

Narrative Lectionary 2016-2017

Worship Resources for Year 3 (Luke)

These worship resources to accompany Narrative Lectionary readings for 2016-2017 (Year 3 - Luke) are provided by Kace Leetch (Prayers of the Day) and Scott Rohr (music selections).

Each day's prayer may end:

This we pray in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.
 or *We pray in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.*

Suggested hymns refer to following sources:

- ELW: *Evangelical Lutheran Worship* (Evangelical Lutheran Church in America)
- H82: *Hymnal 1982* (The Episcopal Church)
- NCH: *New Century Hymnal* (United Church of Christ)
- UMH: *The United Methodist Hymnal* (The United Methodist Church)
- TFF: *This Far by Faith*

Note: For more complete hymnody cross-references, visit Hymnary.org.

<p>Sept. 11, 2016 Creation and Fall</p> <p>Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8</p> <p><i>(Luke 11:4)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY</p> <p>Lord God, grand architect of the universe, Your design of creation is unflawed. Yet we continue to litter your creation with defects and imperfections. Show us how not to destroy, but to create, not to demean, but to uplift, not to hate, but to love, so that your creation may be made perfect once again. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS</p> <p>Creating God, your fingers trace ELW 684, H82 394, 395, NCH 462, UMH 109 Forgive our sins as we forgive ELW 605, H82 674 Praise the Lord, rise up rejoicing ELW 544, H82 334</p> <p>CHORAL</p> <p>O Wisdom, <i>William Beckstrand</i> (MorningStar) Do Not Leave Your Cares at the Door, <i>Elizabeth Alexander</i> (Seafarer)</p>
<p>Sept. 18, 2016 God's Promise to Abraham</p> <p>Genesis 15:1-6</p> <p><i>(Luke 3:8)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY</p> <p>God of the covenant, As you promised Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars, you have also promised us that we might live under those stars as your people, faithful and loved. Show us how to live as your people, and how to nurture all your children with whom we share the same canopy of sky night after night. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS</p> <p>Creator of the stars of night ELW 245, H82 60, UMH 692, NCH 111 Many and great, O God ELW 837, NCH 3, UMH 148 Open your ears, O faithful people ELW 519, H82 536</p> <p>CHORAL</p> <p>Be not afraid, <i>Knut Nystedt</i> (Walton)</p>

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<p>Sept. 25, 2016 God Works through Joseph</p> <p>Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21</p> <p>(<i>Luke 6:35</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of dreams and hope, You spoke to Joseph in his dreams, and those dreams led him to great danger. Yet you used the challenges in his life to save the lives of others. In you, no good thing is accidental. You work in us and through us, even when we are not aware of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us, and that only you are capable of turning all evil to good. We pray all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Forgive our sins as we forgive ELW 605, H82 674, UMH 390 Have no fear, little flock ELW 764 Lord of glory, you have bought us ELW 707</p> <p>CHORAL Parce domine, <i>Feliks Nowowiejski</i> (cpdl.org)</p>
<p>Oct. 2, 2016 The Promise of Passover</p> <p>Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8</p> <p>(<i>Luke 22:14-20</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord God of grace and liberty, On the night of the Passover the sacrificed lamb became a sign of freedom and you freed the people of Israel from slavery in Egypt. In Jesus, you sacrificed your son as a gift, thereby freeing all humanity from sin and death. Help us live into this new life, teaching us to serve you in faithfulness as you have served us. To you we offer our gratefulness in the name of the one who turned slavery into new life, Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS O living bread from heaven ELW 542 Here is bread ELW 483 As we gather at your table ELW 522, NCH 332 Bless now, O God, the journey ELW 326</p> <p>CHORAL Here I am, Lord, <i>Daniel L. Schutte</i> (Augsburg Fortress, Publisher)</p>

