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 a challenging year 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.
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 Lord’s work and your role in it.
- 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 thenalic.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.

**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: 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.

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 are 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.
PSALM

Alleluia! Alleluia!

EVENING PRAYER
DAILY PRAYER
A GUIDE FOR

The word is near to those who call

In Lent

Oh, come, let us worship him.

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INVITATORY PSALM (PSALM 95)

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;

One of the following ANTIPHONS

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,

may be sung or said with the INVITATORY

and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in

Oh, come, let us worship him.

the beginning, is now, and will be

Alleluia.

forever. Amen.

The ALLELUIA is omitted during Lent.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Additional PSALMODY from the

calendar follows. Silence for

meditation follows each psalm.

From Easter Day until the Ascension

L. Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Alleluia.

From Ascension Day until the Day of

Pentecost

L. Alleluia. Christ the Lord ascends

into heaven.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Alleluia.

On All Saints and other Major Saints’

Days

L. The Lord is glorious in his saints.

Oh, come, let us worship him.

Alleluia.

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:

L. 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.

The ANTIPHON is repeated.

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,

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

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.
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 old 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.
The ALLELUIA.
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 the 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 MARY (LUKE 1:46-55)
My soul proclaims the greatness of 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 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.
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 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.

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.

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.

A HYMN or SONG may be sung.

The almighty and merciful Lord, the holy and gracious God, let us confess our sin in the morning, your truth at the close of the day.

A HYMN or SONG may be sung.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.

The Lord almighty grant us a quiet night and peace at the last.

Amen.
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**THE NINTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**ST. JAMES THE ELDER, APOSTLE**

- 1 Samuel 17:50-18:4
- Romans 10:4-17
- Psalms 19 & 150 (AM)
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**THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 1 Samuel 4:12-22
- James 1:1-18
- Matthew 19:23-30
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**THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- Benedict of Nursia, Abbot of Monte Cassino, c. 547; Scholastica, Abbess, c. 547
- 1 Samuel 10:1-6
- Romans 4:13-25
- Matthew 21:23-32
- Psalms 108 & 150 (AM)
- Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)

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**THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

- 1 Samuel 14:36-45
- Romans 5:1-11
- Matthew 22:1-14
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*Joseph of Almeria*
- 1 Samuel 2:37-18
- Romans 11:33-12:2
- Matthew 25:14-30
- Psalms 67 & 150
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#### THE ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*Dominic de Guzmán, Priest and Friar, 1221*
- 2 Samuel 1:7-27
- Romans 12:9-21
- Matthew 25:31-46
- Psalms 108 & 150

#### THE TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*St. Mary the Virgin, Mother of our Lord*
- Stephen I, King of Hungary, 1038
- 2 Samuel 6:1-23
- Romans 14:7-12
- John 1:43-51
- Psalms 103 & 150
- Psalms 117 & 159

#### THE THIRTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*B Bartholomew, Apostle*
- Acts 10:37-42
- Mark 9:46-50
- Psalms 135 & 145
- Psalms 97 & 112

#### THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*The Beheading of St. John the Baptist*
- 2 Samuel 17:24-18:8
- Galatians 3:6-14
- John 5:30-47
- Psalms 46 & 93

#### THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*Stephen and Carl, Martyrs, 1072*
- 2 Samuel 20:22-26
- Mark 9:46-50
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#### THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
*John Bunyan, Teacher, 1688*
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• 2 Samuel 7:4, 8-16  
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| Thomas Ken, Bishop of Bath and Wells, 1711  
• Genesis 44:19-14  
• 1 Corinthians 7:25-31  
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• Psalms 119:73-80 & 145 (AM)  
• Psalms 121 & 6 (PM) | Jonathan Edwards, Teacher, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1758 James De Koven, Priest, 1879  
• Genesis 45:1-15  
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• Psalms 25 & 91 (PM) | Gregory the Illuminator, Missionary Bishop of Armenia, c. 332  
• Genesis 45:16-28  
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• Mark 6:13-29  
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• Psalms 27 & 51 (PM) | Osric Arnulfno Romero, Archbishop of San Salvador, Martyr, 1980  
• Genesis 46:1-7, 28-34  
• 1 Corinthians 9:1-5  
• Mark 6:30-46  
• Psalms 27 & 147:13-21 (AM)  
• Psalms 126 & 102 (PM) | THE ANNUNCIATION OF OUR LORD TO THE VIRGIN MARY  
• Isaiah 7:10-14  
• Hebrews 10:4-10  
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**PENTECOST: THE DAY OF PENTECOST**
- Boniface, Archbishop of Mainz, Missionary to Germany, Martyr, 754
- Deuteronomy 16:9-12
- Acts 4:18-21, 23-33
- John 4:19-26
- Psalms 103 & 150 (AM)
- Psalms 117 & 139 (PM)

**PENTECOST:**
- William Alfred Passavant, Renower of Society, 1894
- Ezekiel 33:11
- 1 John 11-10
- Matthew 9:27-34
- Psalms 5 & 145 (AM)
- Psalms 82 & 29 (PM)

**THE SUNDAY OF THE HOLY TRINITY: THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- Job 38:1-11; 42:1-5
- Revelation 19:4-16
- John 1:29-34
- Psalms 19 & 150 (AM)
- Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)

**THE SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- Proverbs 9:1-12
- Acts 8:1-25
- Psalms 67 & 150 (AM)
- Psalms 46 & 93 (PM)

**THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**
- Ecclesiastes 11-11
- Acts 8:26-40
- Psalms 108 & 150 (AM)
- Psalms 66 & 23 (PM)

**Baptist's Day of Pentecost**
- Cyril of Alexandria, Bishop, Teacher, 444
- Ecclesiastes 2:1-15
- Galatians 11-17
- Matthew 13:44-52
- Psalms 62 & 145 (AM)
- Psalms 75 & 9 (PM)

**ST. PETER AND ST. PAUL, APOSTLES**
- Ezekiel 34:11-16
- Galatians 1:1-14
- Psalms 12 & 146 (PM)
- Psalms 36 & 7 (PM)

**The Martyrs of Uganda, 1886**
- Jeremiah 31:27-34
- Ephesians 5:1-32
- Matthew 9:9-17
- Psalms 96 & 148 (AM)
- Psalms 49 & 138 (PM)

