

2021 Liturgical Calendar of the Evangelical Lutheran Diocese of North America

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Abbreviations: The Lutheran Hymnal (1941): TLH

The Evangelical Lutheran Hymn-Book (1912): ELHB

The Lutheran Hymnary (1913): ELH

Monday: M; Tuesday: T; Wednesday: W; Thursday: R; Friday: F; Saturday: S

Bold text is used for the Sundays; *italics* for other days of the week. Optional observances are presented after the formal observance and are designated in plain text.

January 1 (F)	<i>Festival of the Circumcision</i>	TLH 116
January 3	Sunday after New Year	TLH 131
January 6 (W)	<i>The Epiphany of our Lord</i>	TLH 92
January 10	Epiphany 1	<i>Happy the Man Who Feareth God</i>
January 17	Epiphany 2	TLH 625
January 19 (T)	<i>St. Henry of Finland, Bishop and Martyr</i>	
January 24	Transfiguration/St. Timothy, Bishop and Confessor	ELH 253
January 25 (M)	<i>The Conversion of St. Paul</i>	ELH 356
January 26 (T)	<i>St. Titus, Bishop and Confessor</i>	ELH 95/TLH 489
January 31	Septuagesima	TLH 377
February 2 (T)	<i>The Presentation of our Lord and the Purification of St. Mary</i>	TLH 137
February 7	Sexagesima	TLH 500
February 9 (T)	<i>St. Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor and Doctor</i>	
February 14	Quinquagesima	TLH 375
February 17 (W)	<i>Ash Wednesday</i>	TLH 152
February 18 (R)	<i>Martin Luther, Confessor and Doctor</i>	
February 21	Lent 1—Invocavit	TLH 559
February 24 (W)	<i>St. Matthias, Apostle/Wednesday of Ember Week in Lent</i>	
February 26 (F)	<i>Friday of Ember Week in Lent</i>	
February 27 (S)	<i>Saturday of Ember Week in Lent</i>	
February 28	Lent 2—Reminiscere	TLH 329
March 7	Lent 3—Oculi	TLH 262
March 14	Lent 4—Laetare	TLH 151
March 17 (W)	<i>St. Patrick, Bishop and Confessor</i>	TLH 499
March 19 (F)	<i>St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Guardian of our Lord</i>	
March 21	Lent 5—Judica	ELH 587
March 25 (R)	<i>The Annunciation</i>	TLH 237
March 28	Lent 6—Palmarum	TLH 146
April 1	<i>Maundy Thursday</i>	TLH 163
April 2	<i>Good Friday</i>	TLH 172
April 3	<i>Holy Saturday</i>	TLH 190/ELH 335
April 4	Easter—The Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord	TLH 195
April 11	Easter 1	TLH 208
April 18	Easter 2	TLH 436
April 19 (M)	<i>Philip Melancthon, Confessor</i>	
April 25	Easter 3/St. Mark, Evangelist	TLH 268

May 1 (S)	St. Philip and St. James, Apostles	
May 2	Easter 4 /St. Athanasius of Alexandria, Bishop, Confessor, Doctor	TLH 260
May 9	Easter 5	TLH 458
May 10-12	Rogation Days	
May 13	The Ascension of our Lord	TLH 387
May 16	Exaudi	TLH 267
May 23	Pentecost	TLH 224
May 26 (W)	Ember Wednesday in Pentecost	
May 28 (F)	Ember Friday in Pentecost	
May 29 (S)	Ember Saturday in Pentecost	
May 30	Feast of the Holy Trinity	TLH 247
June 5 (S)	Festival of St. Boniface, Bishop and Martyr	TLH 494
June 6	Trinity 1 /135 th Anniv. of Salem/15 th Anniv. of ELDoNAT	TLH 393
June 13	Trinity 2	ELHB 277
June 15 (T)	David Henkel, Pastor and Confessor	TLH 472
June 20	Trinity 3	TLH 319
June 24 (R)	The Nativity of St. John the Baptist	TLH 292/TLH 272
June 25 (F)	Festival of the Presentation of the Augsburg Confession	TLH 267
June 27	Trinity 4	ELH 98
June 29 (T)	Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles	TLH 466
July 2 (F)	The Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary	TLH 275
July 4	Trinity 5	TLH 548
July 11	Trinity 6	TLH 287
July 18	Trinity 7	TLH 41
July 22 (R)	St. Mary Magdalene	
July 25	Trinity 8 /St. James the Elder, Apostle	TLH 517
July 29 (R)	St. Olaf, King and Martyr	
August 1	Trinity 9	TLH 625
August 8	Trinity 10	TLH 420
August 10 (T)	St. Laurence, Deacon and Martyr	
August 15	Trinity 11 /St. Mary Theotokos	TLH 369
August 22	Trinity 12	TLH 34
August 24 (T)	St. Bartholomew, Apostle	
August 29	Trinity 13 /The Beheading of St. John the Baptist	TLH 347
September 5	Trinity 14	TLH 25
September 12	Trinity 15	TLH 443
September 19	Trinity 16	TLH 596
September 21 (T)	St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist	
September 22	Wednesday of Ember Week of September	
September 24	Friday of Ember Week of September	
September 25	Saturday of Ember Week of September	
September 26	Trinity 17	TLH 524
September 29 (W)	St. Michael and All Angels	TLH 254

