

Narrative Lectionary 2016-2017

Readings for Year 3 (Luke)

The **preaching texts** are always listed first. During the fall, Old Testament texts are the primary vehicle for proclaiming the biblical story. The gospel readings become primary texts on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A brief accompanying reading (selected from one of the gospels before Christmas and after Easter; selected from Psalms from Christmas through Easter) is noted in parentheses. *These accompanying readings are optional.*

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| September | 11 | Creation and Fall Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost | Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8 <i>(Luke 11:4)</i> Creation, Garden of Eden, fall into sin. |
| September | 18 | God's Promise to Abraham Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Genesis 15:1-6 <i>(Luke 3:8)</i> God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believes. |
| September | 25 | God Works through Joseph Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost | Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21 <i>(Luke 6:35)</i> Joseph's dreams lead to family conflict and he is sold into slavery. Yet in the end Joseph forgives. God works for good. |
| October | 2 | The Promise of Passover Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost | Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 <i>(Luke 22:14-20)</i> Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb God's deliverance. |
| October | 9 | Golden Calf Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost | Exodus 32:1-14 <i>(Luke 23:34)</i> Golden calf shows unfaithfulness at Mt. Sinai. Moses intercedes, God forgives. |
| October | 16 | God Answers Hannah Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost | 1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 <i>(Luke 1:46-55)</i> Samuel's birth is God's answer to Hannah, who sings of God's care for the needy. |
| October | 23 | God's Promise to David Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost | 2 Samuel 7:1-17 <i>(Luke 1:30-33)</i> God's promise to David concerning his heir, who will be God's Son and whose kingdom will endure forever. |

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| October | 30 | God's Care for the Widow Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (or Reformation Sunday) | 1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24] (<i>Luke 4:24-26</i>) Elijah and the widow; God's care for those on the margin. |
| November | 6 | Jonah and God's Mercy Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (or All Saints Sunday) | Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11] (<i>Luke 18:13</i>) Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the people of Nineveh. |
| November | 13 | God Calls Isaiah Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost | Isaiah 6:1-8 (<i>Luke 5:8-10</i>) Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God; the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending. |
| November | 20 | God Promises a New Covenant Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday | Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34 (<i>Luke 22:19-20</i>) Jeremiah's scroll calls for repentance, but the king burns it. The prophet promises a new covenant, written on the heart. |
| November | 27 | Daniel's Hope in God First Sunday of Advent | Daniel 6:6-27 (<i>Luke 23:1-5</i>) Daniel in the lions' den; deliverance; God's kingdom shall never be destroyed. |
| December | 4 | Joel: God's Promised Spirit Second Sunday of Advent | Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 (<i>Luke 11:13</i>) Turn to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit. |
| December | 11 | Spirit of the Lord upon Me Third Sunday of Advent | Isaiah 61:1-11 (<i>Luke 4:16-21</i>) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news, liberty, and to make an everlasting covenant. |
| December | 18 | Jesus' Birth Announced Fourth Sunday of Advent | Luke 1:26-49 (<i>Psalm 113 or 113:9</i>) Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary; he will receive the throne of David. |
| December | 24 | Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve | Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] (<i>Ps 96 or 96:3</i>) Birth of Jesus. |

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| December | 25 | Shepherds Visit Christmas Day | Luke 2:8-20 (<i>Psalm 123:1-2 or 123:2</i>) Shepherds visit the infant Jesus. |
| January | 1 | Simeon and Anna First Sunday after Christmas | Luke 2:21-38 (<i>Psalm 131 or 131:3</i>) Simeon and Anna, Lord now you let your servant depart in peace. |
| January | 8 | Jesus' Baptism Baptism of Our Lord | Luke 3:1-22 (<i>Psalm 51:6-17 or 51:13</i>) John baptizes, bear fruit worthy of repentance, share what you have. |
| January | 15 | Sermon at Nazareth Second Sunday after Epiphany | Luke 4:14-30 (<i>Psalm 146 or 146:7b-8</i>) Sermon at Nazareth (Isaiah fulfilled, Elijah and widow, Elisha and Naaman). |
| January | 22 | Fish for People Third Sunday after Epiphany | Luke 5:1-11 (<i>Psalm 90:14-17 or 90:17b</i>) Great catch of fish, Peter will fish for people. |
| January | 29 | Healing on the Sabbath Fourth Sunday after Epiphany | Luke 6:1-16 (<i>Psalm 92 or 92:4</i>) Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (plucking grain, healing a man) and call of disciples |
| February | 5 | Raising the Widow's Son Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | Luke 7:1-17 (<i>Psalm 119:105-107 or 119:107</i>) Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain |
| February | 12 | Are You the One? Sixth Sunday after Epiphany | Luke 7:18-35 (<i>Psalm 146:5-10</i>) Tell John what you see and hear. |
| February | 19 | Forgiven at Jesus' Feet Seventh Sunday after Epiphany | Luke 7:36-50 (<i>Psalm 130:3-6</i>) Woman weeps at Jesus' feet and is forgiven. |