**ST. BARNABAS, APOSTLE**
- Ezekiel 47:1-12
- 1 John 3:11-18
- Matthew 10:34-42
- Psalms 122 & 149 (AM)
- Psalms 118 & 111 (PM)

**The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530; Philip Melanchthon, Renewer of the Church, 1560**
- Proverbs 3:16-19
- Acts 11:1-19
- Luke 1:57-80
- Psalms 141 & 148 (PM)
- Psalms 6 & 20 (PM)

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| - Numbers 12:1-16 | - Romans 2:12-24 | - Matthew 18:10-20 | - Psalms 36 & 147:13-21 (AM) | - Psalms 80 & 27 (PM) |
| **Olg, Princess of Kiev, Confessor, 969; Vladimir, First Christian Ruler of Russia, 1015** | | | | | |

| **THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** | | | | | |
| - Psalms 28 & 99 (PM) | | | | |
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| - Psalms 125 & 91 (PM) | | | | |

| **THE SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** | | | | | |
| - St. James the Elder, Apostle | - Romans 6:12-23 | - Matthew 21:12-22 | - Psalms 5 & 145 (AM) | - Psalms 73 & 9 (PM) |
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| **Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany** | | | | | |
| - Psalms 26 & 130 (PM) | | | | |

| **THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST** | | | | | |
| - Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Monastic, and Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556 | - Numbers 27:12-23 | - Acts 19:11-20 | - Mark 1:4-20 | - Psalms 103 & 150 (AM) |
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#### The Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost
- **Albert Schweitzer, Missionary to Africa, 1965**
- **Paul Jones, Bishop, 1841**
- **Judges 11:1-11, 29-40**
- **2 Corinthians 11:21b-31**
- **Mark 4:35-41**
- **Psalms 19 & 150 (AM)**
- **Psalms 81 & 113 (PM)**

**Matthew 5:1-12**
**Job 11:1-9, 13-20**
**Psalms 97 & 147:13-21 (AM)**
**Psalms 16 & 62 (PM)**

#### After Pentecost
- **Mark 6:1-6a**
- **Job 4:1-6, 12-21**
- **Psalms 100 & 116 (AM)**
- **Psalms 113 & 149 (PM)**

**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**
**Judges 14:1-19**
**Acts 6:5-7, 16**
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#### The Fourteenth Sunday After Pentecost
- **John Henry Hobart, Bishop of New York, 1830**
- **Judges 17:1-13**
- **Acts 7:44-81a**
- **John 5:19-29**
- **Psalms 57 & 145 (AM)**
- **Psalms 85 & 47 (PM)**

**John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 407**
**Judges 18:1-31**
**Acts 8:1-25**
**John 5:30-6:15**
**Psalms 54 & 146 (AM)**
**Psalms 28 & 99 (PM)**

#### Holy Cross Day
- **Numbers 21:4-9**
- **Philippians 2:5-11**
- **John 3:17-18**
- **Psalms 125 & 91 (PM)**

#### The Fifteenth Sunday After Pentecost
- **Theodore of Tarsus, Archbishop of Canterbury, 690**
- **Job 4:1-3, 11-17, 21-27**
- **Acts 9:19b-31**
- **John 6:52-59**
- **Psalms 62 & 145 (AM)**
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Hosea 6:1-7

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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 justice, raise us up on the last day through 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 with your peace and love, so that we may reach out to our neighbor with your power and to your Church with your grace. Lord Jesus, Lamb without spot or blemish, you once again became man, so that we might be brought safely through 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 4
Almighty Lord, amid the grandeur of your creation you sought us out, and by the coming of your Son you adopted us with glory and honor, raising us in him above the heavens. Enable us so to care for the earth that all creatures may radiate the splendor of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 5
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 6
Psalms of lamentation.

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 upon our thoughts, and make us your people because of the Just One, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 8
Lord 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 acts of kindness. Show 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 9
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 10
Psalms of lamentation.

Psalm 11
Lord God, heavenly Father, your Son has fulfilled your 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 God, you consoled your Son with you in your eternal splendor. Open our eyes to see your face to face; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 14
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 15
Lord Jesus, 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 reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 16
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 17
Father, when your Son was handed over to death 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 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
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Psalm 23
Lord Jesus, 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 destroy every 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 your 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, you are the God of kindness and truth, you saved your chosen one, Jesus Christ, and 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 26
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 27
Lord God, through your Son you made the heavens and earth; through him you continue to accomplish the intentions of your heart. Make your 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 28
Lord our king, your voice sounds over the waters as you reign alone. 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 29
Father, when your Son was handed over to death 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 30
Lord God, you rose to the aid of your beloved Son against those who unjustly sought his life while 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 31
Lord God, source of light and
PRAYERS

Psalm 42
Now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 41
A new song to our God now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 40
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 46
Father, in your wisdom you allowed your Son to be dimensioned and exalted by his cross, but by his death the penalty of sin was changed into glory. Grant that, on our journeys in life, we may receive no token of 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 47
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 48
work to 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 49
Father, through your power the earth has brought forth its noblest fruit, the tree of the cross. Unite all people in its enes and embrace them with its fruit, everlasting life through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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
cast down the unfruitful branch for burning and prune the fruit 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 52
Lord, 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 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 name may rejoice in your 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 redeemed 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 be the glory 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 lovingly received you, our Lord and Master.

Psalm 59
Lord God of power, you rescued your Son from the grasp of evil powers. Deliver us from the grasp of his healing power, and let us stand exulting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 60
Lord Jesus, you have overcome the world, and all evil; let your weakness to serve you; and be the glory now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 61
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 62
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 through your grace and protection of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 64
Heavenly Father, you gave your Son victory over those who plotted against him; when he cried to you in agony, you delivered him from the fear of his enemies. May those who suffer with him in this life find refuge in your Son, 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 through these signs we may see the splendor of your love and may persevere 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 enes and embrace 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 as 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 sprinkling 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 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 all may come to you; 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 dimensioned and exalted by his cross, but by his death the penalty of sin was changed into glory. Grant that, on our journeys in life, we may receive no token of your Son the poor 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 God, remember the covenant you made 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 showed to the world 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 and brought to nothing those who 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 truth; and through the sacrifice of your Son you confirmed the new covenant yet more wondrously. Guide your Church to the land of promise, to the new covenant yet more wondrously. Guide your Church to the land of promise, to the eternal pastures, where justice may find consolation and the secrets of the heart are revealed, make us glad to proclaim your glory in the Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the lasting joy of your Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the lasting joy of your Church.

