

THE CHURCH YEAR

SUNDAYS AND SEASONS

The Time of Christmas

Advent Season

First Sunday in Advent B / V
Second Sunday in Advent B / V
Third Sunday in Advent B / V
Fourth Sunday in Advent B / V

Christmas Season

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD w
 Christmas Eve
 Christmas Midnight
 Christmas Dawn
 Christmas Day
First Sunday After Christmas w
Second Sunday after Christmas w

Epiphany Season

The Epiphany of Our Lord w
First Sunday after the Epiphany w
 The Baptism of Our Lord
Second Sunday after the Epiphany G
Third Sunday after the Epiphany G
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany G
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany G
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany G
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany G
Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany G
Last Sunday after the Epiphany w
 The Transfiguration of Our Lord

The Time of Easter

Pre-Lent Season

Septuagesima G
Sexagesima G
Quinquagesima G

Lenten Season

Ash Wednesday BK / V
First Sunday in Lent v
Second Sunday in Lent v
Third Sunday in Lent v
Fourth Sunday in Lent v
Fifth Sunday in Lent v

Holy Week

Palm Sunday S / V
 Sunday of the Passion
Monday in Holy Week S / V
Tuesday in Holy Week S / V
Wednesday in Holy Week S / V
Holy (Maundy) Thursday w / S / V
Good Friday BK
Holy Saturday BK

Easter Season

THE RESURRECTION OF OUR LORD w / GO
 Vigil of Easter *Easter Tuesday*
 Easter Sunrise *Easter Wednesday*
 Easter Day
 Easter Evening/Easter Monday
Second Sunday of Easter w
Third Sunday of Easter w
Fourth Sunday of Easter w
Fifth Sunday of Easter w
Sixth Sunday of Easter w
The Ascension of Our Lord w
Seventh Sunday of Easter w

PENTECOST R

Pentecost Eve
 The Day of Pentecost
 Pentecost Evening/Pentecost Monday
 Pentecost Tuesday

The Time of the Church

The Season After Pentecost

The Holy Trinity w
Second through Twenty-seventh Sunday
 after Pentecost (*3-Year Lectionary*) G
First through Twenty-sixth Sunday after
 Trinity (*1-Year Lectionary*) G
Last Sunday of the Church Year G

FEASTS AND FESTIVALS***November*

30 St. Andrew, Apostle R

December

21 St. Thomas, Apostle R

26 St. Stephen, Martyr R

27 St. John Apostle and Evangelist W

28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs R

31 **Eve of the Circumcision and
Name of Jesus** W*New Year's Eve**January*1 **Circumcision and Name of Jesus** W

18 The Confession of St. Peter W

24 St. Timothy, Pastor and Confessor W

25 The Conversion of St. Paul W

26 St. Titus, Pastor and Confessor W

*February*2 **The Purification of Mary and the
Presentation of Our Lord** W

24 St. Matthias, Apostle R

March

19 St. Joseph, Guardian of Jesus W

25 **The Annunciation of Our Lord** W*April*

25 St. Mark, Evangelist R

May

1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles R

31 **The Visitation (3-Year Lectionary)** W*June*

11 St. Barnabas, Apostle R

24 **The Nativity of St John the Baptist** W29 *St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles* R*July*2 **The Visitation (1-Year Lectionary)** W

22 St. Mary Magdalene W

25 St. James the Elder, Apostle R

August

15 St. Mary, Mother of Our Lord W

24 St. Bartholomew, Apostle R

29 The Martyrdom of St. John the Baptist R

*September*14 *Holy Cross Day* R

21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist R

29 **St. Michael and All Angels** W*October*

18 St. Luke, Evangelist R

23 St. James of Jerusalem, Brother of
Jesus and Martyr R

28 St. Simon and St. Jude, Apostles R

31 Reformation Day R

*November*1 **All Saints' Day** W**OCCASIONS**

Anniversary of a Congregation

Mission Observance

Christian Education

Harvest Observance

Day of Thanksgiving

Day of Supplication and Prayer

Day of National or Local Tragedy

** Previously called "**Minor Festivals**" in Lutheran worship (LW)The observances listed in **boldface** are principal feasts of Christ and are normally observed when they occur on a Sunday. The other festivals may be observed according to local custom and preference*The letters indicate the suggested colors:**B = blue, BK = black, G = green, GO = gold, R = red, S = red, S = scarlet, V = violet, W = white*