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<p>Oct. 9, 2016 Golden Calf</p> <p>Exodus 32:1-14</p> <p><i>(Luke 23:34)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Faithful God of an unfaithful people, The people of Israel doubted your power and turned to other gods to fulfill their needs. We too, turn to other gods, seeking acceptance, power, and independence. Show us how to live humbly in you, and walk in your ways, in the name of the one who offered true power to all humanity, Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Lord of all nations, grant me grace ELW 716 Lord of all being, throned afar H82 419 My song is love unknown ELW 343, H82 458, NCH 222</p> <p>CHORAL Go down, Moses, <i>David Cherwien</i> (Sacred Music Press)</p>
<p>Oct. 16, 2016 God Answers Hannah</p> <p>1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10</p> <p><i>(Luke 1:46-55)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God who answers prayer, We are blessed and humbled that you hear us when we call to you in our time of deepest longing. Receive our gratitude for your listening ear. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS For all the faithful women ELW 419 King of glory, King of Peace H82 382 O God, whose steadfast love NCH 426</p> <p>CHORAL King of glory, king of peace, <i>Bob Chilcott</i> (Oxford University Press)</p>
<p>Oct. 23, 2016 God's Promise to David</p> <p>2 Samuel 7:1-17</p> <p><i>(Luke 1:30-33)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of hope, You promised to make David's household great among the nations. Then you sent your son, Jesus, to transform this world so that all people are one in the great household of God. Show us how to live as your children, as sisters and brothers in your holy and blessed realm, in the name of your son, Jesus Christ, who will one day welcome us all home. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Unexpected and mysterious ELW 258 The angel Gabriel from heaven came ELW 265, H82 265 Hail to the Lord's anointed ELW 311, H82 616, UMH 203</p> <p>CHORAL If thou but trust in God to guide thee, <i>arr. Jody Lindh</i></p>

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<p>October 30, 2016 God's Care for the Widow</p> <p>1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]</p> <p><i>(Luke 4:24-26)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of compassion, By the power of God, Elijah provided bread and oil for the widow and her household. By faith in God, the widow provided food and water for Elijah. Give us hearts to love one another, so that in providing and in receiving, we too, might experience the unimaginable power of God, through the one who has provided life itself, your Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS For all the saints ELW 422, H82 287, UMH 711, NCH 299 I sing a song of the saints of God H82 293, UMH 712, NCH 295 There's a wideness in God's mercy ELW 587, 588, H82 469, 470, UMH 121, NCH 23</p> <p>CHORAL Sing me to heaven, <i>Daniel Gawthrop</i></p>
<p>Nov. 6, 2016 Jonah and God's Mercy</p> <p>Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]</p> <p><i>(Luke 18:13)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of the seas, sky, and land, When Jonah turned to run from you, you showed him that nothing and no one could hide from your presence. You are in all things, and you love all things. Show us the gift of your presence, and help us to carry your word of compassion and grace to all the world, in the name of the one who carried out your love flawlessly, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Wash, O God, our sons and daughters ELW 445, UMH 605 Will you come and follow me ELW 798 Forgive our sins as we forgive ELW 605, H82 674, UMH 390</p> <p>CHORAL Down in the river to pray, <i>arr. J. David Moore</i></p>

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<p>Nov. 13, 2016 God Calls Isaiah</p> <p>Isaiah 6:1-8 <i>(Luke 5:8-10)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY King of heaven and earth, As you cleansed Isaiah with a coal of fire to prepare him for proclaiming your word to the world, prepare us, so that we may know your bidding and carry out our callings with eagerness and urgency. Show the world greatness that cannot be contained any more than smoke or fire can be caught, in the name of the one who sacrificed everything to carry out your commands, Jesus Christ our sanctifier. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Send me, Jesus ELW 809, UMH 497 Rejoice, ye pure in heart! ELW 874, H82 556, 557, UMH 160, NCH 55, 71 Isaiah in a vision did of old ELW 868 Isaiah the prophet has written of old NCH 108</p> <p>CHORAL We wait for thy loving kindness, O God, <i>William McKie</i></p>
<p>Nov. 20, 2016 God Promises a New Covenant</p> <p>Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34 <i>(Luke 22:19-20)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White or Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God, whose fondness for humanity knows no limit, Write your word upon our hearts, so that we need no scroll, no book, no script to know that you love us. Show us the power of your covenant, that you will be faithful to us, even when we fail to remain faithful to you. For the beauty of your word inscribed upon us, we pray, in the name of the one whose body and blood became your new covenant with us, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Here is bread ELW 483 When twilight comes ELW 566 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven ELW 865, H82 410, UMH 66</p> <p>CHORAL He is king of kings, <i>Alice Parker</i></p>
<p>Nov. 27, 2016 Daniel's Hope in God</p> <p>Daniel 6:6-27 <i>(Luke 23:1-5)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of deliverance, You rescued Daniel from the mouths of the lions when he was punished for worshipping you. Liberate all who are endangered for the sake of their faith, and rescue us from anything that separates us from worshipping only you, for the sake of the one who made your name known to all people, across land and seas, Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Creator of the stars of night ELW 245, H82 60, UMH 692, NCH 111 The glory of these forty days ELW 320, Verses 3, 4, H82 143 Blessed be the God of Israel ELW 250, UMH 209</p> <p>CHORAL We are waiting, <i>William Paxson</i></p>

