused the light of the Gospel to shine forth: Grant, we pray, that knowing its saving power, we may faithfully guard and defend it against all enemies and joyfully proclaim it to the salvation of souls and the glory of your holy Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the unity of the church; For the preaching and teaching of pure doctrine; For a deeper knowledge of Christ and his benefits; For the power of the gospel to fill the church.

June 26

The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Wilhelm Löhe's calendar, lists *Jeremiah* on this date. The Eastern calendar remembers the prophet Jeremiah on May 1.

June 27: Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Teacher, 444

O God, your bishop Cyril courageously taught that Mary was the Mother of God: In your mercy grant that we who cherish this belief may embrace salvation through the incarnation of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper understanding of the incarnation; For theologians; For bishops who must deal with difficult situations.

June 28: Irenaeus, Bishop of Lyons, c. 202

Almighty God, you upheld your servant Irenaeus with strength to maintain the truth and to bring peace to your Church: Keep us, we pray, steadfast in your true religion, that in constancy and peace we may walk in the way that leads to eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For peace in the world; For peace in the church; For a renewed appreciation of the apostolic tradition; For bishops who guard and defend the apostolic faith.

June 29: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you by their martyrdom: Grant that your Church, instructed by their teaching and example, and knit together in unity by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,

which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church of the West; For the nations of the world; For the continuation of the apostolic zeal and spirit.

June 30: Johan Olof Wallin, Archbishop of Uppsala, Hymnwriter, 1839

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness, you bestowed upon your servant Johan Olof Wallin abundant lyrical gifts: We praise you for his enduring work, and we pray that your church may always have in its midst those who by providing and promoting noble hymns may lead your people to know you and to sing your praise; through your Son Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Magnus Brostrup Landstad, Hymnwriter, 1880.

Additional Prayers: For an increased love of congregational singing; For the bishops and leaders of the church that by their example they may strengthen and renew the church's worship; For all interpreters of the feelings of their people.

July 1: John Mason Neale, 1866; Catherine Winkworth, 1878; Hymnwriters

Almighty God, beautiful in majesty, majestic in holiness, by the examples of your servants John Mason Neale and Catherine Winkworth, refine our learning with devotion, enlarge our understanding by sympathetic exploration of cultures and peoples separated from us by space and time, and foster in us a concern for those who are slighted, ignored, or forgotten; that we may know the inexhaustible riches of

your new creation in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For students of the worship of the church; For those who revise and translate hymns that new ages may sing old songs; For the gift of gentleness and patience; For those who work for women's rights.

July 6: Jan Hus, Martyr, 1415

Most kind God, without you we can do nothing, and unless you draw us we cannot follow you: Give us, we pray, a courageous spirit, a fearless heart, a true faith, a sure hope, and perfect love, that with great patience and joy we may offer our lives to you; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Jerome of Prague, Martyr, 1416

Additional Prayers: For fearless and faithful preachers; For the renewal of the Christian life; For the church in the Czech Republic; For the Moravian Church.

Also on July 6

The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Wilhelm Löhe, lists *Isaiah* on this date. The Eastern Church commemorates the prophet Isaiah on May 9.

July 11: Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 547; Scholastica, Abbess, c. 547

Almighty and everlasting God, you made your servant Benedict a worthy guide to teach us how to live in your service: Grant that by preferring your love to everything else and following the examples of Benedict and Scholastica, we may ever walk in the way of your commandments; through

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For courage to put Christ before everything else; For the gift of obedience to God's commandments; For all who seek purity of life; For those who live among us as signs of the kingdom of heaven; For monastic communities everywhere who follow the Rule of St. Benedict.

July 12: Nathan Söderblom, Archbishop of Uppsala, 1931

Almighty God, you planted in your servant Nathan Söderblom an appreciation of both the evangelical and the catholic character of the church, and stirred up in him a fervor for the unity of your church and the welfare of your people: Grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may be strengthened to remove the barriers that divide Christian from Christian, and in deeds of kindness and generosity may show forth your love to all the world; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the unity of the church; For the understanding and growth of evangelical catholicity; For the peace of the world; For a new respect for the insight of religions other than our own.

July 13: Johannes Flierl, Missionary to Australia and Papua New Guinea, 1947

God of grace and might, you called Johannes Flierl to your service and stirred in him zeal to make the good news known to the people of Papua New Guinea, and courage to oppose their oppressors: Raise up, we pray, in this and every land heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, so that the world may know the immeasurable riches of our Savior, Jesus Christ our

Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Papua New Guinea; For missionaries and their families; For the younger churches; For patience in doing the work of God.

July 15: Olga, Princess of Kiev, Confessor, 969; Vladimir, First Christian Ruler of Russia, 1015

God the All-Merciful, you brought your servant Princess Olga to the church and by the splendor of the Divine Liturgy you revealed to her grandson Vladimir the glories of your heavenly kingdom: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate them this day may be fruitful in good works and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the people and government of Russia and Ukraine; For the growth in grace of all new converts to Christianity; For Christian families; For the faculty, students, and benefactors of St. Vladimir's Seminary, Crestwood, New York.

July 16

The *Lutheran Service Book*, following Wilhelm Löhe's calendar, commemorates *Ruth*, the Moabite and grandmother of King David, on this date.

July 17: Bartolomé de Las Casas, Missionary to the Indies, 1566

Holy and righteous God, your servant Bartolomé de Las Casas defended indigenous people against those who would enslave them and grew to understand the sinfulness of all slavery: Give to all your people growth in knowledge and understanding of you,

and give them courage to contend against evil in society, in others, and in ourselves, that together we may grow into the full stature of our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the native people of Central and South America; For those who fight against slavery and oppression; For increased sensitivity to human rights; For justice and reconciliation among all peoples.

Also on July 17: William White, Bishop of Pennsylvania, 1816

O Lord, who in a time of turmoil and confusion raised up your servant William White to lead your Church into ways of stability and peace; Hear our prayer, and give us wise and faithful leaders, that, through their ministry, your people may be blessed and your will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

July 20: Elizabeth Cady Stanton, 1902; Amelia Jenks Bloomer, 1894; Sojourner Truth, 1883; Harriet Ross Tubman, 1912; Renewers of Society

Almighty God, who created us in your own image: Grant us grace fearlessly to contend against evil and to make no peace with oppression; and, that we may reverently use our freedom, help us to employ it in the maintenance of justice in our communities and among the nations, to the glory of your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the oppressed and for those who oppress them; For those who struggle against repression and injustice; For the rights of all people.

Also on July 20

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates the prophet *Elias (Elijah)*. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Wilhelm Löhe, also lists Elijah on this date.

July 21

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates the prophet *Ezekiel*. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006) also lists Ezekiel on this date.

July 22: St. MARY MAGDALENE

Almighty God, whose blessed Son restored Mary Magdalene to health of body and mind and first entrusted to her the joyful news of his resurrection: Mercifully grant that by your grace we may be healed of all our infirmities and know you in the power of his unending life; who lives and reigns with you one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those in mental darkness; For grace to perceive signs of new life around us; For insight to find in each act of worship the presence of the risen Christ; For love to lay hold of salvation and to share it with others.

July 23: Birgitta of Sweden, Renewer of the Church, 1373

Lord our God, you revealed the secrets of heaven to Birgitta of Sweden as she meditated on the suffering and death of your Son: Grant that your people may ever rejoice in the revelation of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For growth in the spiritual life; For courage and zeal to oppose corruption and vice; For the religious orders for women and men in the Lutheran Church and throughout Christianity; For the Society of St. Birgitta.

July 24: Thomas à Kempis, Priest, 1471

Holy Father, you have nourished and strengthened your Church by the inspired writings of your servant Thomas à Kempis: Grant that we may learn from him to know what is necessary to be known, to love what is to be loved, to praise what highly pleases you, and always to seek to know and follow your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the desire to conform our whole life to that of Christ; For grace and strength to advance in holiness; For closer attention to the Bible; For deeper love for the Holy Communion.

July 25: St. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE

O gracious God, we remember before you today your servant and apostle James, first among the Twelve to suffer martyrdom for the Name of Jesus Christ; and we pray that you will pour out upon the leaders of your Church that spirit of self-denying service by which alone they may have true authority among your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the gift of generosity and self-sacrifice; For courage and faith gladly to follow Christ; For the spirit of service.

