

Church Year in Lutheran Church

Sometimes, in Lutheran Church Record Ledgers, the one making an entry for a Baptism, Confirmation, Marriage, or Funeral, may not enter the calendar date, but might enter the name of the day in the Lutheran Church Year Calendar. You might see an event as having taken place on Cantate Sunday, or something similar to that. To be able to come up with a calendar date for such an event, I have established for myself a list of the major festival dates in the Church Year as celebrated in the Lutheran Church. If you follow the suggestions listed below, you should be able to determine a calendar date for an event noted as taking place on a specific church date.

Church Year Festival Days

[Advent always begins the nearest Sunday to the thirtieth day of November, whether before or after]

1st Sunday in Advent	_____
2nd Sunday in Advent	_____
3rd Sunday in Advent	_____
4th Sunday in Advent	_____
Christmas Day	_____
Sunday after Christmas	_____
Circumcision and the Name of Jesus (New Year's Day)	_____
Sunday after New Year	_____
Epiphany of our Lord – is twelve days after Christmas Day	_____
1st Sunday after the Epiphany (depending of Easter date, not all are celebrated)	_____
2nd Sunday after the Epiphany	_____
3rd Sunday after the Epiphany	_____
4th Sunday after the Epiphany	_____
5th Sunday after the Epiphany	_____
6th Sunday after the Epiphany	_____
Septuagesima Sunday – is nine Sundays before Easter	_____
Sexagesima Sunday – is eight Sundays before Easter	_____
Quinquagesima Sunday – is seven Sundays before Easter	_____
Ash Wednesday (or the beginning of Lent) – is forty-six days before Easter	_____
Invocavit (1 st Sunday in Lent) – is six Sundays before Easter	_____
Reminiscere (2 nd Sunday in Lent) – is five Sundays before Easter	_____
Oculi (3 rd Sunday in Lent) – is four Sundays before Easter	_____
Laetare (4 th Sunday in Lent) – is three Sundays before Easter	_____
Judica (5 th Sunday in Lent or Passion Sunday) – is two Sundays before Easter	_____
Palmarum (6 th Sunday in Lent) – is one Sunday before Easter	_____
Maunday Thursday – is the Thursday before Easter	_____
Good Friday – is the Friday before Easter	_____
Easter Day (Feast of the Resurrection of our Lord)	_____

[Easter is always the first Sunday after the Full Moon which happens upon or next after the twenty-first day of March; and if the Full Moon happens upon a Sunday, Easter is the Sunday after. The time of Easter being found, the other Feasts and Festivals can now be determined]

Quasimodogeniti – is one Sunday after Easter	_____
Misericordias Domini – is two Sundays after Easter	_____
Jubilate – is three Sundays after Easter	_____
Cantate is four Sundays after Easter	_____
Rogate – is five Sundays after Easter	_____
Ascension of our Lord – is forty days after Easter	_____
Exaudi – is six Sundays after Easter	_____
Whitsunday (Feast of Pentecost) – is seven Sundays after Easter	_____
Feast of the Holy Trinity – is eight Sundays after Easter	_____

Church Year Non-Festival Days

(Depending on what day Easter is celebrated, the Sundays toward the end of Trinity are not always all celebrated)

1st Sunday after Trinity	_____
2nd Sunday after Trinity	_____
3rd Sunday after Trinity	_____
4th Sunday after Trinity	_____
5th Sunday after Trinity	_____
6th Sunday after Trinity	_____
7th Sunday after Trinity	_____
8th Sunday after Trinity	_____
9th Sunday after Trinity	_____
10th Sunday after Trinity	_____
11th Sunday after Trinity	_____
12th Sunday after Trinity	_____
13th Sunday after Trinity	_____
14th Sunday after Trinity	_____
15th Sunday after Trinity	_____
16th Sunday after Trinity	_____
17th Sunday after Trinity	_____
18th Sunday after Trinity	_____
19th Sunday after Trinity	_____
20th Sunday after Trinity	_____
21st Sunday after Trinity	_____
22nd Sunday after Trinity	_____
23rd Sunday after Trinity	_____
24th Sunday after Trinity	_____
25th Sunday after Trinity	_____
26th Sunday after Trinity	_____
27th Sunday after Trinity	_____

[Source: *The Lutheran Hymnal* – Concordia Publishing House-St. Louis, Missouri - 1941]

Various Calendars and Converters

Julian Calendar – See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Julian_calendar

“The Julian calendar was proclaimed by Julius Caesar in 46 B.C. and underwent several modifications before reaching its final form in 8 C.E. The Julian calendar differs from the Gregorian only in the determination of leap years...” [Add 12 days to the Julian calendar date to arrive at the Gregorian calendar date.]

Gregorian Calendar – See http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gregorian_calendar

“Britain and her colonies (including what is now the United States), did not switch to the Gregorian calendar until 1752, when Wednesday 2nd September in the Julian calendar dawned as Thursday the 14th in the Gregorian.” [Subtract 12 days from the Gregorian calendar date to arrive at the Julian calendar date.]

Calendar Converter – See <http://www.fourmilab.ch/documents/calendar>

[This site allows you to interconvert dates in a variety of calendars, both civil and computer-related.]