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<p>Dec. 4, 2016 Joel: God's Promised Spirit</p> <p>Joel 2:12-13, 28-29</p> <p><i>(Luke 11:13)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Loving Lord, When we have strayed, you have called us to come home to you. "Return to me with all your heart, with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning; rend your hearts and not your clothing." With all our hearts we return to you, and gratefully accept your gentle love, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ our loving savior. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Lost in the night ELW 243 O come, all ye faithful ELW 283, H82 83, UMH 234, NCH 135 Spirit of gentleness ELW 396, NCH 286 Spirit of mercy, truth, and love H82 229 Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me UMH 393, NCH 283</p> <p>CHORAL Rejoice, rejoice believers, <i>Adam Gumpeltzhaimer</i></p>
<p>Dec. 11, 2016 Spirit of the Lord upon Me</p> <p>Isaiah 61:1-11</p> <p><i>(Luke 4:16-21)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Spirit of the Lord God, You bring good news to the oppressed, bind up the brokenhearted, proclaim liberty to the captives, and release the prisoners. You comfort all who mourn, and shower your people with the oil of gladness instead of mourning; a mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. We will greatly rejoice in the Lord, our whole being shall exult in God, for the sake of the one who brought righteousness to life, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Hark, the glad sound! ELW 239 Let streams of living justice ELW 710 Praise the One who breaks the darkness ELW 843</p> <p>CHORAL Choose something like a star, <i>Randall Thompson</i></p>

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<p>Dec. 18, 2016 Jesus' Birth Announced</p> <p>Luke 1:26-49</p> <p><i>(Psalm 113 or 113:9)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Father God, There is no miracle as grand as birth. As we prepare for the coming of your son, Jesus, create in us new life. Transform us so that we may reflect the light of your son, and become beacons of goodness, kindness, compassion, generosity, honesty, patience, and peace, for the sake of the one whose name brings deliverance and life to all the world, Jesus Christ, infant king. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS My soul proclaims your greatness ELW 251 My soul gives glory to my God UMH 1983, NCH 119 Joy to the world ELW 267, H82 100, UMH 246 Signs and wonders ELW 672</p> <p>CHORAL Thou shalt know him when he comes, <i>Mark Sirette</i></p>
<p>Dec. 24, 2016 Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</p> <p><i>(Psalm 96 or 96:3)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Creator God, By your greatness you became small, by your power you became powerless, by your limitlessness you became limited. Through the birth of your son, we can live in your light that shines on a world transformed by the limitless power of your love. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Silent night, holy night ELW 281, H82 111, UMH 239, NCH 134 Away in a manger ELW 277, 278, H82 101, UMH 217, NCH 124 O little town of Bethlehem ELW 279, H82 78, 79, UMH 230, NCH 133</p> <p>CHORAL What sweeter music, <i>Michael Fink</i></p>
<p>Dec. 25, 2016 Shepherds' Visit</p> <p>Luke 2:8-20</p> <p><i>(Psalm 123:1-2 or 123:2)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Infant holy, We praise God for this day when we celebrate your miraculous birth! Transform us as you were transformed so that we may perfectly love you with our whole being, for the sake of the one who came humble and powerless, and became glory and power, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS O come, all ye faithful ELW 283, H82 83, UMH 234, NCH 135 Angels from the realms of glory ELW 275, H82 93, NCH 126, UMH 220 Go tell it on the mountain ELW 229, H82 99, NCH 154, UMH 251, TFF 52</p> <p>CHORAL While shepherds watched, <i>Hugo Jungst</i></p>

