



Unwrapping the *Gifts*

HYMN SUGGESTIONS FOR SERIES C

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In the Lutheran church, hymns are not fillers in the liturgy – they are an integral part of proclaiming the Word of God and the primary way that the royal priesthood joins in declaring the wonders of Him who called us out of darkness into His marvelous light. The following list is offered with the intent that the people of God not only hear the Word as proclaimed in the readings and the sermon, but also join in the proclamation of each Sunday or feast. Unless otherwise indicated, hymns are from Lutheran Service Book.

Advent I (Nov. 29, 2015)

Entrance:	343	Prepare the Royal Highway
Of the Day:	332	Savior of the Nations, Come
Offertory:	333	Once He Came in Blessing
Distribution:	334	O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
	340	Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates
Closing:	339	Lift Up Your Heads, You Everlasting Doors

Advent II (Dec. 6, 2015)

Entrance:	344	On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry
Of the Day:	511	Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment
Offertory:	347	Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People
Distribution:	936	Sing Praise to the God of Israel
	346	When All the World Was Cursed
Closing:	343	Prepare the Royal Highway

Advent III (Dec. 13, 2015)

Entrance:	349	Hark the Glad Sound
Of the Day:	345	Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Sounding
Offertory:	511	Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment
Distribution:	347	Comfort, Comfort, Ye My People
	515	Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
Closing:	338	Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

Advent IV (Dec. 20, 2015)

Entrance:	935	Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord
Of the Day:	356	The Angel Gabriel from Heaven Came
Offertory:	353	Jesus Came, the Heavens Adoring
Distribution:	357	O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
	332	Savior of the Nations, Come
Closing:	387	Joy to the World

Christmas Eve (Dec. 24, 2015)

Entrance:	360	All My Heart Again Rejoices
Of the Day:	358	From Heaven Above to Earth I Come
Distribution:	361	O Little Town of Bethlehem
	366	It Came upon the Midnight Clear
	369	Where Shepherds Lately Knelt
Closing:	363	Silent Night, Holy Night

Christmas Day (Dec. 25, 2015)

Entrance: 379 O Come, All Ye Faithful
 Of the Day: 382 We Praise You, Jesus, at Your Birth
 Distribution: 368 Angels We Have Heard on High
 380 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten
 Closing: 386 Now Sing We, Now Rejoice

Christmas I (Dec. 27, 2015)

Entrance: 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory
 Of the Day: 389 Let All Together Praise Our God
 Offertory: 384 Of the Father's Love Begotten
 Distribution: 897 O Rejoice, Ye Christians, Loudly
 937 Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace
 Closing: 938 In Peace and Joy I Now Depart

Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus (Dec. 31, 2015)

Entrance: 733 O God, Our Help in Ages Past
 Of the Day: 899 Across the Sky the Shades of Night
 Distribution: 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year
 Closing: 747 No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone

Circumcision and Name of Jesus (Jan. 1, 2016)

Entrance: 818 In Thee Is Gladness
 Of the Day: 900 Jesus! Name of Wondrous Love
 Distribution: 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year
 362 O Sing of Christ
 Closing: 924 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

Christmas II (Jan. 3, 2016)

Entrance: 376 Once in Royal David's City
 Of the Day: 410 Within the Father's House
 Distribution: 896 Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year
 362 O Sing of Christ
 Closing: 385 From East to West

The Epiphany of Our Lord (Jan. 6, 2016)

Entrance: 367 Angels from the Realms of Glory
 Of the Day: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
 Offertory: 400 Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning
 Distribution: 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
 Closing: 397 As with Gladness Men of Old

Epiphany I; The Baptism of Our Lord (Jan. 10, 2016)

Entrance: 405 To Jordan's River Came Our Lord
 Of the Day: 406 To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord
 Offertory: 601 All Who Believe and Are Baptized
 Distribution: 596 All Christians Who Have Been Baptized
 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
 Closing: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It

Epiphany II (Jan. 17, 2016)

Entrance: 394 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise
 Of the Day: 408 Come, Join in Cana's Feast
 Offertory: 910 Now the Silence
 Distribution: 395 O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright
 399 The Star Proclaims the King Is Here
 Closing: 402 The Only Son from Heaven