Psalm 78
Amen.

Psalm 79
the farthest shore. Keep us from every evil, and make us glad to proclaim your glory in the Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the lasting joy of your Church.

Psalm 80
Lord, Jesus Christ, shepherd of your Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the kingdom, you renewed 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.

Psalm 81
Lord, Jesus, author of our salvation and redeemer of all, for 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.

Psalm 83
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.

Psalm 85
Abundant grace has come upon us: For his sake, prosper the work of your hands until he returns to gladden our hearts forever.

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 your hands until he returns to gladden our hearts forever.

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 us, O 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 presence, 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. May we be loyal to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, now and forever. 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.

Psalm 95
Almighty God, neither let us be torn apart by discord, or destroyed by death. May your enemies be confounded before the whole world to multiply your praise and honor now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 96
Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 97
God, through your Son, Jesus Christ, shepherd of your Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the promised land. Grant us living water from the rock and bread from heaven, that we may survive the desert pilgrimage and make us glad to proclaim your glory in the Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the lasting joy of your Church.

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 sea roars and the hills sing together, we too will praise you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 99
Lord God, King of the universe, you love what is right, rebuke what is wrong, and show us your power and your love. From your dwelling-place refresh our hearts and minds; may 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 100
God our Father, you have created us as your people and you sustain us with your hand. Help us always to give glory and praise to the name of our great and holy God to whom we belong; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 101
Lord Jesus, you came to us so that the kingdom of your Father, who commanded us by the devil, you remained true to your Father, who commanded his angels to watch over you. Guard us, O 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 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 your 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 forgive all things unseemly, and you show us your power and your love. From your dwelling-place refresh our hearts and minds; may 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.

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Our Father, 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 sea roars and the hills sing together, we too will praise you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 105
God our Father, through the death and resurrection of your Son you have fulfilled the promise made 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 the desert pilgrimage and make us glad to proclaim your glory in the Church, to strengthen our faith and to lead us to the lasting joy of your Church.

Psalm 106
Lord God, you fill the hungry with good things and break the power of the enemy against 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 107
Lord, accept the prayers of your servants, and prepare our hearts to praise your holy name. Come to our aid in time of trouble, that we may sing you songs of thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 108
Lord Jesus, on the cross you blessed those who cursed you and asked that the Father and those who cursed you. Teach us to despise hatred and love, and to hate, to destroy the sin and not the sinner, and to forgive the offenses of others, as we have been foregiven 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 not to you, Father, Son, 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 obedienc, 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 whole world and to the happiness of your home, where you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 113 Lord, 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.

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Psalm 125 Lord, you are just and your commandments are eternal. Teach us to love you with all our hearts and to love our neighbors as ourselves, that the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Psalm 130 Lord God, you are great and have done mighty deeds; you have performed the powers of darkness and have shown compassion to your servants. Keep us from being deceived and the snares of the enemy. Lord Jesus, hanging on the cross and Maundy Thursday, may we love always with a pure heart and pray you forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 131 Lord, the new light render you 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.

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Psalm 135 Lord God, you have revealed your name to us, gathered in your name, 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 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 williled to make us children of 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 holy yoke now and forever. Amen.

Psalm 138 Lord, 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.

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Psalm 143 Lord Jesus, you bring the first light of dawn to those who dwell in darkness and make its beam 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 of the universe, you have entrusted the care of the earth to your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalm 145 Almighty God, you have revealed your name to us, gathered in your name, 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.
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.

THE PRAYERS (CONTINUES)

THE FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Evening of November 27, 2021 to Evening of December 4, 2021; Evening of November 26, 2021 to Evening of December 3, 2022)
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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT (Evening of December 4, 2021 to Evening of December 11, 2021; Evening of December 3, 2022 to Evening of December 10, 2022)
Stir up your hearts, O Lord, to prepare the way for your only-begotten Son. By coming in our midst you give us strength in our conflicts and shield 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, now and forever. Amen.

THE NATIVITY OF OUR LORD (Evening of December 24, 2021 to Evening of December 25, 2021; Evening of December 24, 2022 to Evening of December 31, 2022)
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 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 your presence 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.

THE PRAYERS (CONTINUES)

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

THE FIRST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Evening of December 26, 2020 to Evening of January 2, 2021; Evening of December 25, 2021 to Evening of January 1, 2022)
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 SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS (Evening of January 2, 2021 to Evening of January 5, 2021; Evening of January 1, 2022 to Evening of January 5, 2022)
Almighty God, you have filled us with the new light of the Word of life. Grant that we may live among us. Let the light of our faith shine in all that we do; 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 FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Evening of February 6, 2021 to Evening of February 13, 2021; Evening of February 5, 2022 to Evening of February 12, 2022)
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 in your Word and to follow the Scriptures proclaimed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Not in 2021; Evening of February 12, 2021 to Evening of February 19, 2022)
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 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Not in 2021; Evening of February 19, 2022 to Evening of February 26, 2022)
Lord God, we ask you to keep your family, the Church, always faithful to you, that all who lean on the hope of your promises may gain strength from the power of your love; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY (Not in 2021; Not in 2022)
Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of heaven and earth: Hear our prayer and give us your peace now and forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God, on the mountain you showed your glory in the transfiguration of your Son. Help us 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
Lord God, our strength, the battle of our lives and evil rages within and around us, and our ancient foes tempts us with his deceits and empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your Word. If then 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.

THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of February 27, 2022 to Evening of March 6, 2022; Evening of March 12, 2022 to Evening of March 19, 2022)
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. Help us to love one another as you through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of March 6, 2021; Evening of March 13, 2021; Evening of March 20, 2021; Evening of March 26, 2021) 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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of March 13, 2021; Evening of March 20, 2021; Evening of March 26, 2021; Evening of April 2, 2022) 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.

THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT (Evening of April 3, 2021; Evening of April 10, 2022; Evening of April 17, 2022) Almighty God, we have celebrated with joy the festival of your Lord’s resurrection and we humbly ask you to 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.

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER (Evening of April 17, 2022 to Evening of April 24, 2022; Evening of April 30, 2022 to Evening of May 7, 2022) 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.

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (Evening of April 24, 2022 to Evening of May 1, 2022; Evening of May 7, 2022 to Evening of May 14, 2022) God of all power, you called from the depths of despair, Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep. Send us as shepherds to rescue the lost, to heal the injured, to bind up their wounds 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.

SEASONAL PRAYERS (CONTINUED) >
O 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.

THE FOURTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of August 28, 2021 to Evening of September 4, 2021; Evening of September 10, 2021 to Evening of September 17, 2022)

O God, we thank you for all the things which will not be taken from us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of August 31, 2021 to Evening of September 7, 2022; Evening of September 14, 2021 to Evening of September 21, 2022)

As you gather disciples from near and far, count us also among those who boldly confess your Son Jesus Christ as Lord. Amen.

THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 18, 2021 to Evening of September 24, 2022)

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

THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST (Evening of September 25, 2021 to Evening of October 2, 2022)

O 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.
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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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.
PRAYERS (CONTINUED)

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.

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

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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 in 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, in glory everlasting. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For the nations of the earth; For seekers of wisdom; For the Church’s work and witness; 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.

Additional Prayers: For the theater writers, actors, audiences, and all who produce and perform drama.

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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.

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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.

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 12: Aelred, Abbot of Rievaulx, 1167
Pour into our hearts, O God, the Holy Spirit’s gift of love, that we, clasping each 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 those who have given their lives for the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth; For those who resist tyranny; For those in prison; For those who have died in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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 the theater writers, actors, audiences, and all who produce and perform drama.

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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 the theater writers, actors, audiences, and all who produce and perform drama.

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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 the theater writers, actors, audiences, and all who produce and perform drama.

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January 6: THE EPHESIANS 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 theater writers, actors, audiences, and all who produce and perform drama.

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January 15: 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 those who resist tyranny; For those in prison; For those who have given their lives for the message of the Gospel to the ends of the earth; For those who resist tyranny; For those in prison; For those who have died in your favor, and rest in your peace; for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son, one God, now and forever. Amen.

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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 your example to deny ourselves, to love you above all things, and, with pure hearts and minds, to devote ourselves to the service of our God 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 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 oppression and freedom from attachment to the things of this world.

Learn more: thenalc.org/antony-of-egypt


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 faith, so that in unity and peace we may proclaim one truth and follow the one Lord, your Son Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/confession-of-peter

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 our 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 in preaching the gospel.

Learn more: thenalc.org/henry-of-uppalsa

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.

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/wulfstan-of-worcester

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

O God, in your providence you singled out the holy martyr Fabian as worthy to be chosen to serve you 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. Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/agnes-of-rome

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 into 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.


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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/phillips-brooks

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: 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/vincent-of-saragossa

January 23: Phillips Brooks, Bishop of Massachusetts, 1893

O everlasting God, you revealed your truth to your servant Phillip Brooks and so formed and molded his mind and heart 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 your servants to 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 all who preach the gospel; For a burning desire to bring the world to Christ.

Learn more: thenalc.org/phillips-brooks

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

O God, you gave your blessed bishop Francis de Sales to the work 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.


Additional Prayers: For all who preach the gospel; For a burning desire to bring the world to Christ.

Learn more: thenalc.org/phillips-brooks

February 1: Bride (Brigid), Abbess, 523

Everliving God, we rejoice today in the fellowship of your blessed Servant Bride, 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 all who assist in the proclamation of the word of God.


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 your holy teaching; 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; For foreigners in a strange land; For female deacons; For all who assist in the proclamation of the word of God.

Additional Prayers: For those who attend daily worship.

Learn more: thenalc.org/lucy-dorcas-and-phoebe

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

Almighty God, you called your saints Timothy and Silas to the work of evangelists and teachers, and marked them strong to endure hardships 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.

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

Additional Prayers: For all who assist in the proclamation of the word of God.

Learn more: thenalc.org/confirmation-of-paul

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, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who assist in the proclamation of the word of God.

Learn more: thenalc.org/lydia-dorcas-and-phoebe
Additional Prayers: For the gift of joyful compassion; For all who lead lives of prayer; For communities of women; For brides.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ brigid-of-kildare

February 1: Ansgar (Anskar), Archbishop of Hamburg, Missionary to Denmark and Sweden, 865

Almighty and everlasting 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ presentation

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

Almighty and everlasting God, you sent your servant Ansgar 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, we pray, steadfast and unswerving in the example of your servant Ansgar; and grant us to be so inspired by the spirit of Christ to forgive our enemies.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ paul-miki

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 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 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, now and forever. Amen.

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

Learn more: thenalc.org/ cornelius-the-centurion

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ philipp-spener

Also on February 5

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

February 6: Philipp Jakob Spener, Reformer 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 wandering 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ philipp-spener

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 forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ absalom-jones

Also on February 13

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates Aquila and Priscilla (Piritsa), 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 Apollos, a learned Jew who completed his Christian education under Priscilla and Aquila.

February 14: Cyril, Monk, Priest and Missionary, 387

O God, who completed your servant Cyril’s Christian ministry of your servants Cyril and Methodius in the Slavic nations: Protect your faithful shepherd, your servant Cyril, now and forever. Amen.

Also on February 14

The Lutheran Service Book, with its penchant for liturgical innovation, commemorates Valentinus (Valentine), 251. 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: 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, who opened the heart of your servant Thomas Bray to answer the needs of the church in the New World: Make your church diligent to share the cup of Christ and thanksgiving for those who have been citizens of the church; For a life of devotion; For boldness to witness to the faith; For courage and resolution in the face of defeat; For the church in Sweden; For the church in Denmark.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ angar-of-hamburg

February 18: Martin Luther, Renower 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 your Son Jesus Christ our Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. 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 Löhse’s calendar (February 16), lists Philemon and his slave Onesimus on February 15; their story is given in the New Testament book Philemon.