October 3	Trinity 18	Luther's Te Deum
October 10	Trinity 19	TLH 251
October 17	Trinity 20/St. Ignatius of Antioch, Bishop & Martyr	TLH 343
<i>October 18 (M) St. Luke, Evangelist</i>		
October 24	Trinity 21	TLH 373
<i>October 28 (R) St. Simon & St. Jude, Apostles</i>		
October 31	Trinity 22/Festival of the Reformation	TLH 329/TLH 262
November 7	Trinity 25/All Saints' Day	TLH 522/TLH 465
<i>November 11 (R) St. Martin of Tours, Bishop and Confessor</i>		
November 14	Trinity 26	TLH 36
November 21	Trinity 27	TLH 67
November 28	Advent 1	TLH 95
<i>November 30 (T) St. Andrew, Apostle</i>		TLH 270
December 5	Advent 2	TLH 611
December 12	Advent 3	ELH 167
<i>December 13 (M) St. Lucy, Martyr</i>		
<i>December 15 Wednesday of Ember Week in Advent</i>		
<i>December 17 Friday of Ember Week in Advent</i>		
<i>December 18 Saturday of Ember Week in Advent</i>		
December 19	Advent 4	TLH 58
<i>December 21 (T) St. Thomas, Apostle</i>		
<i>December 25 (S) The Feast of the Nativity of our Lord</i>		ELH 184
December 26	S. after Christmas/ Festival of St. Stephen, Martyr	TLH 112
<i>December 27 (M) Festival of St. John, Apostle</i>		TLH 271
<i>December 28 (T) Festival of the Holy Innocents</i>		TLH 273

Happy the Man Who Feareth God

Psalm 128

Wohl dem, der in Gottesfurcht steht

Martin Luther, 1524

Tr. R. Massie, 1800-1887

WO GOTT ZUM HAUS

1 Hap - py the man who fear - eth God, Whose feet His
 2 Thy wife shall, like a fruit - ful vine, Fill all thy
 3 Lo! to the man these bless-ings cleave Who in God's

ho - ly ways have trod; Thine own good hand shall nour - ish
 house with clus - ters fine; Thy chil-dren all be fresh and
 ho - ly fear doth live; From him the an - cient curse hath

thee, And well and hap - py shalt thou be.
 sound, Like ol - ive plants thy ta - ble round.
 fled By A - dam's race in - her - it - ed.

4 Out of Mount Zion God shall send,
 And crown with joy thy latter end;
 That thou Jerusalem mayst see,
 In favor and prosperity.

5 He shall be with thee in thy ways,
 And give thee health and length of days;
 Yea, thou shalt children's children see,
 And peace on Israel shall be.

253 L. M.

German, 1543

O won - drous type, O vi - sion fair Of
glo - ry that the Church shall share, Which Christ up - on the
moun-tain shows, Where bright-er than the sun He glows!

2 From age to age the tale declare,
How with the three disciples there,
Where Moses and Elias meet,
The Lord holds converse high and
sweet.

3 The law and prophets there have place,
The chosen witnesses of grace;
The Father's voice from out the cloud
Proclaims His only Son aloud.

4 With shining face and bright array,
Christ deigns to manifest today

What glory shall to faith be given
When we enjoy our God in heaven.

5 And Christian hearts are raised on
high

By that great vision's mystery,
For which in thankful strains we raise
On this glad day the voice of praise.

6 O Father, with th' eternal Son
And Holy Spirit, ever One,
Vouchsafe to bring us by Thy grace
To see Thy glory face to face.