Epiphany III (Jan. 24, 2016)

Entrance: 836 O God of Light
 Of the Day: 839 O Christ, Our True and Only Light
 Offertory: 523 O Word of God Incarnate
 Distribution: 398 Hail to the Lord's Anointed
 583 God Has Spoken by His Prophets
 Closing: 810 O God of God, O Light of Light

Epiphany IV (Jan. 31, 2016)

Entrance: 535 How Wide the Love of Christ
 Of the Day: 541 "Away from Us!" the Demon
 Cried
 Offertory: 842 Son of God, Eternal Savior
 Distribution: 695 Not for Tongues of Heaven's
 Angels
 619 Thy Body, Given for Me, O
 Savior
 Closing: 849 Praise the One Who Breaks the
 Darkness

Transfiguration (Feb. 7, 2016)

Entrance: 415 Jesus on the Mountain Peak
 Of the Day: 413 O Wondrous Type! O Vision
 Fair
 Offertory: 414 'Tis Good, Lord, to Be Here
 Distribution: 416 Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory
 537 Beautiful Savior
 Closing: 417 Alleluia, Song of Gladness

Ash Wednesday (Feb. 10, 2016)

Entrance: 419 Savior, When in Dust to Thee
 Of the Day: 607 From Depths of Woe I Cry to
 Thee
 Offertory: 574 Before the Throne of God
 Above
 Distribution: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us
 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and
 Righteousness
 Closing: 610 Lord Jesus, Think on Me

Lent I (Feb. 14, 2016)

Entrance: 656 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
 Of the Day: 714 Who Trusts in God a Strong
 Abode
 Offertory: 418 O Lord, throughout These
 Forty Days
 Distribution: 424 O Christ, You Walked the
 Road
 600 Mark How the Lamb of God's
 Self-Offering
 Closing: 718 Jesus, Lead Thou On

Lent II (Feb. 21, 2016)

Entrance: 945 Your Heart, O God, Is Grieved
 Of the Day: 708 Lord, Thee I Love with All My
 Heart
 Offertory: 666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe
 Distribution: 763 When Peace, like a River
 748 I'm But a Stranger Here
 Closing: 422 On My Heart Imprint Your
 Image

Lent III (Feb. 28, 2016)

Entrance: 761 Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
 Of the Day: 823 May God Bestow on Us His
 Grace
 Offertory: 608 Lord, to You I Make
 Confession
 Distribution: 579 The Law of God Is Good and
 Wise
 614 "As Surely as I Live," God Said
 Closing: 765 God Moves in a Mysterious
 Way

Lent IV (March 6, 2016)

Entrance: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us
 Of the Day: 972 I Trust, O Christ, in You Alone
(Lutheran Service Builder)
 Offertory: 612 As Rebels, Lord, Who Foolishly
 Have Wandered
 Distribution: 571 God Loved the World So That
 He Gave
 927 First Song of Isaiah
 Closing: 686 Come, Thou Fount of Every
 Blessing

Lent V (March 13, 2016)

Entrance: 912 Christ is Our Cornerstone
 Of the Day: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown
 Offertory: 426 When I Survey the Wondrous
 Cross
 Distribution: 753 All for Christ I Have Forsaken
 565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O
 Christ
 Closing: 429 We Sing the Praise of Him
 Who Died

Palm Sunday (March 20, 2016)

Entrance: 442 All Glory, Laud, and Honor
 Of the Day: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining
 Forth
 Offertory: 444 No Tramp of Soldiers'
 Marching Feet
 Distribution: 430 My Song Is Love Unknown
 428 Cross of Jesus, Cross of Sorrow
 Closing: 441 Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Maundy Thursday (March 24, 2016)

Entrance: 563 Jesus, Thy Blood and
Righteousness

Of the Day: 630 Now, My Tongue, the Mystery
Telling

Offertory: 574 Before the Throne of God
Above

Distribution: 617 O Lord, We Praise Thee
445 When You Woke That
Thursday Morning

Closing: None

Good Friday (March 25, 2016)

Entrance: None

During Passion: 450 O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Of the Day: 438 A Lamb Goes Uncomplaining
Forth