July 26: The Parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Almighty God, heavenly Father, we remember in thanksgiving this day the parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary; and we pray that we all may be made one in the heavenly family of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God,

forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all parents and all homes; For single parents; For grandparents that their good examples may influence generations to come; For grandchildren that they may respect the longer perspective of earlier generations; For homes where love is lacking; For children who are abused and unloved.

July 27: William Reed Huntington, Priest, 1919

O Lord our God, we thank you for instilling in the heart of your servant William Reed Huntington a fervent love for your church and its mission in the world; and we pray that, with unflagging faith in your promises, we may make known to all people your blessed gift of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

July 28: Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750; Heinrich Schütz, 1672; George Frederick Handel, 1759; Musicians

God of glory, whose praise by saints and angels in heaven is unceasing, you have given to your servants Johann Sebastian Bach, Heinrich Schütz, and George Frederick Handel abundant and manifold gifts to proclaim your glory: Be ever present with your servants who seek through music to perfect the praises offered by your people on earth; and grant that they may even now hear the sound of your beauty and at the last rejoice in the perfection of praise in your eternal kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who make music for the church; For a renewed appreciation of music as a gift from God; For

God to raise up new musicians for the church and his people.

July 29: Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

O God, heavenly Father, your Son Jesus Christ enjoyed rest and refreshment in the home of Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany: Give us the will to love you, open our hearts to hear you, strengthen our hands to serve you in others for his sake and confirm in us your power even over death through him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those whose work enables others to mediate and pray and study; For times of quiet contemplation; For those whose lives are devoted to prayer and contemplation; For the practice of hospitality among Christians; For a certain hope of the resurrection.

Also on July 29: Olaf II Haraldsson, King of Norway, Martyr, 1030

God of justice and love, you raised up your servant Olaf to be the “eternal king of Norway,” to establish your church in his kingdom, and to revise the laws of the nation: Grant to all leaders of the earth the will and the courage to administer the law with strict impartiality, and to fear no one but you, the Judge of all; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Church and people of Norway; For the king and government of Norway; For those who administer justice.

July 30: William Wilberforce, Renewer of Society, 1833

Let your continual mercy, O Lord, kindle in your Church the never-failing gift of love, that, following the example of your servant William Wilberforce,

we may have the grace to defend the poor, and maintain the cause of those who have no helper; for the sake of him who gave his life for us, your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all areas of the world where slavery is still practiced or tolerated; For all who must sell themselves into slavery through the system of bonded labor; For all Christians in Congress and Parliament; For all who are working to set free those who suffer from political or economic oppression.

Also on July 30: Robert Barnes, Confessor, Martyr, 1540

Almighty God, heavenly Father, you gave courage in your servant Robert Barnes to give up his life for confessing the true faith during the Reformation. May we continue steadfast in our confession of the apostolic faith and suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

July 31: Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Monastic, and Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you deserve: To give and not to count the cost; to fight and not to heed the wounds; to toil and not to seek for rest; to labor and not to ask for any reward, save that of knowing that we do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the members of the Society of Jesus throughout the world; For seminaries and theological colleges and all those responsible for the training of clergy; For closer relationships between the Roman Catholic Church and the Churches of the Reformation; For a dedication of all our works to the greater glory of God.

August 1: Joseph of Arimathea

Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathea with reverence and godly fear prepared the body of our Lord and Savior for burial, and laid it in his own tomb: Grant to us, your faithful people, grace and courage to love and serve Jesus with sincere devotion all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For courage to do the right thing; For generosity of substance and spirit; For those who care for the dead and prepare them for burial; For sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Formerly on August 1

In the Western church the only celebration of an Old Testament saint that has more than local observance is the commemoration of the Holy Maccabees on August 1. In c. 168 B.C., seven brothers and their mother were put to a horrid death by Antiochus IV Epiphanes for refusing to eat pork. Their story, reported in 2 Maccabees 7 and probably alluded to in Hebrews 11:35, impressed the imagination of the early church, especially St. Gregory Nazianzus and St. Augustine, and the seven, together with their mother, were honored as forerunners of the Christian martyrs. The commemoration was common throughout the church before the fifth century. The observance of the day in the Roman Church was encouraged by their preservation of what were thought to be their bones in the church of St. Peter at Vincola. In the mid-twentieth century, the bones were determined to be canine and were removed from the church and the commemoration removed from the Western calendar. The day continues to be observed in the East. It also lingers on the calendar

in the 1962 Canadian *Book of Common Prayer*.

August 3

In this date the *Lutheran Service Book* of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has introduced the commemoration of **Joanna, Mary, and Salome, Myrrh-bearers**. It is an adaptation of the commemoration in the Orthodox Churches of the myrrh-bearing women Mary Magdalene, Mary Theotokos (the Virgin Mary), Joanna, Salome, Mary the wife of Cleopas, Susanna, Mary of Bethany, and Martha of Bethany. In the Byzantine Rite the commemoration takes place on the Third Sunday of Pascha (Easter). Righteous Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus are often included in the commemoration. See Mark 15:42-16:1; John 19:38-42.

August 6: THE TRANSFIGURATION OF OUR LORD

O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice that came from the bright cloud you foreshadowed out adoption as your children: Make us with the King heirs of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For an assurance of the glory of Christ, the reigning Sovereign of the cosmos; For confidence that the church will share Christ's glory; For continued life in Christ; For devout attention to the word of Christ; For an end to war and violence; For peace.

August 8: Dominic de Guzmán, Priest and Friar, 1221

O God of the prophets, you opened the eyes of your servant Dominic to perceive

a famine of hearing the word of the Lord, and moved him, and those he drew about him, to satisfy that hunger with sound preaching and fervent devotion: Teach your Church, in this and every age, to find its life in your word and to live always close to its truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the members of the Dominican Order and for their schools and colleges; For the educational work of the church; For all evangelists and missionaries; For patience and tenderness in dealing with those whom we are convinced are mistaken or wrong.

August 10: Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258

Almighty God, you called your deacon Lawrence to serve you with deeds of love, and gave him the crown of martyrdom: Grant that we, following his example, may fulfill your commandments by defending and supporting the poor, and by loving you with all our hearts; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who maintain and care for the property of the church; For those who serve the poor and needy; For a recognition of the true treasure of the church; For courage and good humor to get us through times of frustration, misunderstanding, or persecution.

August 11: Clare, Abbess of Assisi, 1253

God of mercy, you instilled in your servant Clare the love of poverty: Grant that, inspired by her devotion, we may follow Christ in singleness of heart and come to the joyful vision of your glory, shown to us in Jesus Christ our Lord:

who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all contemplatives; For joy and simplicity in our own lives; For increased devotion and love to Christ.

August 13: Florence Nightingale, 1910; Clara Maass, 1901; Renewers of Society

God of compassion, courage, and love, you strengthened your servants Florence Nightingale and Clara Maass to give themselves in self-sacrificing service to those in need: Lead us by their examples of courageous service to give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, and peace to the dying; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For nurses and all in the medical professions; For compassion, gentleness, and dedication; For courage to pursue new ways of service; For invalids that they might continue to find ways of service.

Also on August 13: Jeremy Taylor, Bishop of Down, Connor, and Dromore, 1667

O God, whose days are without end, and whose mercies cannot be numbered: Make us, like your servant Jeremy Taylor, deeply aware of the shortness and uncertainty of human life; and let your Holy Spirit lead us in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all bishops that they may be devoted to Christian learning and zealous in guarding the faith; For all Christians in Ireland and for an increase of trust among them; For the church in Ireland; For all who write about the spiritual life.

August 14: Maximilian Mary Kolbe, Priest, Martyr, 1941

God of grace, you filled your priest and martyr Maximilian Kolbe with zeal for souls and love for his neighbor: through the example of this devoted servant of Mary Immaculate, grant that in our efforts to serve others for your glory we too may become like your Son Jesus Christ, who loved his own in the world, even to the end, and who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For faithfulness in suffering and persecution; For those who are imprisoned for the faith; For kindness to others whatever our situation.

Also on August 14: Jonathan Myrick Daniels, Civil Rights Witness, Martyr, 1965

O God of justice and compassion, you put down the proud and mighty from their place, and lift up the poor and the afflicted: We give you thanks for your faithful witness Jonathan Myrick Daniels, who, in the midst of injustice and violence, risked and gave his life for another; and we pray that we, following his example, may make no peace with oppression; through Jesus Christ the just one, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

August 15: St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of Our Lord

O God, you have taken to yourself the blessed Virgin Mary, mother of your incarnate Son: Grant that we, who have been redeemed by his blood, may share with her the glory of your eternal kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor and the forgotten; For a

deeper understanding of the mystery of the incarnation; For the gift of glad obedience to the word of God; For faithfulness to Christ.