O Thou, who dost ac - cord us The high-est prize and guer - don,
 Thou hope of all our race, Je - sus, do Thou af - ford us The
 gift we ask of par - don For all who hum-bly seek Thy face.

2 With whispered accusation
 Our conscience tells of sinning
 In thought, and word, and deed;
 Thine is our restoration,
 The work of grace beginning
 For souls from every burden freed.

3 For who, if Thou reject us,
 Shall raise the fainting spirit?
 'Tis Thine alone to spare:
 If Thou to life elect us,
 With cleanséd hearts to near it,
 Shall be our task, our lowly prayer.

4 O Trinity most glorious,
 Thy pardon free bestowing,
 Defend us evermore;
 That in Thy courts victorious,
 Thy love more truly knowing,
 We may with all Thy saints adore.

Anon., (Latin, 11th Century)
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The Ministry

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8, 8, 6, 8, 8, 6.

A. H. Brown, b. 1830

Lord of the Church, we hum-bly pray For those who guide us in Thy way,

And speak Thy ho - ly word: With love di - vine their hearts inspire,

And touch their lips with hallowed fire, And need-ful grace af - ford.

2 Help them to preach the truth of God,
Redemption through the Savior's blood:
Nor let the Spirit cease
On all the Church His gifts to shower;
To them a messenger of power,
To us, of life and peace.

3 So may they live to Thee alone:
Then hear the welcome word, "Well done!"
And take their crown above:
Enter into their Master's joy,
And all eternity employ
In praise, and bliss, and love.

Preparation for Death

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Schumann's Gesangbuch, 1539

Lord Je - sus Christ, true man and God, Who bor - est anguish,
 scorn, the rod, And diedst at last up - on the tree, To
 bring Thy Fa - ther's grace to me: I pray Thee, through that
 bit - ter woe; Let me, a sin - ner, mer - cy know.

2 When comes the hour of falling breath,
 And I must wrestle, Lord, with death,
 When from my sight all fades away,
 And when my tongue no more can
 say,
 And when mine ears no more can hear,
 And when my heart is racked with
 fear:

3 When all my mind is darkened o'er,
 And human help can do no more;
 Then come, Lord Jesus! come with
 speed,
 And help me in my hour of need;
 Lead me from this dark vale beneath,
 And shorten then the pangs of death.

4 Joyful my resurrection be,
 Thou in the judgment plead for me,
 And hide my sins, Lord, from Thy
 face,
 And give me life, of Thy rich grace!
 I trust Thee utterly, my Lord,
 For Thou hast promised in Thy
 word!

5 Dear Lord, forgive us all our guilt;
 Help us to wait until Thou wilt
 That we depart; and let our faith
 Be brave, and conquer e'en in death;
 Firm resting on Thy sacred word,
 Until we sleep in Thee, our Lord.

Digitized by Google P. Eber, 1565.

Easter

335 8, 8, 8, 8, 4.

Johann Walther, 1524



2 O stronger Thou than death and hell,
Where is the foe Thou canst not quell?
What heavystone Thou canst not roll
From off the prisoned, suff'ring soul!
Hallelujah!

3 If Jesus lives, can I be sad?
I know He loves me, and am glad:
Though all the world were dead to me,
Enough, O Christ, if I have Thee!
Hallelujah!

4 He feeds me, comforts, and defends,
And when I die His angel sends
To bear me whither He is gone,

For of His own He loseth none.
Hallelujah!

5 No more to fear or grief I bow,
God and the angels love me now;
The joys prepared for me today
Drive fear and mourning far away.
Hallelujah!

6 Strong Champion! For this comfort,
see,
The whole world bringeth thanks to
Thee!

And once we, too, shall raise above
More sweet and loud the song we love:
Hallelujah!

J. Heermann, 1630

1 { The mouth of fools doth God con - fess, But while their lips draw
Their heart is full of wick - ed - ness, And all their deeds de -

nigh Him,
ny Him, Cor - rupt are they, and ev - 'ry one A -

bom - i - na - ble works hath done; There is not one well - do - er.

(Or to *Es ist gewisslich*, No. 552)

2 The Lord looked from His heavenly
throne

On all mankind below Him,
To see if there were any one
Who truly sought to know Him,
And all his understanding bent
To search His holy Word, intent
To do His will in earnest.

3 But none there was who walked with -
God

For all aside had slidden,
Delusive paths of folly trod,
And followed lusts forbidden;
Not one there was who practiced good,
Though many deemed, in haughty mood,
Their deeds to God were pleasing.