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<p>Jan. 1, 2017 Simeon and Anna</p> <p>Luke 2:21-38</p> <p><i>(Psalm 131 or 131:3)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Glory of Israel, The coming of your son, Jesus, broke open the heavens and prepared a way for all of your children to come home to you. Give us eyes to see your miraculous spirit moving in this church and in this world. Teach us to be proclaimers of your love to the nations, for the sake of the one whose name is redemption for the peoples, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS The bells of Christmas ELW 298 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing ELW 545, H82 344, UMH 671, NCH 77 At the name of Jesus ELW 416, H82 435, UMH 168</p> <p>CHORAL Nunc dimittis, <i>Robert Scholz</i></p>
<p>Jan. 8, 2017 Jesus' Baptism</p> <p>Luke 3:1-22</p> <p><i>(Psalm 51:6-17 or 51:13)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Heavenly Father, With joy and awe we praise you for claiming us as your sons and daughters, and for pouring your Holy Spirit upon us. Help us to prepare this earth for your glory, and shine your light on all your faithful children, for the sake of the one whose birth and baptism brought renewal and transformation to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry ELW 249, H82 76 Songs of thankfulness and praise ELW 310, H82 135 O Morning Star, how fair and bright! ELW 308, UMH 247, NCH 158 How bright appears the morning star H82 496, 497</p> <p>CHORAL Gloria! <i>Carolyn Jennings</i></p>
<p>Jan. 15, 2017 Sermon at Nazareth</p> <p>Luke 4:14-30</p> <p><i>(Psalm 146 or 146:7b-8)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of the nations, Show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Hark, the glad sound! ELW 239, H82 71, 72 Jesus shall reign ELW 434, H82 544, UMH 157, NCH 300 Praise the One who breaks the darkness ELW 843</p> <p>CHORAL He comes to us as one unknown, <i>Paul Nicholson</i></p>

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<p>Jan. 22, 2017 Fish for People</p> <p>Luke 5:1-11</p> <p><i>(Psalm 90:14-17 or 90:17b)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord Jesus of fisher folk, You taught your disciples to cast a wide net -- not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. Make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS How clear is our vocation, Lord ELW 580 Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult ELW 696, H82 549, 550, UMH 398, NCH 171, 172 You have come down to the lakeshore ELW 817, NCH 173</p> <p>CHORAL God is seen, <i>Alice Parker</i></p>
<p>Jan. 29, 2017 Healing on the Sabbath</p> <p>Luke 6:1-16</p> <p><i>(Psalm 92 or 92:4)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord of the Sabbath, Your followers were told not to work on the Sabbath, and yet they boldly plucked grain to show that you are Lord of all. The world tells us not to rest on the Sabbath. Show us how to rest boldly, rejecting conventions that go against your will, and instead praying and resting as you did up on the mountain, for the glory of your word and work, Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Son of God, eternal Savior ELW 655 As the grains of wheat ELW 465 The church of Christ, in every age ELW 729, UMH 589, NCH 306</p> <p>CHORAL Now the silence now the peace, <i>Gerald Near</i></p>
<p>Feb. 5, 2017 Raising the Widow's Son</p> <p>Luke 7:1-17</p> <p><i>(Psalm 119:105-107 or 119:107)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Healing Lord, By your goodness you healed many who were ill, even raising the dead to life. Restore us to new life, healing our hearts, minds, and spirits, so that we may proclaim praise and gratitude for your compassion to all who will hear. In the name of the one who is himself new life, Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Take my life, that I may be ELW 583, 685, H82 707, UMH 399, NCH 448 Healer of our every ill ELW 612</p> <p>CHORAL God's son has made me free, <i>Edvard Grieg</i></p>