August 16: Stephen I, King of Hungary, 1038

Almighty Father, heavenly king, your servant Stephen of Hungary fostered the growth of your Church on earth: Grant that we, following his example, may by our prayer and labors support the growth of your Church in our time and land; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For Christian kings and queens; For the increase of virtues in all who have authority in the nations of the world; For the strengthening of the church everywhere.

Also on August 16

The *Lutheran Service Book*, following Wilhelm Löhe's calendar, commemorates the patriarch **Isaac** on this date. His story is given in Genesis 21ff.

August 17: Johann Gerhard, Theologian, 1637

Most High God, we owe you great thanks that in the sacred mystery of the Supper you feed us with the body and blood of Your Son. May we approach this heavenly meal with true faith, firmly convinced that the body we eat and the one given into death for us and that the blood we drink is the blood shed for our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For our seminaries; For pastors; For the proclamation of the pure Gospel; For those who write Christian literature.

August 18: William Porcher DuBose, Priest, 1918

Almighty God, you gave to your servant William Porcher DuBose special gifts of grace

to understand the Scriptures and to teach the truth as it is in Christ Jesus: Grant that by this teaching we may know you, the one true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

August 20: Bernard, Abbot of Clairvaux, 1153

Almighty God, your servant Bernard of Clairvaux was filled with zeal for your house and was a radiant light in your Church: Grant that we, like him, may be filled with your zealous Spirit, and walk always as children of light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deepened life of prayer; For grace to contemplate the life of Christ; For wisdom to discern the paths to truth; For more vocations to the religious life; For all who hold positions of responsibility and influence in the church.

Also on August 20

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates the prophet **Samuel**. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Wilhelm Löhe, also lists Samuel on this date.

August 24: St. Bartholomew, Apostle

Almighty and everlasting God, who gave to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly to believe and to preach your Word: Grant that your Church

may love what he believed and preach what he taught; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Armenia; For grace

and strength to recognize the Son of God; For strength and guidance to find ways of serving him; For the gift of innocence and purity of heart.

August 25: Louis IX Capet, King of France, 1270

O God, you called your servant Louis of France to an earthly throne that he might advance your heavenly kingdom, and gave him zeal for your Church and love for your people: Mercifully grant that we who commemorate him this day may be fruitful in good works, and attain to the glorious crown of your saints; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church and people of France; For all Christian rulers and all engaged in the business of government; For those who administer justice; For all who have power and authority in political, economic, and social life.

August 27: Monica, Mother of Augustine 387

God of mercy, comfort of those in sorrow, the tears of St. Monica moved you to convert her son St. Augustine to the faith of Christ: By their examples, help us to turn from our sins and to find your loving forgiveness; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For mothers that by their prayers and example they may bring up their children in the faith; For homes where only one parent is Christian; For the spirit of unceasing prayer; For the unity of families in Christ.

Also on August 27: Thomas Gallaudet, 1902; Henry Winter Syle, 1890; Priests to the Deaf

O Loving God, whose will it is that everyone should

come to you and be saved: We bless your holy Name for your servants Thomas Gallaudet and Henry Winter Syle, and we pray that you will continually move your church to respond in love to the needs of all people; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

August 28: Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, Teacher, 430

Lord God, the light of the minds that know you, the life of the souls that love you, and the strength of the hearts that serve you: Help us, following the example of your servant Augustine of Hippo, so to know you that we may truly love you, and so to love you that we may fully serve you, whom to serve is perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the churches in North Africa; For those who search for the truth, especially young people who are struggling to find meaning; For their lives; For teachers; For those who defend the faith; For a deeper love of the Scriptures.

Also on August 28: Moses the Black, Monk and Martyr, c. 400

Holy and mighty God, you strengthened your monk Moses the Black and crowned him with the glory of martyrdom: In your mercy transform our renegade spirits and grant that by discipline and prayer, our pride may wither within us and that at the last we may attain the heavenly city; where with your Son and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

August 29: The Beheading of St. John the Baptist

O God, you called John the Baptist to be in birth and death the forerunner of your Son: Grant that as John gave his life in witness to truth and righteousness, so we may fearlessly contend for the right, even unto the end; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who are wrongfully accused; For courage to obey God's commands in the face of great opposition, to speak the truth boldly rebuke vice, and patiently suffer for the sake of truth; For all who are maintaining the Christian faith under intolerant governments.

August 31: John Bunyan, Teacher, 1688

Lord God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untraced, through perils unknown: By the witness of your servant John Bunyan, give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing whither we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For courage to set out in quest of spiritual truth; For strength to endure the Christian pilgrimage; For grace to win heaven at last; For writers who explore religious truth with narrative skill.

September 1: David Pendleton Oakerhater, Deacon and Missionary, 1931

O God of unsearchable wisdom and mercy, Liberate us from bondage to self, and empower us to serve you and our neighbors; that like your

servant David Oakerhater, we might bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; through Jesus Christ, the captain of our salvation; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Also on September 1

The *Lutheran Service Book* has introduced on this date the commemoration of **Joshua**, the successor of Moses.

September 2: Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, Bishop and Renewer of the Church, 1872

God of grace and eternal Lord of all the years, you have enriched your church with the living faith and the broad learning of your servant Nicolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig: Awaken in us, who give thanks for his life, such a love of the living tradition of your church and such respect for the wisdom of past ages, that at all times and in all places, in confidence and in joy, we may lift our voices in your praise; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church and people of Denmark; For public schools; For poets who explore and express the human spirit; For students of theology; For a deeper regard for the church and its sacraments.

Also on September 2

The *Lutheran Service Book* has introduced on this date the commemoration of **Hannah**, mother of Samuel. Her story is told in 1 Samuel 1-2.

September 3: The Martyrs of Papua New Guinea, 1942

Almighty God, we remember before you this day the blessed martyrs of New Guinea, who, following the

example of their Savior, laid down their lives for their friends; and we pray that we, who honor their memory, may imitate their loyalty and faith; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For peace and reconciliation between the nations of the earth; For strength for all who are tempted to abandon their good work and flee from danger; Of thanksgiving for all who faithfully remained at their posts in time of war.

September 4: Albert Schweitzer, Missionary to Africa, 1965

God of grace and might, you gave to your servant Albert Schweitzer abundant gifts and led him to show by the example of his life the responsibility to care for those whom it seems easy to ignore: Raise up in our day servants whose lives will recall your people to their duty and proclaim the reality of your kingdom of sacrificial love; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of selfless and sacrificial love; For those who relieve suffering; For strength to share the pain of the world; For a recognition of the interrelatedness of all life.

Also on September 4: Paul Jones, Bishop, 1941

Merciful God, you sent your beloved Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Raise up in this and every land witnesses who, after the example of your servant Paul Jones, will stand firm in proclaiming the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Also on September 4

The Byzantine calendar on this date commemorates the Holy Prophet **Moses**. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Wilhelm Löhe, also lists Moses on this date.

September 5: Mother Theresa of Calcutta, Renewer of Society, 1997

Most holy God, whose great name is love, you raised up Mother Teresa to be a towering example of self-sacrificing love toward the lowest members of society: Stir your people to follow her example and give themselves to the service of those from whom the world turns away and puts out of mind, and so to make real the love of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor of the world; For those in need who are ignored or rejected by society; For those who serve the poor and forgotten; For a spirit of charity and generosity.

September 8: The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

We pray you, O Lord, pour into our hearts the abundance of your heavenly grace, that as the childbearing of the Blessed Virgin Mary was to us the dawn of salvation, so the devout celebration of her nativity may draw us closer to him who is our peace, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: Of thanksgiving for the Virgin Mary, who brought into the world the Son of God; For all Christian mothers; For those who continue to prepare for the coming of the kingdom.

September 9: Peter Claver, Priest, Missionary to Colombia, 1654

Merciful and loving God, you offer to all peoples the dignity of sharing your life: By the example of Peter Claver, strengthen us to overcome all racial hatred, and to love one another as brothers and sisters; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who work with the poor and disadvantaged; For those who do not share in the wealth and prosperity of the world; For the conversion of those who oppress the poor and weak.

