

Narrative Lectionary 2026–27

Worship Resources for Year 1 (Matthew)

These worship resources accompany Narrative Lectionary readings for 2026-27 (Year 1 - Matthew), originally provided by Kimberly Leetch (Prayers of the Day) and Scott Rohr and Chris Shelton (music selections).

Each day's prayer may end: “This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.” or “We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.”

Suggested hymns refer to the following sources:

ELW: Evangelical Lutheran Worship (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)

GG: Glory to God (Presbyterian Church [U.S.A.])

H82: Hymnal 1982 (The Episcopal Church)

NCH: New Century Hymnal (United Church of Christ)

UMH: The United Methodist Hymnal (The United Methodist Church)

NL101: Flood and Promise

Date	Sept. 13, 2026
Reading	Genesis 6:5-22; 8:6-12; 9:8-17 (Matt 8:24-27, Jesus calms the storm)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of promise, you set a bow in the sky to remind us that you will never again forsake your creation. Make us ever mindful of your promise, so that we might honor our covenant with you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Come, thou fount of every blessing — ELW 807, H82 686, UMH 400, NCH 459 Creating God, your fingers trace — ELW 684, H82 394, 395, NCH 462, UMH 109 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing — ELW 545, H82 344, UMH 671, NCH 7
Choral	God of tempest, God of whirlwind — Carolyn Jennings

NL102: Call of Abraham

Date	Sept. 20, 2026
Reading	Genesis 12:1-9 (Matt 28:19-20, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of covenant, you promised Abraham land, descendants, and blessing so that he might be a blessing for all. Show us how to honor the covenant, so that we might be a blessing to others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	The God of Abraham praise — ELW 831 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth — ELW 340
Choral	I give you my hands, Lord — Christopher Tambling

NL103: Joseph in Prison

Date	Sept. 27, 2026
Reading	Genesis 39:1-23 (Matt 5:11-12, Blessed are you when people revile you)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of presence, you remained fully with Joseph when he sat long years in a prison for a crime he did not commit. Help us to see that you are always with us, so that we might live faithfully in your world. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	God himself is present — openhymnal.org Arise your light has come — ELW 314 Goodness is stronger than evil — ELW 721
Choral	A Blessing — Howard Don Small

NL104: Rescue at the Sea

Date	Oct. 4, 2026
Reading	Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29 (Matt 2:13-15, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Egypt, out of Egypt have I called my son)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of salvation, you rescued the Israelites at the edge of the Red Sea. Rescue us from the things of this world that threaten our lives and livelihoods, so that we might forever place our trust in you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Praise, praise! You are my rock — ELW 862 Calm to the waves — ELW 794 Eternal Father, strong to save — ELW 756
Choral	Make my life a living prayer — Aaron David Miller

NL105: Covenant and Commandments

Date	Oct. 11, 2026
Reading	Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17 (Matt 5:17, Jesus came not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of the commandments, you gave the Israelites laws so that they might live in harmony with one another. Show us how to live in peace, so that all may know of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Spirit of God, descend upon my heart — ELW 800, UMH 500, NCH 290A On Eagle's Wings — ELW 787/various
Choral	Give us the wings of faith — Ernest Bullock

NL106: Joshua Renews the Covenant

Date	Oct. 18, 2026
Reading	Joshua 24:1-15 [16-26] (Matt 4:8-10, Jesus says to Satan, “Worship God and serve only him”)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of deliverance, you saved the people of Israel and chose Joshua to lead your people to the Promised Land. Choose us, and equip us to live with faith and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	All who love and serve your city — ELW 724 Beautiful Savior — ELW 838 The Lord now sends us forth — ELW 538
Choral	Blessed city, heavenly Salem — Edward Bairstow

NL107: David and Bathsheba

Date	Oct. 25, 2026
Reading	2 Samuel 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9 (Matt 21:33-41, Parable about the wicked tenants)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of forgiveness, you showed your servant David the error of his ways, and forgave him for his sins. Forgive us, and help us to see how we might live differently to honor you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	For by grace you have been saved — ELW 598 Change my heart, O God — ELW 801 Great God, your love has called us — ELW 358 God, when human bonds are broken — ELW 603
Choral	Create in me — Carl Mueller/Various

NL108: Solomon's Wisdom

Date	Nov. 1, 2026
Reading	1 Kings 3:4-9, [10-15], 16-28 (Matt 6:9-10, Pray in this way, “Our Father ...”)
Prayer of the Day	Generous God, you gave your servant Solomon wisdom so that he might govern your people well. Grant us your wisdom, so that we might perform our life's duties with gratitude and wisdom. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	God whose almighty word — ELW 673 If you but trust in God to guide you — ELW 769 Forgive our sins as we forgive — ELW 605
Choral	Pater Noster — Igor Stravinsky Our Father — Harry T. Burleigh

NL109: Elisha Heals Naaman

Date	Nov. 8, 2026
Reading	2 Kings 5:1-15a (Matt 8:2-3, Jesus heals a leper, “I will, be clean”)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	Healing God, you healed your servant Naaman of his affliction when he came to you, through Elisha, for help. Heal our afflictions, and make us faithful servants. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	For all the saints — ELW 422, H82 287, UMH 711, NCH 299 I sing a song of the saints of God — H82 293, UMH 712, NCH 295 Lift high the cross — ELW 660
Choral	The souls of the righteous — T. Tertius Noble

NL110: Micah

Date	Nov. 15, 2026
Reading	Micah [1:3-5]; 5:2-5a; 6:6-8 (Matt 9:13, God wants mercy, not sacrifice)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of justice, you sent your servant Micah to proclaim justice and peace to a world that lacked both. Make us instruments of justice and peace, so that your world might prosper. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Let justice roll like streams — ELW 717 Amazing grace — ELW 779, H82 671, UMH 378, NCH 547, 548 Take my life, that I may be — ELW 583, 685, H82 707, UMH 399, NCH 448
Choral	Help us accept each other — John Ness Beck

NL111: Swords into Plowshares

Date	Nov. 22, 2026
Reading	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; 2:1-4 (Matt 5:14, light of the world, city on a hill)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of deliverance, you promised prosperity and peace to the exiles of Jerusalem. Grant us to prosper, not for riches, but for faith, so that our lives may be a blessing to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Lead on, O king eternal — ELW 806 Jerusalem, my happy home — ELW 628 At the name of Jesus — ELW 416, H82 435, UMH 168
Choral	Jerusalem — Hubert Parry

NL113: Faith as a Way of Life

Date	Nov. 29, 2026
Reading	Habakkuk 1:1-7; 2:1-4; 3:[3b-6], 17-19 (Matt 26:36-38, In Gethsemane Jesus is grieved and asks his disciples to watch with him)
Liturgical Color	Blue
Prayer of the Day	Faithful God, you proved your faithfulness to your people when they cried out to you in distress. Be present in our distress, and show us how to be faithful to you in the midst of suffering. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Bring forth the kingdom — Marty Haugen Light one candle to watch for Messiah — ELW 240 Stay here — Taizé
Choral	You are the salt and light — Pepper Choplin

NL114: Esther

Date	Dec. 6, 2026
Reading	Esther 4:1-17 (Matt 5:13-16, Salt and light)
Liturgical Color	Blue
Prayer of the Day	God of justice, you sent your servant Esther into a life of privilege so that those without would be taken care of. In our privilege, show us how to advocate for those who have less, so that your world might be peaceful and just. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Rejoice, rejoice, believers — ELW 244 Creator of the stars of night — ELW 245, H82 60, UMH 692, NCH 111
Choral	Advent Litany — Peter Hallock

NL115: Light to the Nations

Date	Dec. 13, 2026
Reading	Isaiah 42:1-9 (Matt 12:15-21, The ministry of Jesus)
Prayer of the Day	God of light, you sent a savior into the world to bring justice and release to all who are in bondage. Shine this light upon us, and show us how to bring justice and peace to all who suffer. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Savior of the nations, come — ELW 263 In deepest night — ELW 699 Christ be our light — ELW 715
Choral	Advent Carol — Alfred Fedak

NL116: Jesus as Immanuel

Date	Dec. 20, 2026
Reading	Matthew 1:18-25 (Psalm 23:1-4, or 23:4)
Liturgical Color	Blue
Prayer of the Day	God of promise, you made a commitment to Joseph that you would make Jesus a savior to all. Renew your commitment with us, so that all may know the saving grace of your son, Jesus. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	All earth is hopeful — ELW 266 Peace came to earth — ELW 285 Joy to the world — ELW 267, H82 100, UMH 246
Choral	I look from afar — Palestrina/Shephard

NL117: Birth of Jesus

Date	Dec. 24, 2026
Reading	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] (Psalm 96:10-13)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	Loving God, you sent your only son, Jesus, into the world, so that all might know of your love. Remind us daily that we are your precious children, too. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	O come, all ye faithful — ELW 283, H82 83, UMH 234, NCH 135 Silent night, holy night — ELW 281, H82 111, UMH 239, NCH 134 Away in a manger — ELW 277, 278, H82 101, UMH 217, NCH 124
Choral	What sweeter music — Michael Fink

