# "THE BLUE SHEET" Journey in the Word 2025-2026

72<sup>nd</sup> Edition: Dec. 1 – Feb. 18 Advent – Lent (Ash Wednesday)

Welcome to the 72nd edition of "The Blue Sheet Readings." What an incredible journey through the many editions/years of these special readings. Let's continue to be in the Word as we give space for the Word (and the WORD) to be in us.

As has been our practice, this edition follows the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL) **Year A** (new year begins Christian calendar) for Sunday readings. Once again, how special it is to join millions of believers around the world as we spend time in God's Word together on our Sunday gatherings — especially as we enter into the season of Advent!

In this edition, we enter into Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, and various other significant events surrounding Jesus (which will be highlighted in bold **print**). Also notice the readings that are not associated with Sunday or these special days, will journey us through particular themes – such as God's Creation plan from the beginning (Genesis); themes of redemption; themes of preparation; themes of body life withing the community of faith as well as expressions of such in the larger community that we live in. These themes will help shape and guide our discernments as we move into the season of Lent. This is a bit different than previous editions. Yet, all have been the result of prayer & discernment. The encouragement is to be deeply mindful of your faith journey together within community and that you would find place and space to journal your discoveries, especially taking time to share with others, for all of Scripture is to be read/heard and discovered within community

Therefore, please share your discoveries with others, for as you know, the Scriptures are written to be heard, read, and lived within community. Enjoy spending time in the Word this season and we pray that the Word will spend time in you! Maybe you would be able to begin journaling – in your own style...a good spiritual discipline to follow as well. Thx – pk!

One more encouragement, download the Lectio 365 app connected with 24-7prayer.com The season of Advent can be a great time to develop a new spiritual formational practice.

#### **DECEMBER**

Dec 1 - Genesis 1:1-25

Dec 2 - Genesis 1:26-2:3

Dec 3 – Genesis 2:4-17

Dec 4 - Genesis 2:18-25

Dec 5 – Genesis 3:1-9

Dec 6 - Genesis 3:10-15

Dec 7 - Isaiah 11:1-10; Psalm 72:1-7,18-19;

Romans 15:4-13; Matthew 3:1-12

Dec 8 - Genesis 3:16-24

Dec 9 - John 3:1-21

Dec 10 - Isaiah 7:1-14

Dec 11 – Isaiah 9:1-7

Dec 12 – John 1:1-18

Dec 13 – Matthew 1:1-18

Dec 14 - Isaiah 35:1-10; Psalm 146:5-10;

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

Dec 15 – Luke 3:23-38

Dec 16 – Luke 1:1-4

Dec 17 – Luke 1:5-25

Dec 18 - Luke 1:26-38

Dec 19 – Luke 1:39-45

Dec. 20 – Luke 1:46-56

Dec 21 – Isaiah 7:10-16; Psalm 80:1-7,17-19;

Romans 1:1-7; Matthew 1:18-25

Dec 22 - Luke 1:57-66

Dec 23 - Luke 1:67-80

Dec 24 – Isaiah 9:2-7; Psalm 96;

Titus 2:11-14; Luke 2:1-20

Dec 25 - Isaiah 52:7-10; Psalm 98;

Hebrews 1:1-12; John 1:1-14

Dec 26 – Luke 2:21-32

Dec 27 - Luke 2:33-40

Dec 28 – Isaiah 63:7-9; Psalm 148;

Hebrews 2:10-18; Matthew 2:13-23

Dec 29 – Luke 2:41-52

Dec 30 – John 1:19-28

Dec 31 - John 1:29-34

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Jan 1 – Ecclesiastes 3:1-13; Psalm 8;

Revelation 21:1-6a; Matthew 25:31-46

Jan 2 - 1 John 1:1-4

Jan 3 – 1 John 1:5-2:2

Jan 4 – Jeremiah 31:7-14; Psalm 147:12-20;

Ephesians 1:3-14; John 1:10-18

Jan 5 – 1 John 2:3-11

Jan 6 – **Epiphany** Isaiah 60:1-6; Ps. 72:1-7,10-14;

Ephesians 3:1-2; Matthew 2:-12

Jan 7 - 1 John 2:12-17

Jan 8 – 1 John 2:18-27

Jan 9 - 1 John 2:28-3:3

Jan 10 – 1 John 3:4-10

Jan 11 – Baptism of the Lord Isaiah 42:1-9;

Ps 29; Acts 10:34-43; Matt 3:13-17

Jan 12 – 1 John 3:11-24

Jan 13 - 1 John 4:1-6

Jan 14 – 1 John 4:7-12

Jan 15 – 1 John 4:13-18

Jan 16 – 1 John 4:19-21

Jan 17 – 1 John 5:1-12

Jan 18 – Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11;

1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

Jan 19 – 1 John 5:13-15

Jan 20 – 1 John 5:16-21

Jan 21 - 2 John 1-13

Jan 22 – 3 John 1-14

Jan 23 – Romans 8:1-17

Jan 24 - Romans 8:18-30

Jan 25 – Isaiah 9:1-4; Psalm 27:1,4-9;

1 Corinthians 1:10-18; Matthew 4:12-23

Jan 26 - Romans 8:31-39

Jan 27 - Romans 11:33-36

Jan 28 – Romans 12:1-2

Jan 29 - Romans 12:3-8

Jan 30 - Romans 12:9-21

Jan 31 - Romans 13:8-14

#### **FEBRUARY**

Feb 1 – Micah 6:1-8; Psalm 15;

1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

Feb 2 – **Presentation of the Lord** Malachi 3:1-4;

Psalm 84; Hebrews 2:14-18; Luke 2:22-40

Feb 3 – Romans 14:1-23

Feb 4 - Romans 15:1-6

Feb 5 – Romans 15:7-13

Feb 6 - Romans 16:1-16

Feb 7 - Romans 16:17-20

Feb 8 - Isaiah 58:1-9a; Psalm 112:1-9;

1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

Feb 9 - Romans 16:21-27

Feb 10 - 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Feb 11 – 1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Feb 12 - 1 Corinthians 1:18-2:5

Feb 13 – 1 Corinthians 2:6-16

Feb 14 - 2 Corinthians 1:1-11

Feb 15 - Exodus 24:12-18; Psalm 2;

2 Peter 1:16-21; Matthew 17:1-9

Feb 16 – 2 Corinthians 2:12-3:6

Feb 17 – 2 Corinthians 5:11-6:2

Feb 18 – **Ash Wednesday** Joel 2:1-2,12-17;

Psalm 51:1-17; 2 Cor. 5:20b-6:10;

Matthew 6:1-6,16-21

## Some Suggestions

~ Find a quiet place

~ Try to find a consistent time

~ Pick up a journal or composition notebook as

a companion to your readings

~ Write down one verse (or more than one) that stands out to you from each reading with the

date of that reading

~ Share at least one verse with at least one

person during the week

 $\sim$  If you miss a day, don't go back, start with the current date

~ Enjoy the journey

~ Whatever you do, don't give up!

~ For a great challenge, read these passages from a different translation than the one you normally read from.

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Stay in the Word - <u>Read</u>
Stand on the Word - <u>Apply - journal/notes</u>
Share from the Word - <u>Confirm - others</u>
Strength through the Word - <u>Know God in</u>
a deeper way