February 19: 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 Melanchthon. 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ janani-luwum

February 22: 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. Learn more: thenalc.org/matthias-the-apestle

February 25: Elizabeth Fedde, 1821; 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 all 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. Learn more: thenalc.org/bartholomaeus-ziegenbalg

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

Almighty God, who poured out your Spirit upon your Son and his apostles 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. Learn more: thenalc.org/elizabeth-fedde

February 26: Bartholomäus Ziegenbalg, Missionary to India, 1719

God of eternal and abounding love, remember 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.

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. Learn more: thenalc.org/george-herbert

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 and proclaim 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 Wales; For the people and leaders of Wales; For the spirit of simplicity and austerity. Learn more: thenalc.org/david-of-menevia

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 equipped 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 discernment; For a social conscience; For the reconciliation of the Methodist and Anglican Churches. Learn more: thenalc.org/john-wesley

March 2: Chad, Bishop of Lichfield, 672

Almighty God, for the peace of the Church your servant Chad sought 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 the poor; For social justice; For renewed appreciation of the liturgy; For a spirit of service; for those who are a ministry of the word, and those who work as administrators, distracted by many concerns. Learn more: thenalc.org/chad-of-lichfield

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

O God, the King of saints, in whom your servants Perpetua and Felicita 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 the persecuted peoples of Ireland; For an end to the many sufferings of the country and deliverance from terrorism; For missionaries in physical danger and harassment; For zeal in God’s service; For renewed respect for the natural world. Learn more: thenalc.org/gregory-the-great

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

Almighty and merciful God, guiding your people with kindness and governing and coming to justice, let us recall up Gregory of Rome to be a servant of the servants of God: Give the Spirit of wisdom to 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 peace of Jerusalem and the Holy Land; For the removal of the wall of separation 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-romefrom February 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 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 indigent 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. Learn more: thenalc.org/cuthbert-of-lindisfarne

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, too, to follow that, following his example, we may constantly defend what is right, boldly reprove what is evil, and patiently suffer the truth’s sake: through Jesus Christ our Lord,
March 25: THE ANNOUNCEMENT 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/annunciation

March 27: Charles Henry Brent, Bishop of the Philippines and of Western New York, 1927

Heavenly Father, whose Son we all might be: 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 forever. Amen.

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

Learn more: thenalc.org/charles-brent

March 29: John Keble, Priest, 1866

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 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; For an awareness of the shortness of life.

Learn more: thenalc.org/john-keble

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

Gracious and loving Father, with 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 forty days and forty nights; For the world's need; For the reviving of the church.

Learn more: thenalc.org/hans-hauge

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 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 growth in grace.

Learn more: thenalc.org/amalie-sieveking

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, 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/james-breck

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 and Friend, and Brother, and for all the pains and insults he has borne for us; and we pray that, following the example of your servant 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/richard-of-chichester

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 the enemy. Help us, like your servants Martin Luther King, Jr., 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 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 church to civic and civil life; For a renewed sense of compassion for the poor and infirm; For those who teach the underprivileged the way of God.

Learn more: thenalc.org/amalie-sieveking

April 6: Albrecht Dürer, Painter, 1528; Lucas Cranach the Elder, Painter, 1535; Matthias 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 expansion of our place in the world; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For painters, sculptors, architects; For a renewed appreciation of beauty as an attribute of God; For peace; For all poets and writers in the Christian tradition; For the gift of insight and discernment.

Learn more: thenalc.org/abrecht-durer

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. Grant that 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 are near; for those who are far off; for the Church at the frontiers; For grace to learn that voluntary suffering can be redemptive; For a quickening of the national conscience.

Learn more: thenalc.org/martin-luther-king

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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 to protest the evil of anti-Christian, slay their tongue: Mercifully grant that we, who are constantly receiving good things from your hand, may always give you thanks; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.  

Additional Prayers: For a renewed spirit of love for all people; For the poor, just and 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/toyohiko-kagawa

April 24: Johann Walter (Walther), Musician, 1570  
O Lord God, through the life, death, and resurrection of your Son, Jesus Christ, and by the grace of the Holy Spirit, the revelation of your salvation mystery is now revealed and made known to 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 establish Your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Learn more: thenalc.org/johann-walter

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...
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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/mark-the-evangelist

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/philip-and-james

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 and to oppose all opposition, trusting solely in the grace of your eternal Word, who took upon himself our humanity that we might give 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 the passion of Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/frederick-iii

May 6

The Eastern Church on this date commemorates Job the Longsuffering, who saw nothing of the glory that was to come 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 manna to revere and trust in the good you have given us at our Lord 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/julian-of-norwich

May 9: Nicolas Ludwig, Count von Zinzendorf, Renower 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 rulers of the nations, including presidents, 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/nicolaus-ludwig

May 18: Eirik IX Jedvardsson, King of Sweden, Martyr, 1160

Lord God, your servant King Eirik of Sweden reflected the 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 your laws, and a zeal 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper knowledge of Christ and his benefits; For missionaries; For theMoravian Church.

Learn more: thenalc.org/erik-ix

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, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For women abandoned by their husbands; For Christian families; For the rulers of the nations.

Learn more: thenalc.org/alcuin-of-york

May 21: John Eliot, Missionary to the Native Americans, 1690

Almighty and everlasting God, we thank you for your devout and accomplished 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 every 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 the cathedral; 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ludwig-nomnensen

May 24: Nicolaus Copernicus, 1543; Johannes Kepler, 1630; Leonhard Euler, 1783; Teachers

O God our Lord, creator of stars and planets and worlds beyond our grasp, we thank you 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/nicolaus-copernicus
O Lord our God, by your Missionary, 605
May 26: Augustine, First Apostle 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ augustine-of-canterbury

May 27: John Calvin, Renower of the Church, 1564
God of sovereign majesty and magnificient 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.

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ bede-venerable

May 28: 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 all expectant mothers; For a union of Christ’s 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ blanda-and-companions

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 unalteringly 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: For those who preserve and interpret the liturgical traditions of the church.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ martyrs-of-uganda

June 4: John XXIII, Bishop of Rome, Renower 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 be heard in our hearts and lives. Lord 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 unalteringly 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, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ martyrs-of-uganda

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 all called to the ministry an undaunted devotion to your people and to your 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 all African Christians; For all African Christians who suffer persecution for their faith; For those who teach the faith; For courage in the face of disappointment.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ boniface-of-mainz

June 6: William Alfred Passavant, Renower 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 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,” 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ john-xxiii

Additional Prayers: For the church in Scotland; For the relief of the poor and the oppressed; For social relations and unity; For peace in the world; For peace in the Church; Keep us, we pray, steadfast in our faith, in this and every world; That your Church may ever and ever, one God, now and forever. Amen.