During Reproaches: 434 Lamb of God, Pure and Holy

Conclusion of Adoration
of the Crucified: 454 Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious
Battle

Distribution: None

Closing: None

Easter (March 27, 2016)

Entrance: 457 Jesus Christ Is Risen Today

Of the Day: 458 Christ Jesus Lay in Death's
Strong Bands

Offertory: 459/460 Christ Is Arisen/Christians, to
the Paschal Victim

Distribution: 467 Awake, My Heart, with
Gladness

474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

633 At the Lamb's High Feast We
Sing

Closing: 462 All the Earth with Joy Is
Sounding

Easter II (April 3, 2016)

Entrance: 487 Come, You Faithful, Raise the
Strain

Of the Day: 471 O Sons and Daughters of the
King

Offertory: 506 Glory Be to God the Father

Distribution: 472 These Things Did Thomas
Count as Real

720 We Walk by Faith and Not by
Sight

Closing: 917 Savior, Again to Thy Dear
Name We Raise

Easter III (April 10, 2016)

Entrance: 483 With High Delight Let Us
Unite

Of the Day: 485 Long before the World Is
Waking

Offertory: 949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless
Worship

Distribution: 517 By All Your Saints in Warfare
339 Lift Up Your Heads, You
Everlasting Doors

Closing: 950 Splendor and Honor

Easter IV (April 17, 2016)

Entrance: 475 Good Christian Friends,
Rejoice and Sing

Of the Day: 709 The King of Love My Shepherd
Is

Offertory: 949 Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless
Worship

Distribution: 740 I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
711 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us

Closing: 672 Jerusalem the Golden

Easter V (April 24, 2016)

Entrance: 837 Lift High the Cross

Of the Day: 510 A Multitude Comes from the
East and the West

Offertory: 597 Water, Blood, and Spirit Crying

Distribution: 633 At the Lamb's High Feast We
Sing

768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us
Pray

Closing: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Easter VI (May 1, 2016)

Entrance: 474 Alleluia! Jesus Is Risen

Of the Day: 556 Dear Christians, One and All,
Rejoice

Offertory: 671 Sing with All the Saints in
Glory

Distribution: 766 Our Father, Who from Heaven
Above

769 Eternal Spirit of the Living
Christ

Closing: 680 Thine the Amen, Thine the
Praise

The Ascension of Our Lord (May 5, 2016)

Entrance: 532 The Head That Once Was
Crowned with Thorns

Of the Day: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of
Angels

Offertory: 529 Since Our Great High Priest,
Christ Jesus

Distribution: 493 A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing
494 See, the Lord Ascends in
Triumph

Closing: 339 Lift Up Your Heads, You
Everlasting Doors

Easter VII (May 8, 2016)

Entrance: 491 Up through Endless Ranks of
Angels

Of the Day: 539 Christ Is the World's Redeemer

Offertory: 623 Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly
Pray

Distribution: 529 Since Our Great High Priest,
Christ Jesus

821 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Closing: 895 Now Thank We All Our God

Pentecost (May 15, 2016)

Entrance: 497 Come, Holy Ghost, God and
Lord

Of the Day: 502 Holy Spirit, the Dove Sent from
Heaven

Offertory: 650 Holy Spirit, Ever Dwelling

Distribution: 496 Holy Spirit, Light Divine
768 To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray

Closing: 503 O Day Full of Grace

Holy Trinity (May 22, 2016)

Entrance: 507 Holy, Holy, Holy

Of the Day: 498 Come, Holy Ghost, Creator
Blest

Offertory: 815 All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O
King Divine

Distribution: 950 Splendor and Honor
506 Glory Be to God the Father

Closing: 822 Alleluia! Let Praises Ring

Pentecost II (May 29, 2016)

Entrance: 901 Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Of the Day: 551 When to Our World the Savior
Came

Offertory: 545 Word of God, Come Down on
Earth

Distribution: 846 Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of
Old

651 I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

Closing: 587 I Know My Faith Is Founded

Pentecost III (June 5, 2016)

Entrance: 697 Awake, O Sleeper, Rise from
Death

Of the Day: 552 O Christ, Who Shared Our
Mortal Life

Offertory: 615 When in the Hour of Deepest
Need

Distribution: 754 Entrust Your Days and Burdens
750 If Thou But Trust in God to
Guide Thee

