

April 25—Easter IV—John 10:27f.

My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish.

May 2—Easter V—John 13:35

By this everyone will know that you are my disciples: if you have love for one another.

May 9—Easter VI—John 14:23

Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them.

May 13—Ascension of Our Lord—Luke 24:46

Thus it is written, that the Christ is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations.

May 16—Easter VII—John 17:21

Father, as you are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me.

May 22—Vigil of Pentecost—John 7:37f.

Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, and let the one who believes in me drink.

May 23—Day of Pentecost—John 14:26

The Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you.

¹These Brief Lessons—mostly sayings of Jesus—are generally taken from the Gospels appointed for Sundays and festivals of Year C in the Revised Common Lectionary (1992).

These verses may also be used as antiphons for the Benedictus at Matins and the Magnificat at Vespers. On Sundays and festivals outside of Lent, an Alleluia may be added to the antiphon at First (Saturday) Vespers, Matins, and Second (Sunday) Vespers.

²The ordering of the sections of Psalm 119 follows that of The Daily Prayer of the Church, edited by Philip H. Pfatteicher (2005), in which verses 73–80 are designated for Vespers of Fridays in Lent. According to the Lutheran Book of Worship (1978), those verses are designated for Matins of Mondays in Lent.

BRIEF LESSONS

for Prayers at Mid-Morning, Noon, and Mid-Afternoon¹

Advent 2009 through Easter 2010 (Year C)

Sections of Psalm 119 for Prayers during the Day

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1–8	25–32	49–56	81–88	105–112	129–136	153–160
9–16	33–40	57–64	89–96	113–120	137–144	161–168
17–24	41–48	65–72 ²	97–104	121–128	145–152	169–176

November 29—Advent I—Luke 21:28

Lift up your heads because your redemption is drawing near.

December 6—Advent II—Luke 3:6

All flesh shall see the salvation of God.

December 13—Advent III—Luke 3:16

One who is more powerful is coming... he will baptize with the Holy Spirit and fire.

December 20—Advent IV—Luke 1:45

Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord.

December 24—Christmas Eve—Luke 2:11

To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.

December 25—Christmas Dawn—Luke 2:15b

Let us go and see this word that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us.

December 25—Christmas Day—John 1:14

The Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of the Father's only Son, full of grace and truth.

December 27—Christmas I—Luke 2:52

Jesus increased in wisdom and in stature, and in favor with God and man.

January 1—The Name of Jesus—Luke 2:21

The child was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

January 3—Christmas II—John 1:18

No one has ever seen God; God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart has made him known.

January 6—Epiphany of Our Lord—Matthew 2:6b

From Bethlehem shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.

January 10—Baptism of Our Lord—Luke 3:22

You are my beloved Son, with you I am well pleased.

January 17—Epiphany II—John 2:11

Jesus did the first of his signs in Cana of Galilee and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

January 24—Epiphany III—Luke 4:18f.

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me... to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.

January 31—Epiphany IV—Luke 4:21

Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.

February 2—Presentation of Our Lord—Luke 2:34b, 35b

This child is destined... to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed.

February 7—Epiphany V—Luke 5:8, 10

Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinner. —Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.

February 14—Transfiguration of Our Lord—Luke 9:35

This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!

February 17—Ash Wednesday—Matthew 6:4, 6, 18

Let your alms be done in secret... pray to your Father who is in secret... let your fasting be seen by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

February 21—Lent I—Luke 4:8

Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.

February 28—Lent II— Luke 13:35

You will not see me until the time comes when you say, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

March 7—Lent III—Luke 13:5

Unless you repent, you will all perish.

March 14—Lent IV—Luke 15:24

My son was dead and is alive again, was lost, and is found!

March 21—Lent V—John 12:8

You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me.

March 25—Annunciation of Our Lord—Luke 1:28, 42

Hail, Mary, full of grace. The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb, Jesus.

March 28— Sunday of the Passion—Luke 23:42f.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

—Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise.

April 1—Maundy Thursday—John 13:34

I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.

April 2—Good Friday—John 19:34, 36

One of the soldiers pierced Jesus' side with a spear, and at once blood and water came out. These things occurred so that the scripture might be fulfilled.

April 3—Vigil of Easter—Luke 24:6

Remember how Jesus told you... that the Son of Man must be handed over to sinners, and be crucified, and on the third day rise again.

April 4—Easter Day—John 20:17

I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.

April 11—Easter II—John 20:31

These signs are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

April 18—Easter III—John 21:15–17

Do you love me? —Feed my lambs. Tend my sheep. Feed my sheep.