Also on September 9: Constance, Nun, and Her Companions, 1878

We give you thanks and praise, O God of compassion, for the heroic witness of the Martyrs of Memphis, who, in a time of plague and pestilence, were steadfast in their care for the sick and dying, and loved not their own lives, even unto death; Inspire in us a like love and commitment to those in need, following the example of our Savior Jesus Christ; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

September 10: Alexander Crummell, Priest, 1898

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your servant Alexander Crummell, whom you called to preach the gospel to those who were far off and to those who were near. Raise up, in this and every land, evangelists and heralds of your kingdom, that your church may proclaim the unsearchable riches of our Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

September 12: John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830

Revive your Church, Lord God of hosts, whenever it falls into complacency and sloth, by raising up devoted leaders like your servant John Henry Hobart; and grant that their faith and vigor of mind may awaken your people to your message and their mission; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

September 13: John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407

Almighty God, the strength of all who trust in you, you made John Chrysostom renowned for his eloquence and heroic in his sufferings: Grant that we may learn your righteousness from his teaching and gain courage from his patient endurance; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Patriarch of Constantinople; For preachers of the gospel; For strength to endure suffering with Christ; For those who are persecuted for their bold witness to the Christian faith and life.

September 14: Holy Cross Day

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ was lifted high upon the cross that he might draw the whole world to himself: Mercifully grant that we, who glory in the mystery of our redemption, may have grace to take up our cross and follow him; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem and for the Christians of differing traditions worshipping there; For pilgrims to the Holy Land; For grace to choose the way

of the cross; For humility; For the knowledge that suffering can be redemptive; For the gift of hope for all who bear the cross.

September 16: Cyprian, Bishop and Martyr at Carthage, 258

O God, Shepherd of your church, your servant Cyprian strengthened your people by his ministry and by the witness of his suffering: By his example give us courage boldly to confess your Name, to endure suffering for the gospel, and ever work for the unity of your church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For Africa and African Christians; For all who work to heal the divisions between Christians; For all who are persecuted or exiled because of their faith; For the bishops of the church, that they may show solidarity with their clergy and people.

Also on September 16: Ninian, Bishop, Missionary to Scotland, c. 430

O God, by the preaching of your blessed servant and bishop Ninian you caused the light of the Gospel to shine in the land of Britain: Grant, we pray, that having his life and labors in remembrance we may show our thankfulness by following the example of his zeal and patience; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Church in Scotland; For all whom God calls to missionary service.

September 17: Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Renewer of the Church, 1179

God of all times and seasons: Give us grace that we, after the example of your servant Hildegard, may both know

and make known the joy and jubilation of being part of your creation, and show forth your glory not only with our lips but in our lives; through Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who have visions of divine things; For musicians who rejoice in the natural world; For all in the medical profession; For courage to speak the truth.

September 18: Dag Hammarskjöld, peacemaker, 1961

Almighty God, kindle, we pray, in every heart the true love of peace, and guide with your wisdom those who take counsel for the nations of the earth, that in tranquility your dominion may increase until the earth is filled with the knowledge of your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the United Nations; For all who make peace—in families, cities, nations; For confidence in God's care; For grace to learn the meaning and the practice of prayer.

Also on September 18: Edward Bouverie Pusey, Priest, 1882

Grant, O God, that in all time of our testing we may know your presence and obey your will; that, following the example of your servant Edward Bouverie Pusey, we may with integrity and courage accomplish what you give us to do, and endure what you give us to bear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

September 19: Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690

Almighty God, you called your servant Theodore of

Tarsus from Rome to the see of Canterbury, and gave him gifts of grace and wisdom to establish unity where there had been division and order where there had been chaos: Create in your Church, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, such godly union and concord that it may proclaim, both by word and example, the Gospel of the Prince of Peace; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Archbishop of Canterbury and all archbishops and bishops; For the Anglican Communion; For those responsible for the organization and administration of the church; For the schools of the church.

September 20: John Coleridge Patteson, Bishop of Melanesia, and His Companions; Martyrs, 1871

Almighty God, who called your faithful servant John Coleridge Patteson and his companions to witness to the gospel, and by their labors and sufferings raised up a people for your own possession: Pour out your Holy Spirit upon your church in every land, that, by the service and sacrifice of many, your holy Name may be glorified and your kingdom enlarged; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

September 21: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

God of mercy, you chose a tax collector, Matthew, to share the dignity of the apostles: Help us by his example readily to respond to the transforming call of your Son and to follow him, Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For renewed appreciation of our Jewish heritage; For ethical renewal; For openness to the

mystery of the glory of Christ.

September 22: Julius Falckner, First Lutheran Pastor Ordained in North America, 1723

Eternal God, whose praise by the saints in light thunders like the sea, you brought together a diversity of peoples and traditions in the ordination of your servant Justus Falckner: Strengthen, we pray, all servants of your church in their ministry that, supported by the fellowship of the faithful and bold who were victorious in their spiritual warfare, your people may be steadfast in the truth, united in purpose, and comprehensive in their ministry to the world; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the increase of faithful missionaries and pastors; For those who have abandoned the practice of the faith; For a broad vision of the church and its service.

Also on September 22: Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio and Illinois, 1852

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: Grant that like your servant Philander Chase we might have the grace to minister in Christ's name in every place, led by bold witnesses to the Gospel of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Also on September 22

The Byzantine calendar on this date commemorates the prophet **Jonah**. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006), following Wilhelm Löhe's calendar (November 12), lists Jonah on this date.

September 25: Sergius of Radonezh, Abbot of Holy Trinity, Moscow, 1392

O God our Father, we praise you for St. Sergius, a man of prayer, in whom shone forth the radiance of the Holy Spirit, a true warrior of Christ, and a champion of the faith in Russia; and we ask for such gentle and humble leaders, who shall serve your people faithfully because they serve you first; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper attachment to the things that abide; For an increased love of the natural world; For peace; For the church in Russia.

September 26: Lancelot Andrewes, Bishop of Winchester, 1626

O Lord and Father, our King and our God, by your grace the Church was enriched by the great learning and eloquent preaching of your servant Lancelot Andrewes, and by his example of biblical and liturgical prayer: Conform our lives, like his, to the image of Christ, that our hearts may love you, our minds serve you, and our lips proclaim the greatness of your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For bishops and other clergy that they may always make room in their lives for private prayer; For all lay people that they may be faithful in prayer; For those who exert a quiet and saintly influence on the affairs of the church and the world.

September 27: Vincent de Paul, Priest, Renewer of Church and Society, 1660

O God, you bestowed upon your servant Vincent de Paul apostolic power to bring your

love to the poor and to foster the devotion of the church's ministry: Grant, we pray, that we may be aflame with the same spirit, and may love those he loved, and live in the way he showed us by his example; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who work among the poor and disadvantaged; For the Sisters of Charity and all deaconesses; For children who are abused; For the poor and the unemployed.

September 28: Jehu Jones, Jr., Pastor, 1852

Grant, Lord God, to all who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ, that as we, having in mind the examples of Jehu Jones and Daniel Alexander Payne, have put away the old life of sin, so we may be renewed in the spirit of our minds and live in righteousness and true holiness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Daniel Alexander Payne, bishop and shaper of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, 1893

Additional Prayers: For the opening of the church to all people; For a clear understanding of the mission of the church; For the support and encouragement of those at the margins of society; For those who work to expand the ministry of the church.

September 29: St. Michael and All Angels

Everlasting God, you have ordained and constituted in a wonderful order the ministries of angels and mortals: Mercifully grant that, as your holy angels always serve and worship you in heaven, so by

your appointment they may help and defend us here on earth; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For an enlarged sense of God's creation; For awe before the immensity of creation; For purity to join the songs of the angels; For an awareness of the unity of the praise of heaven and earth.

September 30: Jerome of Stridon, Translator and Teacher, Priest and Monk of Bethlehem, 420

O Lord, O God of truth, you gave your servant Jerome delight in the study of Holy Scripture: Grant that your people my find in your word the food of salvation and the fountain of life and ever walk by your light; through him who is the living Word, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For an increased love of the Scriptures; For students and scholars of the Bible; For translators of the Scripture.

October 1: Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, c. 533

O God, who by the teaching of your servant and bishop Remigius you turned the nation of the Franks from vain idolatry to the worship of you, the true and living God, in the fullness of the catholic faith: Grant that we who glory in the name of Christian may show forth our faith in worthy deeds; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in France; For the people and government of France; For all who advise and counsel those who are in authority; For politicians and civic leaders.

