

Narrative Lectionary Summer Readings

2015-2018

The Narrative Lectionary is a [four-year cycle of readings](#) that runs from the Sunday after Labor Day to the Day of Pentecost. The rest of the year (First Sunday after Pentecost to the Sunday before Labor Day) consists of preaching series on Biblical books or topics that fall outside the narrative cycle.

Each summer session contains at least three units, including at least one series from the Old Testament; one series from the New Testament; and one catechetical series (Ten Commandments, Sacraments, Creeds or Lord's Prayer).

As with the rest of the Narrative Lectionary, preachers and worship planners are encouraged to exercise their evangelical freedom in selecting preaching series that best suit the needs of their particular community of faith. You may choose to mix-and-match, or follow the series as described below.

WorkingPreacher.org will post commentaries (text and podcast) that provide an overview for each series at least one month in advance of the first date for each series as listed below:

Summer 2015 (15 weeks from May 31 – Sept. 6, 2015)

Psalms (6 weeks):

- 5/31: Psalm 1 (Introduction)
- 6/7: Psalm 113 (Praise)
- 6/14: Psalm 69:1-16 (Lament)
- 6/21: Psalm 27:1-6 (Trust)
- 6/28: Psalm 40:1-10 (Thanksgiving)
- 7/5: Psalm 146 (Praise)

Choose one of the following:

Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry (4 weeks):

see R. Jacobson's [6-week series \(2013\)](#)

- 7/12: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8
- 7/19: Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36
- 7/26: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17
- 8/2: Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7

Creeds (4 weeks):

- 7/12: 1 John 1:1-5; Luke 1:1-4
- 7/19: Acts 15:1-21, 1 Cor 1:10-25
- 7/26: Proverbs 1:1-9, 1 Peter 3:8-17
- 8/2: Deut 6:1-9, 1 Tim 3:14--4:11

Hebrews (5 weeks):

- 8/9: Hebrews 1:1-4
- 8/16: Hebrews 2:10-18
- 8/23: Hebrews 4:14--5:10
- 8/30: Hebrews 9:1-14
- 9/6: Hebrews 11:1-16 (12:1-2)

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Summer 2016 (16 weeks from May 22 – Sept. 4, 2016)

2 Corinthians (6 weeks):

- 5/22/16: 2 Cor 1:1-11 – Consolation
- 5/29/16: 2 Cor 2:1-10 – Forgiveness
- 6/5/16: 2 Cor 4:1-15 – Treasure in Clay Jars
- 6/12/16: 2 Cor 4:16—5:10 Walk by Faith not Sight
- 6/19/16: 2 Cor 5:11-21 Reconciliation
- 6/26/16: 2 Cor 8:1-15 Generosity

Job (6 weeks): see K. Schifferdecker's [6-week series \(2012\)](#)

- 7/3/2016: Job 1:1-22
- 7/10/2016: Job 3:1-10; 4:1-9; 7:11-21
- 7/17/2016: Job 14:7-15; 19:23-27
- 7/24/2016: Job 31:35-37; 38:1-11
- 7/31/2016: Job 38:25-27; 41:1-8; 42:1-6
- 8/7/2016: Job 42:7-17

Lord's Prayer (4 weeks): see C. Koester's [5-week series \(2013\)](#)

- 8/14/2016: Luke 11:2-4
- 8/21/2016: Luke 11:2-4
- 8/28/2016: Luke 11:2-4
- 9/4/2016: Luke 11:2-4

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Summer 2017 (13 weeks from June 11 – Sept. 3, 2017)

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

- 6/11/2017: Psalm 100
- 6/18/2017: Psalm 13
- 6/25/2017: Psalm 23
- 7/2/2017: Psalm 30
- 7/9/2017: Psalm 150

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

- 7/16/2017: Ephesians 1:1-14
- 7/23/2017: Ephesians 2:11-22
- 7/30/2017: Ephesians 4:1-16
- 8/6/2017: Ephesians 6:10-20

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: Revelation 4:1-11
- 8/20/2017: Revelation 5:1-13
- 8/27/2017: Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17
- 9/3/2017: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5

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Summer 2018 (15 weeks from May 27 – Sept. 2, 2018)

Ten Commandments (4 weeks): *See R. Jacobson's [4-week series \(2014\)](#)*

- 5/27/2018: Exodus 19:1-6; 20:1-2
- 6/3/2018: Exodus 20:3-11
- 6/10/2018: Exodus 20:3-11
- 6/17/2018: Exodus 20:17

1 John (4 weeks): *See C. Koester's [4-week series \(2014\)](#)*

- 6/24/2018: 1 John 1:1-4
- 7/1/2018: 1 John 1:5—2:2
- 7/8/2018: 1 John 4:1-6
- 7/15/2018: 1 John 4:7-21

Ruth (4 weeks): *See K. Schifferdecker's [4-week series \(2014\)](#)*

- 7/22/2018: Ruth 1:1-22
- 7/29/2018: Ruth 2:1-23
- 8/5/2018: Ruth 3:1-18
- 8/12/2018: Ruth 4:1-22

Stewardship/Generosity (3 weeks): *Texts to be determined*

- 8/19/2018:
- 8/26/2018:
- 9/2/2018: