

PASTORAL DESK DIARY

2027

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And God said, “Let there be lights in the expanse of the heavens to separate the day from the night. And let them be for signs and for seasons, and for days and years, and let them be lights in the expanse of the heavens to give light upon the earth.” And it was so. (Genesis 1:14–15)

For everything
there is a season,
and a time for
every matter
under heaven.

(Ecclesiastes 3:1)

From the first days of creation, the Creator has given us tools to measure days, years, and even seasons. Though throughout history we have changed the way in which we mark the passing of time, the reason for doing so remains the same. No story is complete without understanding the order of events. You cannot have a story without order and time. And so for centuries, the church has used a rhythm of seasons and festivals to teach the story of Christ and order her days.

Welcome to the *2027 Pastoral Desk Diary*. This desk diary celebrates the Church Year. It features planning pages not only for Sundays but also for common festival days, the midweek services of Advent and Lent, and the principal feast days. Sanctoral dates are noted throughout; the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* three-year, one-year, and daily lectionaries are included. Seasonal overviews are provided at specific junctures of the Church Year to provide background and thought on how the season may influence worship as well as family and personal devotions. Civil holidays and observances are noted, and dot-matrix note pages are provided to serve as guides and encouragement for you to add personalized lists, planning, notations, and even sketches.



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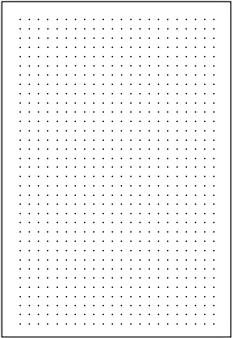
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IMPORTANT DATES IN 2027

January 1	Circumcision and Name of Jesus	June 14	Flag Day
	New Year's Day	June 19	Juneteenth National Independence Day
January 6	Epiphany	June 20	Father's Day
January 18	Martin Luther King Jr. Day	June 21	Summer Begins
January 22	National Sanctity of Human Life Day	July 1	Canada Day
February 10	Ash Wednesday	July 4	Independence Day
February 14	Super Bowl	September 6	Labor Day
	Valentine's Day	September 11	Patriot Day
February 15	Washington's Birthday	September 12	Grandparents Day
March 14	Daylight Saving Time Begins	September 23	Fall Begins
March 17	St. Patrick's Day	October 11	Columbus Day
March 20	Spring Begins		Thanksgiving (Canada)
March 21	Palm Sunday	October 16	Sweetest Day
March 25	Holy (Maundy) Thursday	October 31	Reformation Day
March 26	Good Friday		Halloween
March 28	Easter	November 1	All Saints' Day
March 29	Vietnam War Veterans Day	November 7	Daylight Saving Time Ends
April 15	Tax Day	November 11	Veterans Day
April 21	Passover Begins	November 25	Thanksgiving Day (US)
	Administrative Professionals Day	November 28	Advent Begins
April 22	Earth Day	December 6	St. Nicholas Day
May 6	Ascension Day	December 21	Winter Begins
	National Day of Prayer	December 24	Christmas Eve
May 9	Mother's Day		Hanukkah Begins
May 15	Armed Forces Day	December 25	Christmas Day
May 16	Pentecost	December 26	Boxing Day (Canada)
May 24	Victoria Day (Canada)	December 31	New Year's Eve
May 31	Memorial Day		

YEAR	ASH WEDNESDAY	EASTER	ADVENT BEGINS
2027	February 10	March 28	November 28
2028	March 1	April 16	December 3
2029	February 14	April 1	December 2
2030	March 6	April 21	December 1
2031	February 26	April 13	November 30
2032	February 11	March 28	November 28
2033	March 2	April 17	November 27
2034	February 22	April 9	December 3
2035	February 7	March 25	December 2
2036	February 27	April 13	November 30

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Dot-matrix pages

Dot-matrix pages are located throughout this desk diary. Use them to keep notes about projects, make lists, organize your thoughts, record goals, and capture the next great idea. On these index pages, jot titles or key words next to the blank page numbers to keep track of the locations of your notes so you can easily find them later.

