

Narrative Lectionary Summer Readings

2017-2018

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. Go to www.narrativelectionary.org and on the calendar next to the artwork, click on the first date in a series to find the commentary for that preaching series:

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 (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)

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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 (Matthew 22:34-40)
- 6/3/2018: Exodus 20:3-11 (Matthew 22:34-40)
- 6/10/2018: Exodus 20:12-16 (Matthew 22:34-40)
- 6/17/2018: Exodus 20:17 (Matthew 22:34-40)

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

- 6/24/2018: 1 John 1:1-4 (John 1:14-16)
- 7/1/2018: 1 John 1:5—2:2 (John 1:29)
- 7/8/2018: 1 John 4:1-6 (John 14:15-17)
- 7/15/2018: 1 John 4:7-21 (John 15:9-11)

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

- 7/22/2018: Ruth 1:1-22 (Matthew 5:3-9)
- 7/29/2018: Ruth 2:1-23 (Luke 6:36-38)
- 8/5/2018: Ruth 3:1-18 (Matthew 7:7-8)
- 8/12/2018: Ruth 4:1-22 (Luke 1:46-55)

Stewardship/Generosity (3 weeks)

- 8/19/2018: Matthew 6:19-34 (Psalm 51:6-9)
- 8/26/2018: Mark 10:17-31 (Psalm 51:10-12)
- 9/2/2018: Luke 12:13-34 (Psalm 51:15-17)