NL118: Shepherds Visit

Date	Dec. 25, 2026
Reading	Luke 2:8-20 (Psalm 95:6-7)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	God of proclamation, you sent shepherds to Mary to proclaim the good news that her child is God's son. Send us into the world to proclaim the good news of your love to all who will hear. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	O come, all ye faithful — ELW 283, H82 83, UMH 234, NCH 135 O little town of Bethlehem — ELW 279, H82 78, 79, UMH 230, NCH 133 Angels from the realms of glory — ELW 280
Choral	Shepherd's Pipe Carol — John Rutter

NL119: Genealogy of Jesus

Date	Dec. 27, 2026
Reading	Matthew 1:1-17 (Psalm 132:11-12)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	Holy Parent, you blessed Jesus with a rich line of diverse and interesting ancestors. Bless our families; those related by blood and those brought to us by love. For the sake of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.
Hymns	All are welcome — ELW 641 If you but trust in God to guide you — ELW 679, H82 635 Blessed Jesus, at your word — H82 440
Choral	Under the Stars, One Holy Night — Jocelyn Hagen God of our life — Sally Ann Morris Come, Let Us Anew — Mack Wilberg

NL120: Flight to Egypt

Date	Jan. 3, 2027
Reading	Matthew 2:1-23 (Psalm 96:10-13) [opt: Psalm 11:1-3]
Prayer of the Day	Extravagant God, you sent magi with generous gifts to visit the baby Jesus and proclaim his reign to all the world. Make our voices heard when we proclaim God's love to all. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	We three kings — trad. Brightest and best of the stars — ELW 303 The first noel — ELW 300
Choral	<i>The three kings</i> , Healey Willan

NL121: Jesus' Baptism: Matthew

Date	Jan. 10, 2027
Reading	Matthew 3:1-17 (Psalm 2:7-8)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	Righteous God, you sent your son Jesus to be baptized by John in the Jordan, so that all might hear the proclamation of your love. Make us voices of proclamation, so that all might know of your love through our words and our actions. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Christ, when for us you were baptized — ELW 304 Crashing waters at creation — ELW 455 Earth and all stars — ELW 731
Choral	The Baptism of Christ — Peter Hallock

NL122: Tempted in the Wilderness

Date	Jan. 17, 2027
Reading	Matthew 4:1-17 (Psalm 91:9-12)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	God of strength, your son Jesus withstood many temptations because his love for you was greater than his earthly desires. Make our love for you so strong, that we might withstand anything that threatens to stand between us and your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Light dawns on a weary world — ELW 726 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult — ELW 696, H82 549, 550, UMH 398, NCH 171, 172 Is there anybody here who loves my Jesus — Traditional Spiritual
Choral	He shall give his angels charge over thee — Felix Mendelssohn

NL123: Beatitudes

Date	Jan. 24, 2027
Reading	Matthew 5:1-20 (Psalm 1:1-3)
Prayer of the Day	Loving God, your son Jesus taught many things that helped people know how deeply you love humanity. Help us to live in your love, so that we might be beacons of light for others. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	This little light of mine — ELW 670/trad. Here in this place (Gather us in) — ELW 532, GG 401 Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Christ, be our light) — GG 314, ELW 715
Choral	Blessed are you — William Beckstrand

NL124: Treasure in Heaven

Date	Jan. 31, 2027
Reading	Matthew 6:7-21 [25-34] (Psalm 20:7)
Liturgical Color	Green
Prayer of the Day	Extravagant God, you have promised treasure in heaven that outweighs any we could envision or imagine on earth. Help us to be grateful for the amazing gifts you have already given to us. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Be thou my vision — ELW 793 Jesus, priceless treasure — ELW 775, UMH 532, NCH 480 O day of rest and gladness — ELW 521, H82 48, NCH 66
Choral	Be thou my vision — Bob Chilcott

NL129: Transfiguration

Date	Feb. 7, 2027
Reading	Matthew 16:24–17:8 (Psalm 41:7-10)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	Radiant God, you revealed yourself in your son, Jesus, when he was transfigured on the mountain before his disciples. Reveal yourself to us daily, so that we might enlighten others with the good news of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Come, follow me, the Savior spake — ELW 799 Praise and thanks and adoration — ELW 783 Take up your cross, the Savior said — ELW 667
Choral	Transfiguration — Kathryn Rose

NL130: Who Is the Greatest?

