# ALL TO THE GLORY: THE CHURCH YEAR

**PEACE LUTHERAN**

> Whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God. *1 Corinthians 10:31*
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## WHAT IS THE CHURCH YEAR?

Just like our calendar year, the church year follows patterns and cycles. Unlike the calendar year which starts in January, the church year starts with Advent and ends in November.

The church year is set up to highlight core parts of Bible history every year. You can be sure to hear the Christmas and Easter stories. Some other parts of the Bible come up only once every three years according to the lectionary. You can see the lectionary schedule beginning on page X of the blue hymnal. We are currently in Year B. Pastors don't have to follow the lectionary but many value the framework and guidance it gives. Every Sunday has suggested First (Old Testament), Second (Epistle), and Gospel (life of Jesus) readings. From these readings, pastors choose what to highlight in their sermons and service themes.

## PARTS OF THE CHURCH YEAR

*Advent:* four Sundays, ending the Sunday before Christmas (blue/purple)

*Christmas:* and one or two Sundays after Christmas (white)

*Epiphany:* from Jan. 6 until Transfiguration, the last Sunday before Lent (white, then green after the baptism of Jesus on the second Sunday)

*Lent:* Ash Wednesday and the 5 following Sundays (black for Ash Wed, then purple)

*Holy Week:* Palm Sunday through the Saturday before Easter (varies. Keeps the parament people hopping)

*Easter:* Easter Sunday (white) through Pentecost (red), which is 50 days after Easter

*After Pentecost:* the longest season, running until the Sunday before Advent starts again. Includes Holy Trinity, Reformation Day, All Saints' Day, and what used to be known as End Times, now just Christ the King or Last Sunday. Non-named Sundays in this time are called "Proper (#)" (green)

### OUR PRAYER for our year:

Heavenly Father, thank you for another year of grace. Help us regularly hear and learn your word. Amen.

**Next up:**

**The Annual Meeting (probably?)**

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