October 4: Francis of Assisi, Friar and Deacon, Renewer of the Church, 1226

Most high, omnipotent, good Lord, your servant Francis of Assisi sought to reflect the image of Christ through a life of poverty and humility: Grant your people grace to imitate his joyful love, renounce gladly the vanities of this world, and delight in your whole creation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For dedication to the imitation of Christ; For humility to identify with poverty and suffering; For all who seek to live their lives in greater simplicity; For joy in the faith of Christ; For all Franciscans; For a deeper concern for the natural world of which we are a part; For all birds and animals.

October 5: Frederike Fliedner, 1842; Theodor Fliedner, 1864; Karolin Fliedner, 1892; Renewers of Society

Eternal God of great compassion, we give you thanks that you have raised up your faithful servants Theodor, Frederike, and Karolina Fliedner to revive the ancient order of deaconesses for the work of your church; and we pray that you would grant to all whom you have set apart for the work of serving love such understanding of your gospel, firmness of purpose, diligence in service, and beauty of life in Christ, that they may be a convincing sign of the meaning and power of Christian love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For deaconesses; For the increase of vocations to the diaconate; For those in prison; For the sick and the forgotten; For the spirit of joyful service.

October 6: William Tyndale, Priest, Translator, Martyr, 1536

Almighty God, you planted in the heart of your servant William Tyndale a consuming passion to bring the Scriptures to people in their native tongue, and endowed him with the gift of powerful and graceful expression and with strength to persevere against all obstacles: Reveal to us your saving Word, as we read and study the Scriptures, and hear them calling us to repentance and life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the renewal of the church; For the love of the Holy Scriptures; For those who study English prose and who craft language; Of thanksgiving for those who have created the English Bible.

October 7: Henry Melchior Muhlenberg, Missionary to America, 1787

God, our heavenly Father, your servant Henry Melchior Muhlenberg displayed courage and perseverance in the face of opposition and slander, and brought order both in life and in worship to scattered and dispirited congregations: Give to the pastors of your church such strength and faithfulness that the devotion of your people may be enriched, and that unity and cooperation may be advanced, to the glory of your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Lutheran Churches in America; For harried administrators and leaders in the church; For a spirit of peace and cooperation; For a commitment to orthodoxy and right teaching; For a deepened piety.

October 9: Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln, 1253

O God, our heavenly Father, who raised up your faithful servant Robert Grosseteste to be a bishop and pastor in your Church and to feed your flock: Give abundantly to all pastors the gifts of your Holy Spirit, that they may minister in your household as true servants of Christ and stewards of your divine mysteries; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For strengthening the intellectual gifts of the bishops of the church; For increased diligence among the bishops; For students of the sciences.

Also on October 9

The *Lutheran Service Book*, following Löhe's calendar, commemorates **Abraham** the patriarch on this date. His story is given in Genesis 11:27-25:11.

October 11: Philip, Deacon and Evangelist

Exalted God of all the earth, you prospered the work of Philip the Evangelist, a man of good standing, full of the Spirit and of wisdom: Grant that from the rising of the sun to its setting your Name may be great among the nations and that in every place, sacrifice and a pure offering may be made to your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who administer the affairs of the church; For those who flee persecution; For missionaries and their families; For all Christian families and single-parent homes; For the younger churches.

October 13: Elizabeth Fry, Renewer of Society, 1845

Lord God, your Son came among us to serve and not to be served, and to give his life as a ransom for the world: Lead us by his love, and by the example of Elizabeth Fry, to serve all those to whom the world offers no comfort and little help; through us give hope to the hopeless, love to the unloved, peace to the troubled, and rest to the weary; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who work in prisons; For those who are in prison; For nurses and all who care for the sick.

October 14: Samuel Isaac Joseph Schereschewsky, 1906; Channing Moore Williams, 1910; Missionary Bishops

O God, who in your providence called Joseph Schereschewsky and Channing Moore Williams to the ministry of this church and gave them the gifts and the perseverance to translate the Holy Scriptures: Inspire us, by their example and prayers, to commit our talents to your service, confident that you uphold those whom you call; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

October 15: Teresa of Avila, Renewer of the Church, 1582

O God, by your Holy Spirit you moved Teresa of Avila to manifest to your Church the way of perfection: Grant us, we pray, to be nourished by her excellent teaching, and enkindle within us a keen and unquenchable longing for true holiness; through Jesus Christ, the joy of loving hearts, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For patience in suffering; For the gift of love that overcomes opposition and persecution; For intensity of the spiritual life; For the contemplative orders of the church; For those who conduct retreats and for retreat houses; For those who cannot or who will not pray.

October 16: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Renewer of the Church, 1556

Almighty and everliving God, whose servant Thomas Cranmer permanently enriched the devotion of your church, carefully rendering its prayer in stately and beautiful language, and with Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley sealed their reforming work with their martyrdom: Teach us to treasure the rich resources of the English language and to worship you with understanding and with reverence in the blest communion of your saints; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Hugh Latimer and Nicholas Ridley, Bishops, 1555

Additional Prayers: For liturgical scholars; For all who order and lead our worship; For the continuing renewal of the church; For the reconciliation of Protestant and Catholic Christians throughout the world; For the understanding of those whose religious beliefs differ from our own.

October 17: Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 115

Almighty God, we praise your Name for your bishop and martyr Ignatius of Antioch, who offered himself as grain to be ground by the teeth of wild beasts that he might present to you the pure bread of sacrifice: Accept, we pray, the willing tribute of our lives

and give us a share in the pure and spotless offering of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For courage to face death unafraid; For willingness gladly to give all for Christ; For the church in Syria and throughout the Near East; For bishops, especially those who face persecution for their faith; For the unity of the church.

Also on October 17: Paull Spring, First Bishop of the NALC, 2020

Almighty God, you have raised up faithful bishops and leaders of your Church and we praise you for the men and women you have sent to call the Church to its tasks and renew its life. We thank you for your servant Paull Spring who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock. May the memory of his life be a source of joy for us and a bulwark of our faith, so that we may serve you and confess your name before the world; and we pray that, following his example and the teaching of his holy life, we may by your grace grow into the full stature of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the unity of the North American Lutheran Church; For the courage to stand firm in the Gospel; For the continual zeal to renew the Church; For the raising up of godly bishops and pastors.

October 18: St. Luke, Evangelist and Companion of Paul

God of healing compassion, you chose Luke the evangelist to reveal by preaching and writing the mystery of your love for the poor, and the healing power of your Son: Unite in heart and spirit all who glory in your Name and let all nations come to see your salvation; through your

Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the gift of the Spirit; For compassion; For the poor and the outcast; For all in the healing professions; For hospitals and nursing homes.

October 19: Henry Martyn, Priest and Missionary to India and Persia, 1812

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith: We give you heartfelt thanks for the pioneering spirit of your servant Henry Martyn. Grant us grace to proclaim the Gospel of Christ in every place and, by the power of the Holy Spirit, to bring all people to the knowledge and love of you. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

October 23: St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of Our Lord Jesus Christ, Bishop, Martyr, c. 62

Grant, O God, that following the example of your servant James the Just, brother of our Lord, your Church may give itself continually to prayer and to the reconciliation of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Jerusalem; For the peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land; For bishops and others in authority; For a just and righteous life.

October 26: Philipp Nicolai, 1608; Johann Heermann, 1647; Paul Gerhardt, 1676; Hymnwriters

O God, our faithful God, whose boundless love no thought can reach nor tongue declare, by the poetry of your servants Philipp Nicolai, Johann Heermann, and Paul Gerhardt you have enabled

your people to learn theology while delighting in hymns of richness, depth, and beauty: Grant that by their compositions our reluctance to hear your word may be overcome, our journey through this world lightened, and our joy crowned with music; and by the grand songs of former days guide us safely home; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For grace to sing in distress and in joy; For preachers of the gospel; For confidence and faith; For a gentle spirit.

Also on October 26: Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, 899

O Sovereign Lord, you brought your servant Alfred to a troubled throne that he might establish peace in a ravaged land and revive learning and the arts among the people: Awaken in us also a keen desire to increase our understanding while we are in this world, and an eager longing to reach that endless life where all will be made clear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who are in positions of authority in government, the law, industry, and commerce; For universities, colleges, and schools; For the Sovereign and Royal Family of Great Britain and for all the people.

October 28: St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles

O God, we thank you for the glorious company of the apostles, and especially on this day for Simon and Jude; and we pray that, as they were faithful and zealous in their mission, so we may with ardent devotion make known the love and mercy of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you

and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the obscure and the forgotten and the unknown in the work of the church; For the gift of holiness, which is the creation and gift of God; For faithful continuation of the apostles' preaching the Gospel to all the world.

October 29: James Hannington, and His Companions, Martyrs, 1885

O God, by whose providence the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church: Grant that we who remember before you James Hannington and his companions, may, like them, be steadfast in our faith in Jesus Christ, to whom they gave obedience even to death, and by their sacrifice brought forth a plentiful harvest; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

October 31: Reformation Day

Almighty God, gracious Lord, pour out your Holy Spirit upon your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your Word, protect and comfort them in all temptations, defend them against all their enemies, and bestow on the Church your saving peace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a renewed sense of the free grace of God; For the living word of God to burn brightly throughout the church; For a bold, daring, and lively faith; For the unity of the church; For increased love of one another.

November 1: All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace to follow your blessed

saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who waited for the fulfillment of God's promise; For the apostles and heralds of the kingdom; For those who kept the faith through ages of darkness; For missionaries who brought the gospel to our land; For all who recall the church to love and sacrifice; For all who lead the nations to justice and peace.

November 2: Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Almighty God, with whom still live the spirits of those who die in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burden of the flesh, are in joy and felicity: We give you heartfelt thanks for the good examples of all your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment; and we pray that we, with all who have departed in the true faith of your holy Name, may have perfect fulfillment and bliss, both in body and soul, in your eternal and everlasting glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all the faithful departed; For those who faith is known only to God; For those who died without faith and without hope; For suicides; For those who mourn; In thanksgiving for the lives of all faithful Christians.

November 3: Martin de Porres, Renewer of Society, 1639

God of love, you led your servant Martin de Porres by a life of humility to eternal

glory: In your mercy, grant that we may follow his example and have a place with him in the kingdom of heaven; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For racial justice and reconciliation; For a deepened commitment to serve those in need; For those who care for the sick and the poor; For all who practice the arts of healing.

Also on November 4: Richard Hooker, Priest, 1600

O God of truth and peace, you raised up your servant Richard Hooker in a day of bitter controversy to defend with sound reasoning and great charity the catholic and reformed religion: Grant that we may maintain that middle way, not as a compromise for the sake of peace, but as a comprehension for the sake of truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all theologians; For those who explain the faith; For the peace and unity of the church of God.

November 5: Elizabeth and Zechariah, Parents of St. John the Baptist

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose grace Elizabeth and Zechariah, parents of the forerunner of your Son Christ our Lord, were righteous before you and walked blameless in all your commandments: Grant, we pray, that, after their example, we may so faithfully serve you in this life that at the last we may receive the crown of righteousness which you, the righteous judge, will give to all those who truly love you; through the same, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all parents; For those who cannot become parents; For priests that they may be faithful in the duties; For those who bear the scorn and reproach of the world.

November 6: William Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, 1944

O God of light and love, you illumined your Church through the witness of your servant William Temple: Inspire us, we pray, by his teaching and example, that we may rejoice with courage, confidence, and faith in the Word made flesh, and may be led to establish that city which has justice for its foundation and love for its law; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For teachers of the faith of the church; For an increased passion for social justice; For broadened horizons of responsibility; For the unity of the church.

November 7: Willibrord, Archbishop of Utrecht, Missionary to Frisia, 739

O Lord our God, you call whom you will and send them where you choose: We thank you for sending your servant Willibrord to be an apostle to the Low Countries, to turn them from the worship of idols to serve you, the living God; and we entreat you to preserve us from the temptation to exchange the perfect freedom of your service for servitude to false gods and to idols of our own devising; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For Christians in the Netherlands; For the government and people of the Netherlands; For missionaries and their families.

November 8: John Christian Frederick Heyer, Missionary to India, 1873

Almighty and everlasting God, you blessed your servant John Christian Frederick Heyer with a passion for the Gospel, inexhaustible energy, and a keen awareness of the need of the world for your saving word: Ever give to your church such clear-minded and dauntless servants who rejoice to spend themselves in your service, that your people may be fed with living food and know the inexhaustible riches of our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church in India; For colleges and seminaries; For the schools of the church; For the younger churches; For evangelists and those who establish new congregations; For zeal in the Lord's service.

Also on November 8: Johannes von Staupitz, Abbot and Confessor, 1524

Almighty and everlasting God, for our many sins we justly deserve eternal condemnation. In your mercy, you sent your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us a true confession so that dead to sin we may hear the sweet words of absolution from our confessor as Martin Luther heard them from his pastor, Johannes von Staupitz, and be released from all our sin; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

November 9: Martin Chemnitz, Pastor and Confessor, 1586

Lord God, heavenly Father, through the teaching of Martin Chemnitz, you prepared us for the coming of your Son to lead home his bride, the Church,

that with all the company of the redeemed we may finally enter into his eternal wedding feast; through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

November 10: Leo the Great, Bishop of Rome, 461

O Lord our God, you strengthened your servant Leo of Rome through turbulent times: Let your perpetual mercy ever accompany your Church; that while it is placed among the storms of this world, it may both be refreshed with present gladness, and behold the brightness of eternal bliss; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all Christian leaders, particularly those under pressure; For all who, in difficult times, are upholding Christian standards; For all theologians and teachers of theology; For a deeper knowledge of Jesus Christ the Son of God.

November 11: Martin, Bishop of Tours, 397

Lord God of hosts, you clothed your servant Martin the soldier with the spirit of sacrifice, and set him as a bishop in your Church to be a defender of the catholic faith: Give us grace to follow in his holy steps, that at the last we may be found clothed with righteousness in the dwellings of peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of generosity to the poor; For the hungry and the homeless; For those who courageously make their witness for peace; For strength to support those under attack for their faith; For all who serve in military forces; For the church in France.

November 12: Søren Aabye Kierkegaard, Theologian, 1855

Father in heaven, you awaken conscience in our breast and keep us vigilant that we may work out our salvation with fear and trembling: When the law in its seriousness fills us with dread and the thunder booms from Sinai, grant that we may also hear a gentle voice murmuring to us that we are your children; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For grace to search our souls and to know ourselves; For courage to select false security in the search for truth; For courage to risk all for the sake of Christ; For all tormented souls.

Also on November 12: Charles Simeon, Priest, 1836

O loving God, we know that all things are ordered by your unerring wisdom and unbounded love: Grant us in all things to see your hand; that, following the example and teaching of your servant Charles Simeon, we may walk with Christ in all simplicity, and serve you with a quiet and contented mind; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

November 14: Consecration of Samuel Seabury, First American Anglican Bishop, 1784

We give you thanks, O Lord our God, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity with our bishops and nourished by your holy sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with apostolic zeal; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Also on November 14

The Byzantine calendar on this date commemorates the **Emperor Justinian and his wife Theodora**. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006) lists the Emperor Justinian on this date as Christian Ruler and Confessor of Christ. Justinian I (c. 483-565), Roman Emperor from 527, was the most energetic of the early Byzantine emperors. He made it his aim to restore the political and religious unity of the empire in East and West. A great builder, he erected many basilicas in Constantinople (Hagia Sophia among them), Ravenna, and elsewhere. He established a new legal code and championed orthodoxy.

November 16: Margaret, Queen of Scotland, 1093

O God, you gave your servant Margaret of Scotland a special love for the poor: Give to us, we pray, that same love, that we may be living signs of your goodness and at the last attain the glorious crown of your saints; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For Scotland, its church and people; For the ministry of women in the church; For families with many children; For all parents that they may teach their children to grow in the faith.

November 17: Elizabeth of Thuringia, Princess of Hungary, 1231

Almighty God, by your grace your servant Elizabeth of Hungary recognized and honored Jesus in the poor of this world: Grant that we, following her example, may with love and gladness serve those in any need or trouble, in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the poor; For the sick and suffering; For the unemployed; For the spirit of self-sacrificing service; For those who embrace austerity for the love of Christ.

Also on November 17: Hugh, Bishop of Lincoln, 1200

O holy God, you endowed your servant and bishop Hugh of Lincoln with wise and cheerful boldness, and taught him to commend the discipline of holy life to kings and princes: Grant that we also, rejoicing in the Good News of your mercy, and fearing nothing but the loss of you, may be bold to speak the truth in love, in the Name of Jesus Christ our Redeemer; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the diocese of Lincoln; its bishop, cathedral, clergy, and people; For the right relation between church and state; For courage to protect the persecuted; For all Carthusian monks and nuns.