On June 14: 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 his life and substance for 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 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. Learn more: thenalc.org/macrina-and-companions

On 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.

Additional Prayers: For the church in Ethiopia; For social justice; For courage to press on in the way of the Lord; For deepened understanding of political and social freedom. Learn more: thenalc.org/nativity-of-john-the-baptist

June 22: Alban, the First Martyr in Britain, c. 304

Almighty God, by whose grace your holy martyr Alban triumphed over suffering and was faithful even to death: Grant us, who now remember your faithful witness, 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all Christians in England; For relations and leaders in the Eastern Orthodox Churches; For all who serve in military forces; For courage to profess our faith when it would be easier to deny it. Learn more: thenalc.org/alban-of-britain

June 24: The Nativity of St. John the Baptist

Lord God, heavenly Father, from your servant John the Baptist you bore witness that Jesus Christ is the Lamb that God 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 belief, 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 zeal for a just cause; For renewal of life; For an earnest expectation of the coming of Christ; For all who proclaim Christ’s presence among us; For the church in Ethiopia; For all who work to defend the faith from attack; For the people of the world who are subject to oppression. Learn more: thenalc.org/cyril-of-alexandria

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.

July 25

The traditional date for the opening of what the Eastern Church considers the Eastern Easter is April 17 of the Gregorian calendar, as referenced in the Eastern Orthodox liturgical calendar. The Eastern Orthodox Church uses the Julian calendar for liturgical purposes, which is 13 days behind the Gregorian calendar. Therefore, the traditional Eastern Orthodox date for Easter is April 17 of the Gregorian calendar, which would be April 30 in the Gregorian calendar.

Almighty God, who sent your servant Jeremiah to call the nations to repentance and prepare the way for your Son:古老且重要的信仰

Almighty God, you have promised by our Savior Jesus Christ to bestow upon your people the eternal life which you have prepared for them in glory: Grant, we pray, that knowing your power, we may be faithful, joyful witnesses of your salvation in this world, and by your Spirit into the light of the eternal Being of glorious majesty and perfect love, which is Jesus Christ our Lord; who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For missionaries in inhospitable places; For evangelists in areas untouched by the Gospel; For church in Ethiopia; For theological schools; For church musicians and hymnwriters. Learn more: thenalc.org/ephrem-of-edessa

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 and self-denial, and for the gift of joy in our hearts; For perseverance in prayer. Learn more: thenalc.org/columba-of-Iona

Also on 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 church in Ethiopia; For social justice; For courage to press on in the way of the Lord; For deepened understanding of political and social freedom. Learn more: thenalc.org/nativity-of-john-the-baptist

June 12

Lesser Feasts and Fasts 2003 added on this date the commemoration of Enmegahbowh, the first Apostle of God 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 world, heralds and evangelists of your kingdom, so that the whole world may know the immeasurable riches of your Savior, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Remembered with Frumentius, Apostle of the Abyssinians, c. 380

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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 our faith, in this and every world; that your Church may ever and ever, 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 all bishops who guard and defend the apostolic faith. Learn more: thenalc.org/irenaeus-of-lyons

June 29: St. Peter and St. Paul, Apostles

Almighty God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified 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. Learn more: thenalc.org/peter-and-paul
Additional Prayers: 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/neale-and-winkworth

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, 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.

Remembranced 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/johan-winkell

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; for the church in the Czech Republic; For the Moravian Church.

Learn more: thenalc.org/jan-hus

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 patience and understanding of 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/benedict-and-scholastica

July 15: Olga, Princess of Kiev, Confessor, 969; Vladimir, First Christian Ruler of Russia, 1015

God the All-Merciful, you brought your servant Olga to the church and by the splendor of the Divine Liturgy you revealed to her grandson Vladimir the glories of your 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/bartolome-de-las-casas

Also on July 21

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: John Mason Neale, 1856; 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 gentleness and patience, 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 inexpressible 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 patience and love; For those who work for women’s rights.

Learn more: thenalc.org/neale-and-winkworth

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 your 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/mary-magdalene

July 23: Birgitta of Sweden, Renower 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 those who struggle against repression and injustice; For the rights of all people.

Learn more: thenalc.org/elizabeth-stanton

Also on July 23

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 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 you praise, and always to seek to know 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 confirm 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.**

Learn more: thenalc.org/ thomas-a-kempis

**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 Church of God the gift of your Spirit, that it may be like you in every generation; For homes to come; For grandparents that their good lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ parents-of-mary

**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 unfailing 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, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ william-huntington

**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 and on earth is offered to you; in whom we 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 praise 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/mary-martha-and-lazarus

Also on July 29: Olaf II Haraldson, 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 revile the false doctrine of the Danes; 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/robert-barnes

**July 30:** Robert Barnes, Confessor, Martyr, 1540

Almighty God, heavenly Father, give us grace to follow 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, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/joseph-of-aramiatha

**Formerly on August 1:** Joseph of Arimathea

Merciful God, whose servant Joseph of Arimathea with reverence and godly fear prepared the body of your Lord and Son for burial; 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, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ignatius-of-loyola

Additional Prayers: For the spirit of service.

Learn more: thenalc.org/thenalc.org/learn-more

**July 31:** Ignatius of Loyola, Priest, Monarch, and Founder of the Society of Jesus, 1556

Teach us, good Lord, to serve you as you have taught us, 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 it in your name: through him, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For all who administer justice.

Learn more: thenalc.org/olaf-of-norway

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Additional Prayers: For the spirit of service.

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**August 3:** In this date the Lutheran Service Book of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod has introduced the commemoration of St. Olaf of Norway; For those who care for the deaf and prepare them for burial; For sure and certain hope of the resurrection.