Closing: 818 In Thee Is Gladness

Pentecost IV (June 12, 2016)

Entrance: 915 Today Your Mercy Calls Us

Of the Day: 834 O God, O Lord of Heaven and
Earth

Offertory: 565 Thy Works, Not Mine, O
Christ

Distribution: 560 Drawn to the Cross, Which
Thou Hast Blessed

571 God Loved the World So That
He Gave

Closing: 793 Praise, My Soul, the King of
Heaven

Pentecost V (June 19, 2016)

Entrance: 825 Rise, Shine, You People

Of the Day: 541 "Away from Us!" the Demon
Cried

Offertory: 570 Just as I Am, without One Plea

Distribution: 594 God's Own Child, I Gladly Say
It

533 Jesus Has Come and Brings
Pleasure

Closing: 863 Our Father, by Whose Name

Pentecost VI (June 26, 2016)

Entrance: 819 Sing Praise to God, the Highest
Good

Of the Day: 688 "Come, Follow Me," the Savior
Spake

Offertory: 691 Fruitful Trees, the Spirit's
Sowing

Distribution: 853 How Clear is Our Vocation,
Lord

666 O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe

Closing: 685 Let Us Ever Walk with Jesus

Pentecost VII (July 3, 2016)

Entrance:	532	The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
Of the Day:	533	Jesus Has Come and Brings Pleasure
Offertory:	853	How Clear is Our Vocation, Lord
Distribution:	704 594	Renew Me, O Eternal Light God's Own Child, I Gladly Say It
Closing:	698	May We Thy Precepts, Lord, Fulfill

Pentecost VIII (July 10, 2016)

Entrance:	803	Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee
Of the Day:	845	Where Charity and Love Prevail
Offertory:	852	O God of Mercy, God of Might
Distribution:	708	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
	581	These Are the Holy Ten Commands
Closing:	526	You Are the Way; through You Alone

Pentecost IX (July 17, 2016)

Entrance:	798	The God of Abraham Praise
Of the Day:	536	One Thing's Needful
Offertory:	683	Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
Distribution:	763 575	When Peace, like a River My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less
Closing:	855	For All the Faithful Women (Sts. 1, 9, 3, 4)

Pentecost X (July 24, 2016)

Entrance:	793	Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Of the Day:	766	Our Father, Who from Heaven Above
Offertory:	773	Hear Us, Father, When We Pray
Distribution:	770	What a Friend We Have in Jesus
	528	Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Closing:	825	Rise, Shine, You People

Pentecost XI (July 31, 2016)

Entrance:	797	Praise the Almighty
Of the Day:	714	Who Trusts in God a Strong Abode
Offertory:	789	Praise and Thanksgiving
Distribution:	761 653	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me In Christ There Is No East or West
Closing:	861	Christ Be My Leader

Pentecost XII (Aug. 7, 2016)

Entrance:	936	Sing Praise to the God of Israel
Of the Day:	666	O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe
Offertory:	736	Consider How the Birds Above
Distribution:	728	How Firm a Foundation
	558	Not unto Us
Closing:	828	We Are Called to Stand Together

Pentecost XIII (Aug. 14, 2016)

Entrance:	667	Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses
Of the Day:	724	If God Himself Be for Me
Offertory:	678	We Sing for All the Unsung Saints
Distribution:	726 642	Evening and Morning O Living Bread from Heaven
Closing:	655	Lord Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

Pentecost XIV (Aug. 21, 2016)

Entrance:	791	All People That on Earth Do Dwell
Of the Day:	510	A Multitude Comes from the East and the West
Offertory:	757	Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care
Distribution:	756	Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me
	641	You Satisfy the Hungry Heart
Closing:	505	Triune God, Be Thou Our Stay

Pentecost XV (Aug. 28, 2016)

Entrance:	813	Rejoice, O Pilgrim Throng
Of the Day:	842	Son of God, Eternal Savior
Offertory:	845	Where Charity and Love Prevail
Distribution:	695	Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels
	620	Jesus Comes Today with Healing
Closing:	795	Voices Raised to You We Offer

Pentecost XVI (Sept. 4, 2016)

