

SPECIAL EDITION
NATIVITY OF OUR LORD DECEMBER 24/25, 2015
LUTHERAN
LIVING THE ^ LECTIONARY

A weekly study of the Scriptures for the coming Sunday.
An opportunity to make the rhythms of the readings
become a part of the rhythms of your life.

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The Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) used by most of the Christian world offers three readings for these special times. They are referred to as Proper 1 for Christmas **Eve** and Day, Proper 2 for Christmas Eve & **Day (Dawn)** and Proper 3 for Christmas Eve and **Day**. The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod (LCMS) adds a fourth set of readings for Christmas Eve and uses the Proper 1 readings for a Midnight Service on Christmas Eve.

The chart that follows (<http://wordtoworship.com/lectionary/lcms>) outlines the readings and gives you active links through www.biblegateway.com to each of the readings in the translation of your choice. “Find related songs” will connect you to a linkable list of contemporary worship songs based on the Scriptures for that day.

Thu, Dec 24, 2015	Christmas Eve Early	Is 7:10-14 Ps 110:1-4 1 John 4:7-16 Matt. 1:18-25  Read all.	Find Related Songs
Thu, Dec 24, 2015	Christmas Eve Midnight	Is 9:2-7 Ps 96 Ti 2:11-14 Luke 2:1-14 (15-20)  Read all.	Find Related Songs
Fri, Dec 25, 2015	Christmas Dawn	Is 62:10-12 Ps 98 Ti 3:4-7 Luke 2:(1-14) 15-20  Read all.	Find Related Songs
Fri, Dec 25, 2015	Christmas Day	Is 52:7-10 Ps 2 Heb 1:1-6 (7-12) John 1:1-14 (15-18)  Read all.	Find Related Songs

The Lutheran Service Book and The Lutheran Hymnal have many hymns appropriate to these services. Entering the name of the hymn on a Google search and choosing “Videos” will give you many variations on the hymn. Using “From heav’n above to earth I come” as an example (LSB, 358 – TLH 85), will give you 4,810,000 results. Start with the organ prelude at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aOqE9WCbVdM> This is from a website called [One LSB Hymn a Week](#) . If you are interested in background about the hymn and the people who wrote it visit www.hymnary.org.

The link for this hymn is

[http://www.hymnary.org/text/from heaven above to earth i come to bea](http://www.hymnary.org/text/from%20heaven%20above%20to%20earth%20i%20come%20to%20bea)

Those who are familiar with reading “Living the Lutheran Lectionary” have come to enjoy the weekly visit from Ted and Rick. “Each week, Rick (the one with the dark nose) and Ted discuss one of the assigned readings from the Common Lectionary. Their conversation drives at a point and sometimes sparks a laugh.” Visit www.angusday.org for details.