Learn more: thenalc.org/joseph-of-aramiatha

**August 4:** Dominic de Guzman, Priest and Friar, 1211

O God, in the transfiguration of our Lord Jesus Christ, your glory was foreshadowed out adoption as the son of God; and in the voice that came from heaven, the Father acknowledged him as your Son: Grant that we, following his example, may fulfill your commandments by defending and supporting the kingdom of God; For continued support of 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 ad Vincula. In the sixteenth 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.

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**August 6:** Dominic de Guzman, Priest and Friar

O God, 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 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, now and forever. 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 ten derness in dealing with those whom we are convinced are mistaken or wrong.

Learn more: thenalc.org/dominic-de-guzman

**August 10:** Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr at Rome, 258

Almighty God, you called your servant 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 kingdom of God; For continued support of 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 ad Vincula. In the sixteenth 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.

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**Saints for August:**

- St. James the Elder, Apostle
- St. Olaf of Norway
- St. Dominic de Guzman
- St. Lawrence, Deacon and Martyr
- St. Ignatius of Loyola
- St. Mary, Martha, and Lazarus of Bethany

Learn more: thenalc.org/saints-for-august

**FESTIVAL & COMMEMORATION PRAYERS (CONTINUED)**

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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.
Learn more: thenalc.org/florence-and-clara

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.
Learn more: thenalc.org/jeremy-taylor

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 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.
Learn more: thenalc.org/blessed-virgin-mary

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 church in Armenia; 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.
Learn more: thenalc.org/bernard-of-clairvaux

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 teachers; For those who are struggling to find the right life of prayer; For homes where only one parent is Christian; For the spirit of unceasing prayer; For the unity of families in Christ.
Learn more: thenalc.org/-monica-of-thagaste

Also on August 27: Thomas Gallaudet, 1802, 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 continue to make clear to all the way 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.
Learn more: thenalc.org/thomas-and-henry

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 the right life of prayer; For teachers; For those who defend the faith; For a deeper love of the Scriptures.
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 you and the Holy Spirit you live and reign, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/moses-the-black

September 1: David Pendorl 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, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/david-oakerhater

Also on September 1: Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, Bishop andRenewer of the Church, 1872

God of grace and eternal learning of your servant Nikolai 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 courage to set out in quest of spiritual truth; For strength to endure the Church's pilgrim age; For grace to win heaven at last; For writers who explore religious truth with a clear and sure skill.

Learn more: thenalc.org/john-bunyan

September 2: Nikolai Frederik Severin Grundtvig, Bishop andRenewer of the Church, 1872

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.

Additional Prayers: For all who are wondrously 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/beheading-of-john

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 untrodden, through peril...
Additional Prayers: For the Church of the Holy Selpucrhe in Jerusalem and for the Christians of differing traditions, who work together toward the reconciliation of all Christians; 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 prayer, give us courage to boldly 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 the unity of the church; 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/cyprian-of-carthage

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, now and forever. Amen.

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Learn more: thenalc.org/niinan-of-scotland

September 17: Hildegard, Abbess of Bingen, Renower 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/hildegard-of-bingen

September 18: Dag Hammerskjold, 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.

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Learn more: thenalc.org/dag-hammerskjold

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 keep faith; 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/edward-pusey

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 renewed appreciation of our Jewish heritage; For ethical renewal; For openness to the mystery of the glory of Christ.

Learn more: thenalc.org/matthew-the-evangelist

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 Julius 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For a deeper attachment to the things that abide: For an increased love of the natural world and created space; For the church in Russia.

Learn more: thenalc.org/sergius-of-radonezh

September 26: Lancelot Andrews, 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 Andrews; and by his example of biblical and expository preaching, may we learn the meaning and the importance of study; and may his dedication to the service of Christ's name in every place, led by bold witnesses to the truth of Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For bishops and other clergy that may always make room for 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/philander-chase

Also on September 22:
Philardee Chase, Bishop of Ohio and Illinois, 1852
Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the pioneer and perfector of our faith: Grant that like your servant Philardee Chase you may have the grace to minister in Christ's name in every place, led by bold witnesses to the truth of Prince of Peace, 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 have abandoned the administration of the church; For grace to choose the way of the cross; For the unity of the church; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/lancelot-andrews

September 28: Jephie 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 Jephie 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 champion of the faith in Russia; For the Anglican Communion; For openness to the mystery of the glory of Christ; For the church in Russia.

Learn more: thenalc.org/vincent-de-paul

September 29: ST. MICHAEL AND ALL ANGELS
Eternally 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 the church; For France; For the people and government of France; For all who advise and counsel those who are in authority; For politicians and civic leaders.

Learn more: thenalc.org/remigius-of-rheims

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 that your people may 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 the poor 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/francis-of-assisi

October 5: Frederike Fliedner, 1842; Theodor 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 such understanding of your grace and firmness of purpose, diligence in service, and beauty of life in Christ, that they may be a convincing sign of your 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 diocesan; For those in prison; For the sick and the forgotten, For the spirit of joyful obedience.

Learn more: thenalc.org/fliedner-family

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.

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Learn more: thenalc.org/henry-muhlenberg

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 in the face of opposition; Grant that we may abundantly give 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/william-tyndale

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 ministry 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.

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Learn more: thenalc.org/robert-grosseteste

Also on October 9
The Lutheran Service Book, following Löhne’s calendar, commemorates Abraham the patriarch on this date. His story is given in Genesis 11:27-25.

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 of God; Grant that the hope and assurance of salvation 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, forever and ever. 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/henry-muhlenberg

October 13: Elizabeth Fry, Renovator 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 his life, 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 suffering in patience; 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/teresa-of-avila

October 16: Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, Renewer of the Church, 1556
Almighty and everliving God, whose servant Thomas Cranmer permanently enriched the devotions 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 best 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/thomas-cranmer

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 nourish 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 of our gifts as a sweet and 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ ignatius-of-antioch

Also on October 17: Paul 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 who have sent to call the Church to its tasks and renew its life. We thank you for your servant Paul 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 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 Lutheran Church; For the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ paul-spring

October 18: 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/henry-martyn

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 your 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.