Entrance:	646	Church of God, Elect and Glorious
Of the Day:	853	How Clear Is Our Vocation, 'Lord
Offertory:	783	Take My Life and Let It Be
Distribution:	426	When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
	747	No Saint on Earth Lives Life to Self Alone
Closing:	661	The Son of God Goes Forth to War

Pentecost XVII (Sept. 11, 2016)

Entrance:	711	Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
Of the Day:	609	Jesus Sinners Doth Receive
Offertory:	611	Chief of Sinners Though I Be
Distribution:	709	The King of Love My Shepherd Is
	740	I Am Jesus' Little Lamb
Closing:	506	Glory Be to God the Father

Pentecost XVIII (Sept. 18, 2016)

Entrance:	792	New Songs of Celebration Render
Of the Day:	557	Seek Where You May to Find a Way
Offertory:	786	Lord of All Good
Distribution:	536	One Thing's Needful (Sts. 1, 3 - 5)
	853	How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord
Closing:	851	Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us

Pentecost XIX (Sept. 25, 2016)

Entrance:	820	My Soul, Now Praise Your Maker
Of the Day:	708	Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart
Offertory:	788	Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness
Distribution:	695	Not for Tongues of Heaven's Angels
	619	Thy Body, Given for Me, O Savior
Closing:	664	Fight the Good Fight

Pentecost XX (Oct. 2, 2016)

Entrance:	902	Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now
Of the Day:	587	I Know My Faith Is Founded
Offertory:	333	Once He Came in Blessing
Distribution:	558	Not unto Us
	857	Lord, Help Us Walk Your Servant Way
Closing:	895	Now Thank We All Our God

Pentecost XXI (Oct. 9, 2016)

Entrance:	790	Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
Of the Day:	846	Your Hand, O Lord, in Days of Old
Offertory:	551	When to Our World the Savior Came
Distribution:	683	Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me
	542	When I Behold Jesus Christ
Closing:	665	Be Strong in the Lord

Pentecost XXII (Oct. 16, 2016)

Entrance:	686	Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing
Of the Day:	734	I Trust, O Lord, Your Holy Name
Offertory:	545	Word of God, Come Down on Earth
Distribution:	523	O Word of God Incarnate
	583	God Has Spoken by His Prophets
Closing:	828	We Are Called to Stand Together

Pentecost XXIII (Oct. 23, 2016)

Entrance:	660	Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus
Of the Day:	745	In God, My Faithful God
Offertory:	588	Jesus Loves Me
Distribution:	615	When in the Hour of Deepest Need
	565	Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ
Closing:	433	Glory Be to Jesus

Reformation Day (Observed) (Oct. 30, 2016)

Entrance:	656	A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Of the Day:	555	Salvation unto Us Has Come
Offertory:	580	The Gospel Shows the Father's Grace
Distribution:	574	Before the Throne of God Above
	558	Not unto Us
Closing:	655	Lord, Keep Us Steadfast in Your Word

All Saints' Day (Observed) (Nov. 6, 2016)

Entrance:	950	Splendor and Honor
Of the Day:	677	For All the Saints
Offertory:	949	Heavenly Hosts in Ceaseless Worship
Distribution:	932	Jesus Sat with His Disciples
	676	Behold a Host, Arrayed in White
Closing:	671	Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Pentecost XXVI (Nov. 13, 2016)

Entrance:	509	Christ Is Surely Coming
Of the Day:	508	The Day Is Surely Drawing Near
Offertory:	511	Herald, Sound the Note of Judgment
Distribution:	745	In God, My Faithful God
	666	O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe
Closing:	336	Lo! He Comes with Clouds Descending

Last Sunday of the Church Year (Nov. 20, 2016)

Entrance:	532	The Head That Once Was Crowned with Thorns
Of the Day:	534	Lord, Enthroned in Heavenly Splendor
Offertory:	761	Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me
Distribution:	757	Lord, It Belongs Not to My Care
	763	When Peace, like a River
Closing:	680	Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Thanksgiving Day (Nov. 24, 2016)

Entrance:	892	Come, Ye Thankful People, Come
Of the Day:	785	We Praise You, O God
Distribution:	893	Sing to the Lord of Harvest
	894	For the Fruits of His Creation
Closing:	895	Now Thank We All Our God