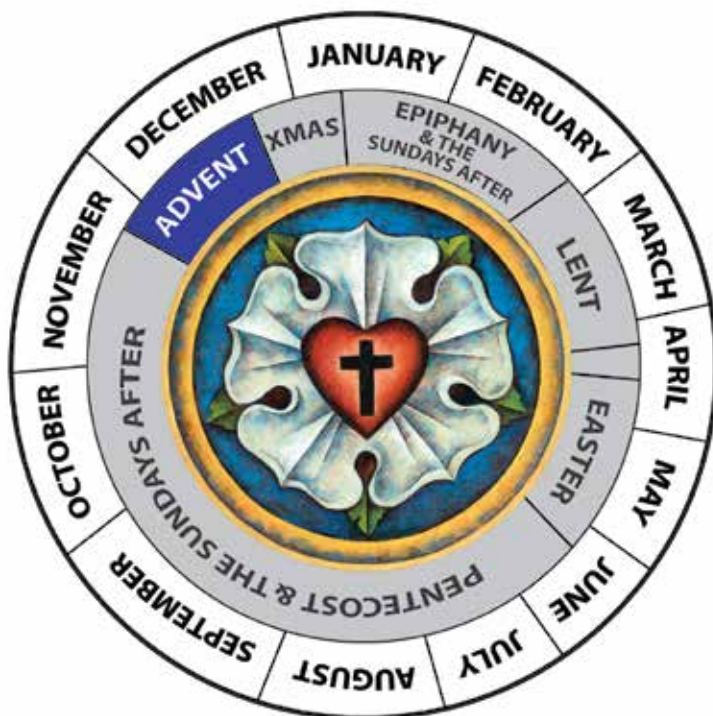
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THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS ADVENT

*Begins on the fourth Sunday before December 25,
or the Sunday closest to the Festival of St. Andrew (November 30),
and ends with midday prayer on December 24.*



The Savior's birth is second in importance only to His resurrection on Easter Sunday. During the Time of Christmas, Christians reflect on God's great and gracious gift of Himself.

The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin *adventus*, which means "coming into"), a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, Jesus, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world.

In Advent, we wait for our coming King.

Isaiah 7:14; 9:6; 11:1–2
Luke 1:26–38, 46–55

Micah 5:2

Matthew 1:18–25

ADVENT PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- ◆ The color for Advent is blue, which symbolizes anticipation and hope in our coming King. Violet can also be used during Advent as a symbol of our repentance in preparation for our coming King.
- ◆ We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service during Advent. This is the angels' song at Christmas, so during Advent, we pass over this traditional Hymn of Praise in silent anticipation.
- ◆ It has become common to use an Advent wreath to mark the season. This wreath has four candles—one for each week in Advent. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation mounts as we look forward to Jesus' coming.
- ◆ We gather for midweek services. These services heighten our awareness of and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh.

NOTES FOR ADVENT

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slight shadow on its right side, suggesting it's resting on a surface.

LUTHER'S SACRISTY PRAYER

O Lord God, dear Father in heaven, I am indeed unworthy of the office and ministry in which I am to make known Your glory and to nurture and to serve this congregation.

But since You have appointed me to be a pastor and teacher, and the people are in need of the teaching and the instruction, be my helper and let Your holy angels attend to me.

Then if You are pleased to accomplish anything through me, to Your glory and not to mine or to the praise of men, grant me, out of Your pure grace and mercy, a right understanding of Your Word and that I may also diligently perform it.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, shepherd and bishop of our souls, send Your Holy Spirit that He may work with me to will and to do through Your divine strength according to Your good pleasure. Amen.