Date	Feb. 10, 2027
Reading	Matthew 18:1-9 (Psalm 146:7c-10 or 51:1-3)
Liturgical Color	Purple
Prayer of the Day	Holy God, your servants argued about who would be greatest in your kingdom. Help us to be confident in the love you have for us, so that we feel no need to compete for your attention. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Forgive our sins as we forgive — ELW 605, H82 674 Abide with me — ELW 629, H82 662, UMH 700, NCH 99
Choral	A Pentatonic Kyrie — Christopher Dalitz

NL131: Forgiveness

Date	Feb. 14, 2027
Reading	Matthew 18:15-35 (Psalm 32:1-2)
Liturgical Color	Purple
Prayer of the Day	Forgiving God, as you encouraged your people to forgive, you modeled forgiveness by releasing us from our bondage to sin. Help us to forgive others, so that we might live in harmony with all your children. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	The glory of these forty days — ELW 320, H82 143 There's a wideness in God's mercy — ELW 587, 588, H82 469, 470, UMH 121, NCH 23 Forgive our sins as we forgive — ELW 605, H82 674
Choral	Lord for thy tender mercy's sake — Richard Farrant

NL132: Laborers in the Vineyard

Date	Feb. 21, 2027
Reading	Matthew 20:1-16 (Psalm 16:5-8)
Liturgical Color	Purple
Prayer of the Day	Generous God, you have promised to open your kingdom to all people, despite their circumstances. Bring us close to you, and help us to proclaim the goodness of your generosity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	All earth is hopeful — ELW 266 O master, let me walk with you — ELW 818 Beautiful Savior — ELW 838
Choral	Na vinha do Senhor — J. Ashley Hall and Bradley Pace

NL133: Wedding Banquet

Date	Feb. 28, 2027
Reading	Matthew 22:1-14 (Psalm 45:6-7)
Liturgical Color	Purple
Prayer of the Day	God of celebration, you have invited all people to rejoice in the goodness of your love. Help us to be hospitable to all people at your banquet, so that all might receive your blessing. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Let us go now to the banquet — ELW 523 As we gather at your table — ELW 522 I am the bread of life — ELW 485
Choral	Bread of life, we pray you — Thurlow Weed

NL134: Bridesmaids (and Talents)

Date	Mar. 7, 2027
Reading	Matthew 25:1-13 [14-30] (Psalm 43:3-4)
Liturgical Color	Purple
Prayer of the Day	God of holy anticipation, you have promised that you would return at a time unknown to us. Make us ready, so that when you return we might be welcomed into your kingdom with open arms. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Rejoice, rejoice, believers — ELW 244 Soul, adorn yourself with gladness — ELW 488 Come down, O Love divine — ELW 804, H82 516, UMH 475, NCH 289
Choral	Soul, adorn yourself with gladness — Scott Perkins

NL135: Last Judgment

Date	Mar. 14, 2027
Reading	Matthew 25:31-46 (Psalm 98:7-9)
Liturgical Color	Purple
Prayer of the Day	God of justice, you have shown yourself in this world in the poor, the hungry, and the needy. Make us willing participants of your grace and generosity, so that when you come again, we will know your face. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	We come to the hungry feast — ELW 479 We give thee but thine own — ELW 686 What feast of love — ELW 487
Choral	Come my way, my truth, my life — Ralph Vaughan Williams

NL136: Triumphal Entry

Date	Mar. 21, 2027
Reading	Matthew 21:1-17 (Psalm 118:25-29)
Liturgical Color	Red/Purple
Prayer of the Day	Righteous God, you brought your son Jesus into Jerusalem to show people the radical grace of your love. Show us this grace, and give us eyes to see your goodness. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	All glory, laud, and honor — ELW 344, H82 154, 155, UMH 280, NCH 216, 217 Prepare the royal highway — ELW 264 Give me Jesus — ELW 770
Choral	Hosanna to the Son of David — Dan Schutte

NL137: Words of Institution

Date	Mar. 25, 2027
Reading	Matthew 26:17-30 (Psalm 116:12-15)
Liturgical Color	Red/White
Prayer of the Day	God of promise, you made a covenant with your people in Israel, which you renewed at Jesus' last supper. Renew your covenant with us daily, so that we might learn to live in your light and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	My song is love unknown — ELW 343, H82 458, NCH 222 Go to dark Gethsemane — ELW 347, H82 171, UMH 290, NCH 219 For the bread which you have broken — ELW 494, H82 340, 341, UMH 615
Choral	Ave verum — Richard Robert Rossi