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<p>Feb. 12, 2017 Are You the One?</p> <p>Luke 7:18-35</p> <p><i>(Psalm 146:5-10)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of mystery, Just as the crowds wondered about Jesus, we too, wonder about you. Who are you to us? Are you the one? Show us that you are God, mysterious, wonderful, mighty. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry ELW 249, Gather 418, H82 76 Prepare the way of the Lord (Taizé) Gather 400 Come now, O Prince of Peace ELW 247</p> <p>CHORAL This is the record of John, <i>Orlando Gibbons</i> Prepare ye the way, <i>Michael Wise</i></p>
<p>Feb. 19, 2017 Forgiven at Jesus' Feet</p> <p>Luke 7:36-50</p> <p><i>(Psalm 130:3-6)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Forgiving God, Too often we take your forgiveness for granted. Too often we cling to our sin, believing that it is our right to harbor resentments and hatred. Be merciful to us, and show us the depth of healing that is offered when you forgive, for the sake of the one who recognized total surrender to forgiveness and offered it willingly, Jesus Christ our healer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Take my life, that I may be ELW 583, 685, H82 707, UMH 399, NCH 448 Forgive our sins as we forgive ELW 605, H82 674, UMH 390</p> <p>CHORAL Forgive our sins as we forgive, <i>James Laster</i></p>
<p>Feb. 26, 2017 Transfiguration</p> <p>Luke 9:28-45</p> <p><i>(Psalm 36:5-10 or 36:9)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Dazzling Lord, In blinding light you showed your disciples a hint of your power and purpose. Reveal yourself to us today. Show us what you desire of us and how to broadcast your love to the world, for the sake of the one who keeps company with the prophets Moses and Elijah, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS How good, Lord, to be here! ELW 315 Oh, wondrous image, vision fair ELW 316, H82 136, 137, UMH 258, NCH 184 Jesus on the mountain peak ELW 317 Shine, Jesus, shine ELW 671</p> <p>CHORAL The Exaltation of Christ, <i>Charles Forsberg</i></p>

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<p>Mar. 1, 2017 Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday</p> <p>Luke 9:51-62</p> <p><i>(Psalm 5:7-8 or 5:8)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord Jesus, Great Teacher, You place tremendous responsibility upon those who follow you. You demand more than we are often willing to give. You promise no safety, only that the way will be rough. Make us ready and willing to walk your rocky path and carry your subversive word to hostile ears, for the hope and promise of rewarding life in Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Savior, when in dust to you ELW 601 Savior, when in tears and dust NCH 185 The glory of these forty days ELW 320, H82 143 Abide with me ELW 629, H82 662, UMH 700, NCH 99</p> <p>CHORAL Hide not thou thy face, <i>Richard Farrant</i></p>
<p>Mar. 5, 2017 Good Samaritan</p> <p>Luke 10:25-42</p> <p><i>(Psalm 15 or 15:1)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Compassionate God, How easily you love those who look unlovable to us! How readily you welcome undesirables into your home! How slow we are to follow your example. Turn our hearts toward all who are considered outcast, shunned, and unclean so that we may love our neighbor without pity or apathy, for the sake of the one who became flesh to cleanse the world of sin and death forever, Jesus Christ our redeemer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult ELW 696, H82 549, 550, UMH 398, NCH 171, 172 O God of mercy, God of light ELW 714 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart ELW 800, UMH 500, NCH 290</p> <p>CHORAL Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, <i>Robert Buckley-Farlee</i></p>

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<p>Mar. 12, 2017 Lament over Jerusalem</p> <p>Luke 13:1-9, 31-35</p> <p><i>(Psalm 122 or 122:6)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy One of mighty power, Your word is powerfully dangerous. Your word casts out demons. Your word heals incurable diseases. Your word devours empires. Your word transforms the fabric of the universe. Help us to stand in awe and fear of what your word is capable of doing. Give us courage to speak your word and wisdom to hear it, for the sake of the one whose very whisper can demolish sin, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS As rain from the clouds ELW 508 Thy holy wings ELW 613, UMH 502 When twilight comes ELW 566</p> <p>CHORAL There is a balm, <i>William Dawson</i></p>
<p>Mar. 19, 2017 Lost Sheep, Coin, Son</p> <p>Luke 15:1-32</p> <p><i>(Psalm 119:167-176 or 119:176)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Rejoicing Father, You celebrate when one of your lost children is found because no one is worthless to you. We stand humbled and in awe that you would count us among your most prized possessions. Give us eyes to see the priceless value of every living soul, for the sake of the one who became human for the sake of our souls, Jesus Christ our seeker. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Oh, that the Lord would guide my ways ELW 772 Amazing grace ELW 779, H82 671, UMH 378, NCH 547, 548 Come, thou fount of every blessing ELW 807, H82 686, UMH 400, NCH 459</p> <p>CHORAL Lead me, guide me, <i>Doris Akers</i></p>
<p>Mar. 26, 2017 Rich Man and Lazarus</p> <p>Luke 16:19-31</p> <p><i>(Psalm 41:1-3 or 41:1)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Divine Word, You sent Moses to speak law to the people and bring order to chaos. You sent prophets to speak repentance and bring hope to the hopeless. You sent your son, Jesus, to become your living Word. Open our ears to hear your word, and our hearts to reflect the light of your truth to others, for the sake of the Incarnate Word, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Lord, thee I love with all my heart ELW 750 Jesus, priceless treasure ELW 775, UMH 532, NCH 480 Jesus, all my gladness H82 701</p> <p>CHORAL God so loved the world, <i>Robert Chilcott</i></p>