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

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 riches, truth, 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 crowded 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ philipp-johann-and-paul

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 conversion of all who are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gives to all 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 wait 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ simon-and-jude

November 1: All Saints’ Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, for your love’s sake: Grant that we who remember before you 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, forever and ever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/james-hannington-and-companions

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 you have brought 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 example of all your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now find rest and refreshment; and we pray that, 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 are at variance and enmity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who gives 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ faithful-departed

November 3: Martin de Porres, Renower of Society, 1619

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 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ martin-de-porres

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/richard-hooker

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, 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ elizabeth-and-zechariah

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, 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/william-temple

November 7: Willibrod, 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 Willibrod to be an apostle to the Low Countries, to turn them from the worship of idols to your truth. May he guide us to love and live in your service, and we entreat you to preserve them from the worship of idols and fearlessly make your Word known to all peoples. Amen.

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 mercy, Lord, you sent your dear Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, who won for us forgiveness of sins and everlasting salvation. Grant us true confession and faith so that we may hear the sweet words of absolution from your confessor as Martin Luther heard them from his pastor, Johannes von Staupitz, and be released from all our sins; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Additional Prayers: For Christians in the Netherlands; For the government and people of the Netherlands; For missionaries and their families.

Learn more: thenalc.org/willibrod-of-uterecht

November 8: John Christian Frederick Heyer, Missionary to India, 1871
Almighty and everlasting God, you called 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/john-christian-heyer

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 grace 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/leo-great

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 model 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/johnnes-staupitz

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 him 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.

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/martin-chemnitz

November 12: Soren Aabye Kirkegaard, 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/soren-kirkegaard

November 14: Consacration of Samuel Seabury, First American Anglican Bishop, 1794
We give you thanks, O Lord, for your goodness in bestowing upon this church the gift of the episcopate; and we pray that, joined together in unity of your Holy Faith and in your Holy Sacraments, we may proclaim the Gospel of redemption with a true and perfect zeal; through the Christ Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/american-seabury

Also on November 14
The Byzantine calendar on this date commemorates the Emperor Justus and his wife Theodora. The calendar in the Lutheran Service Book (2006) lists the Emperor Justus on the third day of the Lord’s Week; for courage to risk all for the sake of Christ; For all tormented souls.

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/justus-theodora

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, even as she prayed, a name love that we may be living signs of your goodness and at the last attain the glorious crown of your elect: Give to your servant and Confessor of Christ, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/margaret-of-scotland

Also on 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/elizabeth-of-thuringia

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 prelates. 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/hugh-of-lincoln

November 18: Hilda, Abbess of Whitby, 680
O God of peace, by whose grace the abbess Hilda was endowed with firmness, 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 bestowed on men and women, that our common life may be enriched and your graces 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 diocesan and religious schools; For true cooperation between women and men; For all who encourage and support scholarship and learning.

Learn more: thenalc.org/hilda-of-whitby

November 19: Mechtilde of Magdeburg, 1282; Mechtilde of Hackeborn, 1298; Gertrude the Great, 1302; Renewers of the Church
Eternal God of fire and mercy, you fulfilled the hearts of your servants Mechtilde of Magdeburg, Mechtilde of Hackeborn, and Gertrude the Great with visions of your love and splendor: Bring your light, we pray, into the darkness of our hears that we may know 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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/hugh-of-lincoln
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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/edmund-of-east-anglia

November 22: Clives Staples Lewis, Apologist and Spiritual Writer, 1963
O God of hearing 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/cs-lewis

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 heirs of the Lamb of God: Raise up for us teachers like your servant Clement, the disciple of your first Apostles, who have left writings that 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/clement-of-rome

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

Also on November 25: James Otis Donington Hannington, Priest and Monk, 1935
Preserve your people, O God, from discouragement in the face of adversity, as you did your servant James Huntington Hannington, whose life you have begun a good work you will bring it to completion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was crucified and rose again, that he readily obeyed the will of you, the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/isaac-watts

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/andrew-the-apostle

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.

Also on December 3: Jantine Auguste Haumersen, First Ordained Female Lutheran Pastor, 1967
Heavenly Father, shepherd of all nations, 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 God and Jesus Christ. Amen.

Learn more: thenalc.org/jantine-haumersen

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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/john-of-damascus

December 5: Clement of Alexandria, Priest, c. 210
O Lord, the Savior and Guardian of those who fear you, grant us that by giving you our Church the deceitful allurements of this world’s wisdom; that under the teaching of your Spirit, we, like your servant Clement, may find peace in the celestial oracles and the apostolic instructions, lest the vanity of falsity deceives the holy 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.

Additional Prayers: For all theologians, particularly those who are forging links between Christian faith 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/clement-of-alexandria

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, now and forever. 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/nicholas-of-myra

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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/ambrose-of-milan

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 by their addictions are in captivity. In the Cross of Christ they find you in trials and in their weakness they find strength. For his body and his blood. For his love that conquers all. For his gentle, enduring love in his poems: Grant that, as we celebrate the day, 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 the church, we may be glorified throughout the world or the church overlooks the salvation of all whom the cross of suffering is 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 all creation, mightily ordering all things: Come and teach us the way of understanding.

Learn more: thenalc.org/o-antiphons

Also on December 17

The Byzantine calendar on this date commemorates the Prophet Daniel and the Three Youths (Hananiah/Shadrach, 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 3:7-11f.

December 18: O Adonai/O Lord of Might

O Lord of Might [O Adonai], 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: Katharina von Bora Luther, 1552

God of steadfast love, you joined your servants Katharina von Bora and Martin Luther in holy marriage and established in their life together a model of 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 a healthy skepticism; For a renewal of the Easter faith; For grace to receive Christ. Learn more: thenalc.org/thomas-the-apostle
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.

December 24: The Nativity
In the darkness of the world, we see the light of Christ’s glory to give us life in this world so that we, being illumined by the splendor of light everlasting, 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, 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).

Learn more: thenalc.org/thorlak-of-skalholt

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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/incarnation

December 26: St. Stephen, Deacon and Martyr
We give you thanks, O Lord, the brightness of your light, 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/stephens-the-deacon

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 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, now and forever. 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/holy-innocents

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 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.

Learn more: thenalc.org/thomas-becket

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 sensitivity to the needs of the persecuted and oppressed; For repentance for brutality and repression, especially that committed in the name of the Holy Child Jesus.

Learn more: thenalc.org/church

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