NL138: Crucifixion: Matthew

Date	Mar. 26, 2027
Reading	Matthew 27:27-61 (Psalm 22:1-2, [14-18])
Prayer of the Day	Grieved God, your only son Jesus fell to the earthly desires of humanity. Forgive us for our sin and restore us to your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Ah, holy Jesus — ELW 349, H82 158, UMH 289, NCH 218 They crucified my Lord — ELW 350/trad.
Choral	The Crucifixion — John Stainer

NL139: Easter: Matthew

Date	Mar. 28, 2027
Reading	Matthew 28:1-10 (Psalm 118:19-24)
Liturgical Color	White/Gold
Prayer of the Day	Alleluia! Christ is risen! He is risen indeed! Receive our unending love and devotion as we celebrate today the undeserved gift of your love. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Jesus Christ is risen today — ELW 365, H82 207, NCH 240 Now the green blade rises — ELW 379 O sons and daughters, let us sing — ELW 387
Choral	This joyful Eastertide — arr. Charles Wood A Repeating Alleluia — Calvin Hampton

NL140: Great Commission

Date	Apr. 4, 2027
Reading	Matthew 28:16-20 (Psalm 40:9-10)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	God of action, you sent your disciples into the world preach, teach, and make disciples of all nations. Make us instruments of proclamation, so that all might know of the love you have for humanity. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Listen, God is calling — ELW 513 Send me, Jesus — ELW 549 Lord, you give the great commission — ELW 579 We walk by faith — ELW 635, H82 209
Choral	Go ye into all the world — Don Besig and Nancy Price

NL141: Peter's Vision

Date	Apr. 11, 2027
Reading	Acts 10:1-17, 34-48 (Matt 9:36-37)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	God of all nations, you made it clear that all people are invited to partake of the glory of your salvation. Help us to invite all people to your goodness, so that no one might be forgotten in your saving grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Just a closer walk with thee — ELW 697 Rock of ages, clefts for me — ELW 623 Create in me a clean heart — ELW 188/Various I want Jesus to walk with me — ELW 325, UMH 521, NCH 490
Choral	Just a closer walk — arr. Stan Pethel

NL142: Paul's Mission

Date	Apr. 18, 2027
Reading	Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18 (Matt 10:40-42)
Prayer of the Day	God of all, you opened your gates wide to receive all your children into the heavenly kingdom. Help us to be vehicles of promise and proclamation for all who will listen, so that every soul might live in your grace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Signs and wonders — ELW 672 When the poor ones — ELW 725 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing — ELW 545, H82 344, UMH 671, NCH 77
Choral	Because he lives — Sally DeFord

NL143: Gospel as Salvation

Date	Apr. 25, 2027
Reading	Romans 1:1-17 (Matt 9:10-13)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	God of all humanity, you welcomed all -- sinners and saints -- into your kingdom. Help us to be as welcoming and accepting as you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Immortal, invisible, God only wise — ELW 834 Lord, take my hand and lead me — ELW 767 Salvation unto us has come — ELW 570
Choral	Salvation is created — Pavel Tchesnokov

NL144: God's Love Poured Out

Date	May 2, 2027
Reading	Romans [3:28-30] 5:1-11 (Matt 11:28-30)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	Gracious God, you have welcomed all people into your kingdom. Remove from us the barriers that we build to keep people from you, so that all might live in your grace and peace. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Let us talents and tongues employ — ELW 674 O living breath of God — ELW 407
Choral	The Spirit also helpeth us — J. S. Bach

NL145: Hope of Resurrection

Date	May 9, 2027
Reading	Romans 6:1-14 (Matt 6:24)
Liturgical Color	White
Prayer of the Day	God of resurrection, you have promised new life to all who believe. Make us believers, and show us how to live into this new life. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	We are baptized in Christ Jesus — ELW 451 Borning Cry — ELW 732 You have put on Christ — ELW 211, UMH 609
Choral	Baptism — William Billings

NL146: Nothing Can Separate Us

Date	May 16, 2027
Reading	Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:14-39 (Matt 28:16-20)
Liturgical Color	Red
Prayer of the Day	Great Spirit, you have lit upon each of us a flame to serve you in all that we do. Ignite your flame, and help us to burn brightly for you. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.
Hymns	Like the murmur of the dove's song — ELW 403, H82 513, UMH 544, NCH 270 Blest be the tie that binds — ELW 656 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus — ELW 392, H82 460, 461, NCH 257
Choral	O day full of grace — F. Melius Christiansen