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| February | 26 | Transfiguration Transfiguration of Our Lord | Luke 9:28-45 (<i>Psalm 36:5-10 or 36:9</i>) Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction. |
| March | 1 | Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday | Luke 9:51-62 (<i>Psalm 5:7-8 or 5:8</i>) Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back. |
| March | 5 | Good Samaritan First Sunday in Lent | Luke 10:25-42 (<i>Psalm 15 or 15:1</i>) Parable of the Good Samaritan |
| March | 12 | Lament over Jerusalem Second Sunday in Lent | Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (<i>Psalm 122 or 122:6</i>) The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem. |
| March | 19 | Lost Sheep, Coin, Son Third Sunday in Lent | Luke 15:1-32 (<i>Psalm 119:167-176 or 119:176</i>) Parables of lost sheep, coin, prodigal son. |
| March | 26 | Rich Man and Lazarus Fourth Sunday in Lent | Luke 16:19-31 (<i>Psalm 41:1-3 or 41:1</i>) Parable of the rich man and Lazarus. |
| April | 2 | Zacchaeus Fifth Sunday in Lent | Luke 18:31--19:10 (<i>Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 or 84:10</i>) Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus. Jesus came to seek and save the lost. |
| April | 9 | Triumphal Entry Palm/Passion Sunday | Luke 19:29-44 (<i>Psalm 118:19-23 or 118:20</i>) Triumphal entry; Jesus weeps over the city that does not know peace. |
| April | 13 | Last Supper Maundy Thursday | Luke 22:1-27 (<i>Psalm 34:8-10 or 34:8</i>) Preparation for the Last Supper, Words of Institution, Jesus is one who serves. |

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| April | 14 | Crucifixion Good Friday | Luke 23:32-47 <i>(Psalm 31:5-13 or 31:5a)</i> Crucifixion, Father forgive them; today in Paradise; into your hands I commend my Spirit. |
| April | 16 | Resurrection Resurrection of Our Lord | Luke 24:1-12 <i>(Psalm 118:17, 21-24 or 118:22)</i> Empty tomb, women perplexed, bring the message. |
| April | 23 | Emmaus Road Second Sunday of Easter | Luke 24:13-35 <i>(Psalm 30 or 30:11)</i> “Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures.” |
| April | 30 | Stephen’s Witness Third Sunday of Easter | Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60 <i>(Luke 23:33-34a, 46)</i> Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred. |
| May | 7 | Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized Fourth Sunday of Easter | Acts 8:26-39 <i>(Luke 24:44-47)</i> Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe and be baptized by Philip. |
| May | 14 | Council at Jerusalem Fifth Sunday of Easter | Acts 15:1-18 <i>(Luke 2:29-32)</i> Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles. |
| May | 21 | Living by Faith Sixth Sunday of Easter | Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 <i>(Luke 18:9-14)</i> Paul’s former life; conflict with Peter at Antioch; justification by faith. |
| May | 28 | One in Christ Seventh Sunday of Easter | Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 <i>(Luke 1:68-79)</i> Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ. |

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| June | 4 | Pentecost | Acts 2:1- 4; Galatians 4:1-7 Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. <i>and/or Galatians 5:16-26</i> <i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> <i>(Luke 11:11-13)</i> |
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Summer 2017 (13 weeks from June 11 – Sept. 3, 2017)

Psalms (5 weeks): *see R. Jacobson's [6-week series \(2012\)](#) and [6-week series \(2015\)](#)*

- 6/11/2017: Psalm 100 *(John 1:14-17)*
- 6/18/2017: Psalm 13 *(John 6:35-40)*
- 6/25/2017: Psalm 23 *(John 10:1-4)*
- 7/2/2017: Psalm 30 *(John 6:67-69)*
- 7/9/2017: Psalm 150 *(John 4:24-26)*

Ephesians (4 weeks): *see M. Shore's [4-week series \(2013\)](#)*

- 7/16/2017: Ephesians 1:1-14 *(John 14:25-27)*
- 7/23/2017: Ephesians 2:11-22 *(Matt 28:16-20)*
- 7/30/2017: Ephesians 4:1-16 *(John 15:1-4)*
- 8/6/2017: Ephesians 6:10-20 *(Matt 10:28-31)*

Choose one of the following:

Sacraments (4 weeks):

- 8/13/2017: [Baptism]
Psalm 46; Acts 2:37-42
- 8/20/2017: [Baptism]
Psalm 84; Romans 6:1-11
- 8/27/2017: [Lord's Supper]
Psalm 65; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- 9/3/2017: [Lord's Supper]
1 Sam 21:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8 or Mark 14:12-25

Revelation (4 weeks):

see C. Koester's [7-week series \(2012\)](#)

- 8/13/2017: Rev 4:1-11 *(John 17:1-5)*
- 8/20/2017: Rev 5:1-13 *(John 1:29-31)*
- 8/27/2017: Rev 6:1-8; 7:9-17 *(John 14:1-4)*
- 9/3/2017: Rev 21:1-6; 22:1-5 *(John 16:20-22)*

