

The Lutheran Church is a liturgical church. "Liturgical" means formal worship – following a prescribed order. There is observance of a Christian Church Year; an annual cycle of festivals and seasons, developed straight out of the Word of God by Christian generations before us. All together there are 6 seasons of various length, which provide:

First- looking back – the Church Year connects us with Scripture through a planned series of readings, which tell the Bible's stories and themes, especially the life and words of Jesus.

Second – looking ahead – the Church Year helps the community of believers, celebrate God's forgiveness and justice for people today, living in an unforgiving and unjust world.

Third – learning about God through human senses – Seeing different colors representing different seasons, Seeing symbols and graphics that tell the Biblical Story, Feeling and tasting through water, bread, and wine (or grape juice), Speaking scripture and joining in public prayer, and Singing and Hearing through the great gift of music in many different forms.



Advent (which is the start of our liturgical year)



Christmas



Ordinary time



Lent



Easter