4 How long, by folly blindly led,
Will they oppress the needy,
And My own flock devour like bread?

So fierce are they and greedy!
In God they put no trust at all,
Nor will on Him in trouble call,
But be their own providers.

5 Therefore their heart is never still,
A constant fear dismays them,
God is with him who doth His will,
Who trusts Him and obeys Him;
Ye shame the counsel of the poor,
And mock him when he doth assure
That God is e'er his refuge.

6 Who shall to Israel's outcast race
From Zion bring salvation?
God will Himself at length show **grace**
And loose the captive nation;
That will He do by Christ their **King**;
Let Jacob then be glad and sing,
And Israel be joyful.

Dr. Martin Luther, 1524 Richard Masse, Tr. a

The Church

98 8, 6, 8, 6, 8, 8, 7.

Rev. G. W. Torrance, 1835—1907



Lord Je - sus Christ, Thou high - est good! To whom Thy ran-somed
flee, Be-hold in pen - i - ten - tial mood A sup-plant bows to
Thee. Through Thee I seek the Fa-ther's throne, For-give-ness ask through
Thee a - lone, And strength for ho - ly liv - ing.

2 Beneath a load of guilt I sigh;
Relieve my fainting heart—
Thou who in mortal agony
Didst bear my sin and smart.
Of Thee alone I crave relief;
Leave me not now in fear and grief
And dark despair to perish.

3 O where for comfort shall I turn,
When I the past survey?
How oft I've dared Thy grace to spurn,
And cast my bliss away:
Yet Thine availing merit, Lord,
Deliverance and peace afford;
Thy word is all my solace.

4 This word, for ever precious, saith
The humble, contrite mind
That looks to Thee in simple faith
Shall full salvation find;
And then, from sin's dominion free,
Display true thankfulness to Thee,
Devoted to Thy glory.

5 To Thee I come at Thy behest,
Atoner of my sin!
Forgiveness and the promised rest
Through Thy desert to win.
Be merciful, my God, to me,
And let no more remembered be
The days of sin and folly.

Confession

6 Teach me, O Lord, before Thy face
This wayward heart to still;
With joyfulness to run my race,
And do Thy blessed will.
In a plain path do Thou me guide,
That faithful I may still abide,
And quit me to Thine honor.

7 And pour Thine oil of joy on me
When, the last moment nigh,
The parting spirit would be free
To join Thy saints on high.
Then may Thy death, Lord, cheer my
heart;
And in Thy faith may I depart
To dwell with Thee for ever.

B. Ringwaldt, 1588

Third Sunday in Advent

167 7, 6, 7, 6, 7, 7, 6.

German, 1524

The on - ly Son from heav - en, Fore - told by an - cient

seers, By God, the Fa - ther, giv - en, In hu - man shape ap -

pears; No sphere His light con - fin - ing, No

star so bright - ly shin - ing As He, our Morning Star.

2 O time of God appointed,
O bright and holy morn!
He comes, the King anointed,
The Christ, the virgin-born;
His home on earth He maketh,
And man of heaven partaketh,
Of life again an heir.

3 O Lord, our hearts awaken,
To know and love Thee more,
In faith to stand unshaken,
In Spirit to adore,
That we still heavenward hasting,
Yet here Thy joy foretasting,
May reap its fulness there.

Elisabeth Cruciger, 1524

Christmas

184 8, 8, 8, 8, 4.

Johann Walther. 1424

O Je - sus Christ, all praise to Thee, Thou who art pleased a
man to be; To dwell with men Thou dost not scorn, And ang-els shout to
see Thee born, Hal - le - lu - jah. -le - lu - jah.....

2 The eternal Father's only Son
Now takes a manger for His throne:
The everlasting fount of good,
Assumes our mortal flesh and blood.
Hallelujah.

3 He whom the world can not enclose
In Mary's bosom doth repose;
To be a little child He deigns
Who all things by Himself sustains.
Hallelujah.

4 The eternal Light to us descends,
Its brightness to the earth it lends,
And purely shines upon our night,
To make us children of the light.
Hallelujah.

5 The only Son, true God confessed,
To His own world now comes a Guest;
And through this vale of tears our
Guide,
Doth in His heaven our home provide.
Hallelujah.

6 In poorest guise to us He came,
Himself He bears our sin and shame,
That, as His heirs in heaven above,
We may with angels share His love.
Hallelujah.

7 His love to show, surpassing thought:
God's Son this wondrous work hath
wrought;
Then let us all unite to raise
Our song of glad, unceasing praise.
Hallelujah.