November 18: Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680

O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with gifts of justice, prudence, and strength to rule as a wise mother over the nuns and monks of her household, and to become a trusted and reconciling friend to leaders of the Church: Give us the grace to recognize and accept the varied gifts you bestow on men and women, that our common life may be enriched and your gracious will be done; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For religious orders, both of men and women; For all Christians in colleges and schools; For true cooperation between women and men; For all who encourage and support scholarship and learning.

November 19: Mechtild of Magdeburg, 1282; Mechtild of Hackeborn, 1298; Gertrude the Great, 1302; Renewers of the Church

Eternal God of fire and mercy, you filled the hearts of your servants Mechtild of Magdeburg, Mechtild of Hackeborn, and Gertrude the Great with visions of your love and splendor: Bring your light, we pray, into the darkness of our hearts that we may know the joy of your presence and the power of your grace; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For grace to contemplate the mystery of God; For the purification and the renewal of the church; For courage to confront wrongdoing and sin.

November 20: Edmund, King of East Anglia, Martyr, 870

O God of ineffable mercy, you gave grace and fortitude to blessed Edmund the king to triumph over the enemy of his people by nobly dying for your Name: Bestow on us your servants the shield of faith with which we can withstand the assaults of our ancient enemy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all Christian rulers that they may be faithful to the church's teaching; For all who suffer for the Christian faith; For the church in England.

November 22: Clives Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963

O God of searing truth and surpassing beauty, we give you thanks for Clive Staples Lewis, whose sanctified imagination lights fires of faith in young and old alike. Surprise us also with your joy and draw us into that new and

abundant life which is ours in Christ Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For colleges and universities; For all who are searching for meaning and truth; For those who make the faith of the church clear and compelling; For converts to Christianity.

November 23: Clement, Bishop of Rome, c. 100

O Lord, in every age you write names in your Book of Life and lead the meek of the earth to be followers of the Lamb of God: Raise up for us teachers like your servant Clement, the disciple of your first Apostles, who by their writings may instruct the Church without thought of self, and open to us the healing fountains of repentance, peace, and love; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the Roman Catholic Church and the Bishop of Rome; For peace in the church; For the stilling of passions; For the impatient; For respect for the natural world.

November 24: Miguel Agustin Pro, Priest, Martyr, 1927

God, the sovereign Lord of heaven and earth, you rule your realm with love and with justice: By the example of your servant Miguel Agustin Pro, so strengthen our witness to you that with confidence and without fear we may cry out against injustice, and with our whole life proclaim your love for those whom the world considers of little value; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who work to relieve the suffering of the poor; For

those whom the rulers of the world ignore and dismiss; For the renewal of society; For the gift of love of God and of humanity.

November 25: Isaac Watts, Hymnwriter, 1748

O God, whom saints and angels delight to worship in heaven with hymns and spiritual songs of praise: Give us the wings of faith to behold the joyful glory of your saints, and to be so strengthened by the vigorous poetry of your servant Isaac Watts that we may faithfully walk in the path you have set before us, and at last, through your grace, possess the land of pure delight opened to us by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of joy in worship; For those who help the church to sing; For theological perception on the part of hymnwriters; For those who teach children to sing; For those in frail health.

Also on November 25: James Otis Sargent Hannington, Priest and Monk, 1935

Preserve your people, O God, from discouragement in the face of adversity, as you did your servant James Hannington, knowing that when you have begun a good work you will bring it to completion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

November 28: Kamehameha IV, 1864, and Emma, 1885, King and Queen of Hawaii

O Sovereign God, who raised up Kamehameha and Emma to be rulers in Hawaii, and inspired and enabled them to be diligent in good works for the welfare of their people and the good of your Church: Receive our thanks for their witness to the Gospel; and

grant that we, with them, may attain to the crown of glory that never fades away; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Redeemer, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

November 29

The *Lutheran Service Book* has introduced on this date a commemoration of **Noah**. His story is told in Genesis 6-9.

November 30: St. Andrew, Apostle

Almighty God, who gave such grace to your apostle Andrew that he readily obeyed the call of your Son Jesus Christ, and brought his brother with him: Give us, who are called by your holy Word, grace to follow him without delay, and to bring those near to us into his gracious presence; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For obedience to God's command; For a sense of mission; For those on spiritual pilgrimage; For the church in Scotland; For the church in Greece; For those who minister to their own families.

December 1: Nicholas Ferrar, Deacon, 1637

Grant, we pray you, Almighty God, that we, remembering your deacon Nicholas Ferrar and his household, and their detachment from the ambitions of this world, may be weaned from all that may hinder us from union with you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For religious communities and for all experiments in shared Christian living; For our families that they may reflect something of the peace, order, and love that marked Little Gidding; For a wider use of the daily prayer of the church.

December 3: Francis Xavier, Missionary to Asia, 1552

O God, eternal Father, through the preaching and holy life of your servant Francis Xavier, you brought many nations to yourself: Give his zeal for the faith, we pray, to all who believe in you, that your Church may rejoice in continued growth throughout the world; Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Robert Morrison, 1834; Karl Gützlaff, 1851; James Hudson Taylor, 1905; Missionaries to China

Additional Prayers: For the church in Japan and China; For the church in the East Indies; For the church in India and Sri Lanka; For the missionary work of the church; For all new Christians and for the younger churches; For courage to share the lot of the poor and to overcome racial hatred and discrimination.

Also on December 3: Jantine Auguste Haumersen, First Ordained Female Lutheran Pastor, 1967

Heavenly Father, shepherd of your people, we thank you for your servant Jantine Auguste Haumersen, who was faithful in the care and nurture of your flock; and we pray that, following her example and the teaching of her holy life, we may by your grace grow into the full stature of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

December 4: John of Damascus, Priest, c. 760

Confirm our minds, O Lord, in the mysteries of the true faith, set forth with power by your servant John of Damascus; that we, with him, confessing Jesus to be true God and true Man, and singing the praises of the risen Lord, may, by the power of the resurrection, attain to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who

lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For artists who adorn churches and who write icons; For a proper appreciation of art and outward beauty as a gift from God; For the church in Syria; For those who teach the church through hymns and song.

December 5: Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210

O Lord, the Savior and Guardian of those who fear you, turn away from your Church the deceitful allurements of this world's wisdom; that under the teaching of your Spirit, we, like your servant Clement, may find pleasure in the prophetic oracles and the apostolic instructions, lest the vanity of falsehoods deceive those whom the truth illuminates; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Remembered with Marcus Aurelius Clemens Prudentius, c. 410; Synesius of Cyrene, c. 413; Coelius Sedulius, c. 450; Venantius Honorius Clementianus Fortunatus, c. 609; Theodulph, 821; Joseph the Hymnographer, 886; Hymnwriters

Additional Prayers: For all theologians, particularly those who are forging links between Christianity and contemporary culture; For grace to recognize that God is the source and giver of all beauty, truth, and goodness; For the Coptic Church of Egypt.

December 6: Nicholas, Bishop of Myra, c. 342

Almighty God, in your love you gave your servant Nicholas of Myra a perpetual name for deeds of kindness both on land and sea: Grant, we pray, that your Church may never cease to work for the happiness of children,

the safety of sailors, the relief of the poor, and the help of those tossed by tempests of doubt or grief; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of generosity; For children, especially those who have no one to care for them; For mariners and travelers; For the church in Greece.

December 7: Ambrose, Bishop of Milan, 397

O God, you enabled your servant Ambrose to humble the pride of princes, to win the learned, and to teach the simple: Grant that we in our turn may walk humbly before you and resist iniquity in high places, glad to sing your praises before the whole assembly of your people; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For lawyers and government officials; For preachers of the word of God and for hymnwriters; For a joyful confidence in God's care; For the church in Milan and in northern Italy; For all leaders of the church that they may show by their lives the love of God for the world.

December 11: Lars Olsen Skrefsrud, Missionary to India, 1910

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who by their addictions are in bondage, and you call them to recovery and to purpose: We thank you for releasing your servant Lars Olsen Skrefsrud from his captivity and for leading him to the Santal people to preach the gospel of peace and to build their church; and we pray that you would strengthen us by his example to work for the salvation of all whom the world or the church overlooks or ignores, that your Name

may be glorified throughout the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those in prison and those who minister to them; For alcoholics; For those near despair; For missionaries in remote places; For the Santal Church.