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<p>April 2, 2017 Zacchaeus</p> <p>Luke 18:31-19:10</p> <p><i>(Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 or 84:10)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord of the lost, We are quick to judge and slow to accept those whom we consider lower than ourselves. But you show us the way of acceptance, forgiveness, and peace. We honor your name for teaching us to love, for the sake of the one who is the essence of love itself, Jesus Christ our loving Lord. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Jesus, I will ponder now ELW 345 God, whose giving knows no ending ELW 678, NCH 565 Let us ever walk with Jesus ELW 802</p> <p>CHORAL City called heaven, <i>arr. Josephine Poelinitz</i></p>
<p>April 9, 2017 Triumphal Entry</p> <p>Luke 19:29-44</p> <p><i>(Psalm 118:19-23 or 118:20)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Scarlet or Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Hosanna, King, Blessed are you, our king, who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven! Even if our voices were silenced, creation itself would rise up to praise you! Hosanna in the Highest! Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS My song is love unknown ELW 343, H82 458, NCH 222 All glory, laud, and honor ELW 344, H82 154, 155, UMH 280, NCH 216, 217 Prepare the royal highway ELW 264 Prepare the way, O Zion H82 65 Prepare the way of the Lord UMH 207</p> <p>CHORAL Ride on, King Jesus, <i>Larry Fleming</i></p>
<p>April 13, 2017 Last Supper</p> <p>Luke 22:1-27</p> <p><i>(Psalm 34:8-10 or 34:8)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Scarlet or White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Divine Servant, You gave up all the power of the universe to serve humanity in the body of one who would endure great suffering. By your ultimate sacrifice you taught us how to serve. Make us grateful servants of the people of the earth, and feed our souls with your holy meal, for the sake of the one who held back nothing to give us everything, Jesus Christ our savior. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Go to dark Gethsemane ELW 347, H82 171, UMH 290, NCH 219 Stay with me ELW 348 Here is bread ELW 483 For the bread which you have broken ELW 494, H82 340, 341, UMH 615</p> <p>CHORAL We shall walk through the valley, <i>Undine Smith Moore</i></p>

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<p>April 14, 2017 Crucifixion</p> <p>Luke 23:32-47</p> <p><i>(Psalm 31:5-13 or 31:5a)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: None</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Redeeming Creator, Dust and rocks groan. Deserts and prairies weep. Bushes and trees moan. Rivers and oceans roar. Animals of land, sea, and sky recoil. Sun cowers and moon wanes. Humanity fails. And darkness laughs. But it will not have its way with us forever. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Ah, holy Jesus ELW 349, H82 158, UMH 289, NCH 218 Jesus, remember me ELW 616, UMH 488 On my heart imprint your image ELW 811</p> <p>CHORAL Crucifixus, <i>Antonio Lotti</i></p>
<p>April 16, 2017 Resurrection</p> <p>Luke 24:1-12</p> <p><i>(Psalm 118:17, 21-24 or 118:22)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Risen Messiah, Hallelujah! Christ is risen! Christ is risen indeed! Glory be to you, whom death could not defeat. Praise to the savior of heaven and earth. Honor and glory are yours, now and forever, Christ our savior and redeemer. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Jesus Christ is risen today ELW 365, H82 207, NCH 240 Christ the Lord is risen today ELW 369, UMH 302, NCH 233 Now the green blade rises ELW 379, UMH 311, NCH 238</p> <p>CHORAL Surrexit Christus, <i>G. B. Pergolesi</i></p>
<p>April 23, 2017 Emmaus Road</p> <p>Luke 24:13-35</p> <p><i>(Psalm 30 or 30:11)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Mysterious and Divine Presence, Too often our hearts burn within us because our bodies know before our minds that you are here working in us and through us in this world. Open our eyes, and help us to recognize you in all places and in all people, for the sake of the one whose presence is never far, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS I want Jesus to walk with me ELW 325, UMH 521, NCH 490 That Easter day with joy was bright ELW 384, H82 193 Come down, O Love divine ELW 804, H82 516, UMH 475, NCH 289</p> <p>CHORAL Come down O love divine, <i>Donald Busarow</i></p>