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SERMON TEXT:

Noah

LCMS—1 YEAR
First Sunday in Advent
(Ad Te Levavi)

OT Jeremiah 23:5–8
PS Psalm 24
EP Romans 13:(8–10) 11–14
GO Matthew 21:1–9

LCMS—3 YEAR
First Sunday in Advent

OT Isaiah 64:1–9
PS Psalm 80:1–7
EP 1 Corinthians 1:3–9
GO Mark 11:1–10
or Mark 13:24–37

WELS
First Sunday in Advent

FR Isaiah 64:1–9
PS Psalm 24
SR 1 Corinthians 1:3–9
GO Mark 11:1–10
OR
FR Isaiah 64:1–9
PS Psalm 80
SR 1 Corinthians 1:3–9
GO Mark 13:26–37

ELCA/RCL
First Sunday of Advent

FR Isaiah 64:1–9
PS Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19
SR 1 Corinthians 1:3–9
GO Mark 13:24–37

DAILY LECTIONARY
Isaiah 5:1–25
Amos 1:1–9:15
1 Peter 2:1–12

THEME:

HYMNS:

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DECEMBER 2026

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WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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Midweek of Advent 1		John of Damascus, Theologian and Hymnwriter Hanukkah Begins	
9	10	11	12
Midweek of Advent 2			
16	17	18	19
Midweek of Advent 3	Daniel the Prophet and the Three Young Men		Adam and Eve
23	24	25	26
Midweek of Advent 4	The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Eve (W) Christmas Eve	The Nativity of Our Lord—Christmas Day (W) Christmas Day	St. Stephen, Martyr Boxing Day (Canada)
30	31	1	2
	New Year's Eve (W) New Year's Eve		

Monday, November 30

St. Andrew, Apostle

Isaiah 6:1–7:9
1 Peter 2:13–25

Tuesday, December 1

Isaiah 7:10–8:8
1 Peter 3:1–22

Wednesday 2

Midweek of Advent 1

Isaiah 8:9–9:7
1 Peter 4:1–19

Thursday 3

Isaiah 9:8–10:11
1 Peter 5:1–14

Friday 4

John of Damascus, Theologian and Hymnwriter
Hanukkah Begins

Isaiah 10:12–27a, 33–34
2 Peter 1:1–21

Saturday 5

Isaiah 11:1–12:6
2 Peter 2:1–22

SERMON TEXT:

Midweek of Advent 1

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SERMON TEXT:

Nicholas of Myra, Pastor
St. Nicholas Day

LCMS—1 YEAR
Second Sunday in Advent
(*Populus Zion*)

OT Malachi 4:1–6
PS Psalm 50:1–15
EP Romans 15:4–13
GO Luke 21:25–36

THEME:

LCMS—3 YEAR
Second Sunday in Advent
OT Isaiah 40:1–11

PS Psalm 85
EP 2 Peter 3:8–14
GO Mark 1:1–8

HYMNS:

WELS
Second Sunday in Advent
FR Isaiah 40:1–11
PS Psalm 85
SR 2 Peter 3:8–14
GO Mark 1:1–8

INTERCESSIONS:

ELCA/RCL
Second Sunday of Advent
FR Isaiah 40:1–11
PS Psalm 85:1–2, 8–13
SR 2 Peter 3:8–15a
GO Mark 1:1–8

DAILY LECTIONARY
Isaiah 14:1–23
2 Peter 3:1–18

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Monday 7

Ambrose of Milan, Pastor and Hymnwriter

Isaiah 24:1–13
1 John 1:1–2:14

Tuesday 8

Isaiah 24:14–25:12
Obadiah 1–21
1 John 2:15–29

Wednesday 9

Midweek of Advent 2

Isaiah 26:1–19
1 John 3:1–24

Thursday 10

Isaiah 26:20–27:13
1 John 4:1–21

Friday 11

Isaiah 28:14–29
1 John 5:1–21
2 John 1–13
3 John 1–15

Saturday 12

Isaiah 29:1–14
Jude 1–25

SERMON TEXT:

Midweek of Advent 2

THEME:

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