December 13: Lucy, Martyr at Syracuse, c. 304

God of love and source of all life, we pray that as we celebrate the entrance of your servant Lucy into eternal glory, you may so strengthen our witness to you in this world that we may at last share her blessedness in your kingdom of everlasting light; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For those who walk in darkness; For all who treat diseases of the eye; For those who struggle to resist temptation of the world and its ways.

December 14: John of the Cross, Renewer of the Church, 1591

Almighty God, you taught John of the Cross to find you in trials and hardships, to adore you in the darkness, and to tell of your love in his poems: Grant that, when all is dark, we may wait patiently for the light, and in the silence listen for your voice, and in all things trust your promises in Jesus Christ our Lord; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the love of the cross of Christ; For patience in suffering; For all on whom the cross of suffering is laid; For strength and faith to endure the darkness; For all who find prayer difficult or faith impossible.

December 16

On this date the Spanish-language Lutheran service book *Libro de Liturgia y Cántico* notes the beginning of *Las Posadas* (“the inns”), a Mexican custom of visiting a succession of houses for the nine days before Christmas in memory of the Holy Family’s search for room in an inn.

Each night a party is held at a home in the neighborhood. At dusk, the guests gather outside, and a small child dressed as an angel leads children carrying the figures of Mary and Joseph, followed by boys and girls and the adults, all carrying candles. At the house, half of the number enter and half remain outside begging shelter. The door is opened, and the secular celebration begins.

December 17: O Sapientia/O Wisdom

Church calendars often list this date as *O Sapientia*, the first of the seven great “O” Antiphons prayed with the Magnificat during Evening Prayer on the final seven days before Christmas eve. These gems of liturgical composition address Christ by a succession of biblical titles (O Wisdom; O Adonai; O Root of Jesse; O Key of David; O Rising Dawn; O King of the nations; O Emmanuel) and implore his advent. The initial letter of the Latin form of each of these titles, in reverse order, spells “ERO CRAS” (“I will be there tomorrow”), understood as the reply of Christ to his waiting and praying church.

Such wordplay was popular in the Middle Ages.

The antiphon for December 17 is woven from Sirach [Ecclesiasticus] 24:3; Wisdom 8:1; and Isaiah 40:14. The O Antiphons are widely known through John Mason Neale’s popular Advent hymn, “O come, O come, Emmanuel.”

On the Sarum calendar in England, *O Sapientia* was assigned to December 16 and an eighth antiphon, “O virgin of virgins,” was sung on December 23.

O Wisdom [O Sapientia], proceeding out of the mouth of the Most High, pervading and permeating all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of understanding.

Also on December 17

The Byzantine calendar on this date commemorates the *Prophet Daniel and the Three Youths (Hananiah, Shadrach, Mishael/Meshach, and Azariah/Abednego)*. The calendar in the *Lutheran Service Book* (2006) also lists Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men on this date. See Daniel 1:3-7ff.

December 18: O Adonai/O Lord of Might

O Lord of Might [O Adonai] and ruler of the house of Israel, who appeared to Moses in the burning bush and gave him the Law on Sinai: Come with an outstretched arm and redeem us.

December 19: O Radix Jesse/O Root of Jesse

O Root of Jesse [O Radix Jesse], standing as an ensign before the peoples, before whom all kings are mute, to whom the nations will do homage: Come quickly to deliver us.

Also on December 19

The *Lutheran Service Book* on the date commemorates *Adam and Eve*. Wilhelm Löhe’s calendar remembered our first parents the day before Christmas, December 24.

December 20: Katherina von Bora Luther, 1552

God of steadfast love, you joined your servants Katherina von Bora and Martin Luther in holy marriage and established in their life together a model of the

Christian home: Brighten our lives with the wonder of love, bring into order the chaos of our manifold responsibilities, and enrich us with your life, that we may learn the joy of serving others and at last inherit the gladness of your unending kingdom; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For wives and husbands; For the strengthening of Christian homes; For all whose duties are many and burdensome; For faithfulness to Christ to the end.

Also on December 20: O Clavis David/O Key of David

O Key of David [O Clavis David] and scepter of the house of Israel, you open and no one can close, you close and no one can open: Come and rescue the prisoners who are in darkness and the shadow of death.

December 21: St. Thomas, Apostle

Almighty and everliving God, you strengthened your

apostle Thomas with firm and certain faith in your Son’s resurrection: Keep us, through all our days, steadfast in that same faith in Jesus Christ, our Lord and our God, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a healthy skepticism; For a renewal of the Easter faith; For grace to receive Christ.

December 21: O Oriens/O Dayspring

O Dayspring [O Oriens], splendor of light everlasting: Come and enlighten those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death.

December 22: O Rex Gentium/O King of Nations

O King of the nations [O Rex Gentium], the ruler they long for, the cornerstone uniting all people: Come and save us all, whom you formed out of clay.

December 23: Thorlak, Bishop of Skalholt, 1193

God of ordered strength and holiness, you raised up your priest and bishop Thorlak to deepen discipline in the church in Iceland and to



strengthen the morality of its clergy: Grant that, following his example, your people may give themselves gladly to live under your rule and commit themselves without reserve to doing your will in lives of prayer and service to those in need, to the honor of your Name; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the church and people of Iceland; For the Church of St. Peter in Skalholt; For a deepened appreciation of the virtue of discipline and obedience; For the cathedral, bishop, and people of the Diocese of Nidaros (Trondheim).

December 23: O Emmanuel/O Come, Emmanuel

O Emmanuel, our king and our lawgiver, the anointed of the nations and their Savior: Come and save us, O Lord our God.

December 25: THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD

Almighty God, who wonderfully created, and yet

more wonderfully restored, the dignity of human nature: Grant that we may share the divine life of him who humbled himself to share our humanity, your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the light of Christ's glory to shine through us; For grace to adore the mystery of the incarnation; For the poor and the despised, first to hear the announcement of Jesus' birth; For those to whom the coming of God in human flesh means nothing; For peace in the Holy Land where Christ was born.

December 26: St. STEPHEN, DEACON AND MARTYR

We give you thanks, O Lord of glory, for the example of the first martyr Stephen, who looked up to heaven and prayed for his persecutors to your Son Jesus Christ, who stands at your right hand; where he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For

courage to explore the mysteries of both birth and death; For our enemies; For the enemies of the nation; For the gift of love; For courageously effective preachers.

December 27: St. JOHN, APOSTLE AND EVANGELIST

Shed upon your Church, O Lord, the brightness of your light, that we, being illumined by the teaching of your apostle and evangelist John, may so walk in the light of your truth, that at length we may attain to the fullness of eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the work of the new creation in us; For the spirit of awe and reverence in the presence of God; For a glimpse of the glory of God in Jesus Christ; For increased knowledge of the Incarnation.

December 28: THE HOLY INNOCENTS, MARTYRS

We remember today, O God, the slaughter of the holy innocents of Bethlehem by

order of King Herod. Receive, we pray, into the arms of your mercy all innocent victims, and by your great might frustrate the designs of evil tyrants and establish your rule of justice, love, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For children; For sensitivity to the suffering of others; For courage to resist oppression and to share the lot of the oppressed; For repentance for brutality and repression, especially that committed in the name of the Holy Child Jesus.

December 29: Thomas Becket, Archbishop of Canterbury, Martyr, 1170

Almighty God, you granted your martyr Thomas the grace to give his life for the cause of justice: Guide the shepherds of your people, strengthen the defenders of your church, and make us all, for the sake of Christ, willing to renounce our life in this world so that we may find the unending life of heaven; through your Son

Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all bishops and clergy who are confronted by hostile governments; For Christians living in unjust and totalitarian societies; For the see of Canterbury and its cathedral; For all pilgrims and visitors to Canterbury.

Also on December 29

The *Lutheran Service Book*, following Wilhelm Löhe's calendar (December 30), commemorates **David**, the King of Israel, on this date.

December 31

On the medieval and on the present General Roman Catholic Calendar, this is the feast day of **St. Sylvester, Bishop of Rome**, who died in 335. Little is known of his life, even though he was bishop at a formative time in the development of the Church. Later legend says that he baptized Constantine and established the Church of St. John Lateran as the cathedral of Rome on territory given him by the emperor. His

day remained on Lutheran calendars well after the Reformation and, as the conclusion of the civil year, the day became a *Todtenfest*, the time to remember members of the parish who had died during the past year. In other parts of the Lutheran Church, for instance, the Prussian Agenda of 1806, the departed were remembered on the last Sunday after Trinity, the end of the ecclesiastical year.