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<p>Apr. 30, 2017 Stephen's Witness</p> <p>Acts 6:1-7:2a, 44-60</p> <p><i>(Luke 23:33-34a, 46)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Giver and Receiver of life, Your martyr, Stephen, shined with the light of your Holy Spirit. When his opponents took his life, he offered up his spirit to you, and prayed mercy for theirs. Make Stephen an example of faith and courage for all your followers, for the sake of the one who brought light and life to this world, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, H82 460, 461, NCH 257 Lord, you give the great commission ELW 579, H82 528 Praise, praise! You are my rock ELW 862</p> <p>CHORAL Praise to the Lord, <i>Hugo Distler</i></p>
<p>May 7, 2017 Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized</p> <p>Acts 8:26-39</p> <p><i>(Luke 24:44-47)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Fulfillment of the prophesies, With Scripture and water you claim people as your own. Claim us with water and the word, so that we may rejoice in the life given to us through the gift of the Holy Spirit, for the sake of the one whose spirit lives in us, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS All who believe and are baptized ELW 442, H82 298 O blessed spring ELW 447 On our way rejoicing ELW 537</p> <p>CHORAL There is a river, <i>Ellen Gilson Voth</i></p>
<p>May 14, 2017 Council at Jerusalem</p> <p>Acts 15:1-18</p> <p><i>(Luke 2:29-32)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord of all, In Jesus you have made us all sisters and brothers in Christ. There is no distinction between Gentile and Jew. There is no separation that can remove any from fellowship in Christ's community. Blind us to our differences so that in unity we may proclaim your truth to all, for the sake of Jesus Christ in whom there is harmony and peace. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS My faith looks up to thee ELW 759, H82 691, UMH 452 The church's one foundation ELW 654, H82 525, UMH 545, NCH 386</p> <p>CHORAL Te deum in C major, <i>Benjamin Britten</i></p>

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<p>May 21, 2017 Living by Faith</p> <p>Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21</p> <p><i>(Luke 18:9-14)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Lord of justification, With great joy we receive the gift of salvation which is ours not because of our own efforts, but because of the saving work of Christ. Grant us full access to the glory of your salvation, an abundance that is more than enough for all humankind, for the sake of our redeeming Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS We walk by faith ELW 635, H82 209 Leaning on the everlasting arms ELW 774, UMH 133</p> <p>CHORAL That priceless grace, <i>John Helgen</i></p>
<p>May 28, 2017 One in Christ</p> <p>Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29</p> <p><i>(Luke 1:68-79)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Faithful Deliverer, You have chosen us to receive salvation by faith, not by the works of our hands. Deliver us, then, from the law, and free us from the bondage of sin so that with our hands we might serve you in purity of joy and response to your goodness, for the sake of Jesus Christ, who is all goodness. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS You have put on Christ ELW 211, UMH 609 Christ Jesus lay in death's strong bands ELW 370, H82 185, 186, UMH 319 One bread, one body ELW 496, UMH 620 In Christ there is no east or west ELW 650, H82 529, UMH 548, NCH 394, 395</p> <p>CHORAL You have put on Christ, <i>Richard Proulx</i></p>
<p>June 4, 2017 Pentecost</p> <p>Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 and/or Galatians 5:16-26</p> <p><i>(Luke 11:11-13)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Red</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Abba, Father, You have adopted us as heirs of your kingdom and we have inherited the gift and presence of the Holy Spirit. Through the fire of the Spirit make us generous givers of all that you have bestowed upon us, for the sake of the one whose fire brings light and life to all the world, Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Like the murmur of the dove's song ELW 403, H82 513, UMH 544, NCH 270 O day of rest and gladness ELW 521, H82 48, NCH 66 O day full of grace ELW 627</p> <p>CHORAL Listen, sweet dove, <i>Grayston Ives</i></p>