Gregorian & Julian Calendars side-by-side – <http://5ko.free.fr/en/easter.php?y=21>

[you select year and it shows Julian and Gregorian dates for Catholic and Orthodox Easter dates]

Whole Year U.S. Calendars – See <http://www.timeanddate.com/calendar/?year-2012&country=1>

[This site lets you select the year and the country which then indicates several holidays throughout that year]

Easter Sundays

[U.S. Calendar]

1777	30 Mar	1797	16 Apr	1817	06 Apr	1837	26 Mar
1778	19 Apr	1798	08 Apr	1818	22 Mar	1838	15 Apr
1779	04 Apr	1799	24 Mar	1819	11 Apr	1839	31 Mar
1780	26 Mar	1800	13 Apr	1820	02 Apr	1840	19 Apr
1781	15 Apr	1801	05 Apr	1821	22 Apr	1841	11 Apr
1782	31 Mar	1802	18 Apr	1822	07 Apr	1842	27 Mar
1783	20 Apr	1803	10 Apr	1823	30 Mar	1843	16 Apr
1784	11 Apr	1804	01 Apr	1824	18 Apr	1844	07 Apr
1785	27 Mar	1805	14 Apr	1825	03 Apr	1845	23 Mar
1786	16 Apr	1806	06 Apr	1826	26 Mar	1846	12 Apr
1787	08 Apr	1807	29 Mar	1827	15 Apr	1847	04 Apr
1788	23 Mar	1808	17 Apr	1828	06 Apr	1848	23 Apr
1789	12 Apr	1809	02 Apr	1829	19 Apr	1849	08 Apr
1790	04 Apr	1810	22 Apr	1830	11 Apr	1850	31 Mar
1791	24 Apr	1811	14 Apr	1831	03 Apr	1851	20 Apr
1792	08 Apr	1812	29 Mar	1832	22 Apr	1852	11 Apr
1793	31 Mar	1813	18 Apr	1833	07 Apr	1853	27 Mar
1794	20 Apr	1814	10 Apr	1834	30 Mar	1854	16 Apr
1795	05 Apr	1815	26 Mar	1835	19 Apr	1855	08 Apr
1796	27 Mar	1816	14 Apr	1836	03 Apr	1856	23 Mar

1857	12 Apr	1898	10 Apr	1939	09 Apr	1980	06 Apr
1858	04 Apr	1899	02 Apr	1940	24 Mar	1981	19 Apr
1859	24 Apr	1900	15 Apr	1941	13 Apr	1982	11 Apr
1860	08 Apr	1901	07 Apr	1942	05 Apr	1983	03 Apr
1861	31 Mar	1902	30 Mar	1943	25 Apr	1984	22 Apr
1862	20 Apr	1903	12 Apr	1944	09 Apr	1985	07 Apr
1863	05 Apr	1904	03 Apr	1945	01 Apr	1986	30 Mar
1864	27 Mar	1905	23 Apr	1946	21 Apr	1987	19 Apr
1865	16 Apr	1906	15 Apr	1947	06 Apr	1988	03 Apr
1866	01 Apr	1907	31 Mar	1948	28 Mar	1989	26 Mar
1867	21 Apr	1908	19 Apr	1949	17 Apr	1990	15 Apr
1868	12 Apr	1909	11 Apr	1950	09 Apr	1991	31 Mar
1869	28 Mar	1910	27 Mar	1951	25 Mar	1992	19 Apr
1870	17 Apr	1911	16 Apr	1952	13 Apr	1993	11 Apr
1871	09 Apr	1912	07 Apr	1953	05 Apr	1994	03 Apr
1872	31 Mar	1913	23 Mar	1954	18 Apr	1995	16 Apr
1873	13 Apr	1914	12 Apr	1955	10 Apr	1996	07 Apr
1874	05 Apr	1915	04 Apr	1956	01 Apr	1997	30 Mar
1875	28 Mar	1916	23 Apr	1957	21 Apr	1998	12 Apr
1876	16 Apr	1917	08 Apr	1958	06 Apr	1999	04 Apr
1877	01 Apr	1918	31 Mar	1959	29 Mar	2000	23 Apr
1878	21 Apr	1919	20 Apr	1960	17 Apr	2001	15 Apr
1879	13 Apr	1920	04 Apr	1961	02 Apr	2002	31 Mar
1880	28 Mar	1921	27 Mar	1962	22 Apr	2003	20 Apr
1881	17 Apr	1922	16 Apr	1963	14 Apr	2004	11 Apr
1882	09 Apr	1923	01 Apr	1964	29 Mar	2005	27 Mar
1883	25 Mar	1924	20 Apr	1965	18 Apr	2006	16 Apr
1884	13 Apr	1925	12 Apr	1966	10 Apr	2007	08 Apr
1885	05 Apr	1926	04 Apr	1967	26 Mar	2008	23 Mar
1886	25 Apr	1927	17 Apr	1968	14 Apr	2009	12 Apr
1887	10 Apr	1928	08 Apr	1969	06 Apr	2010	04 Apr
1888	01 Apr	1929	31 Mar	1970	29 Mar	2011	24 Apr
1889	21 Apr	1930	20 Apr	1971	11 Apr	2012	08 Apr
1890	06 Apr	1931	05 Apr	1972	02 Apr	2013	31 Mar
1891	29 Mar	1932	27 Mar	1973	22 Apr	2014	20 Apr
1892	17 Apr	1933	16 Apr	1974	14 Apr	2015	05 Apr
1893	02 Apr	1934	01 Apr	1975	30 Mar	2016	27 Mar
1894	25 Mar	1935	21 Apr	1976	18 Apr	2017	16 Apr
1895	14 Apr	1936	12 Apr	1977	10 Apr	2018	01 Apr
1896	05 Apr	1937	28 Mar	1978	26 Mar	2019	21 Apr
1897	18 Apr	1938	17 Apr	1979	15 Apr	2020	12 Apr

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