

Narrative Lectionary 2017-2018

Worship Resources for Year 4 (John)

These worship resources to accompany Narrative Lectionary readings for 2017-2018 (Year 4 - John) are provided by Kimberly 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. 10, 2017 Creation by the Word Genesis 1:1-2:4a <i>(John 1:1-5)</i> Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Grand designer of all things, The light and darkness, the dome in the midst of waters, the sky and dry land, the vegetation, the seasons, the swarms of living creatures, birds and great sea monsters, creeping things and wild animals, and us; all these were brought into being with a word on your lips. And it was good. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Come, my way, my truth, my life ELW 513, H82 Creating God, your fingers trace ELW 684, H82 394, 395, NCH 462, UMH 109</p> <p>CHORAL With a voice of singing, Kenneth Jennings</p>
<p>Sept. 17, 2017 Binding of Isaac Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14 <i>(John 1:29)</i> Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of promise, You stayed the hand of Abraham and fulfilled the promise you made to him, that he would father a great nation. Keep your promises to us, that we become inheritors of eternal life. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS The God of Abraham praise ELW 831 A lamb goes uncomplaining forth ELW 340</p> <p>CHORAL Listen to the lambs, <i>William Dawson</i></p>

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<p>Sept. 24, 2017 Jacob's Dream</p> <p>Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17</p> <p>(<i>John 1:50-51</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Loving God, Like Jacob, who dreamed of your promises, you have filled us with dreams, too. Show us your promises in our dreams, and give us ability to follow our dreams. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Blessing and Honor ELW 854 Spirit of God, descend upon my heart ELW 800, UMH 500, NCH 290</p> <p>CHORAL Spirit of God, <i>Robert Chilcott</i></p>
<p>Oct. 1, 2017 God's Name Is Revealed</p> <p>Exodus 2:23-25; 3:1-15; 4:10-17</p> <p>(<i>John 8:58</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of all people, You remembered your children who were enslaved in Egypt, and by the power of your name you set them free. Remember us and free us from slavery to sin by the power of your name. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS I heard the voice of Jesus say ELW 332 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds ELW 620 Dearest Jesus, at your word ELW 520</p> <p>CHORAL Here I am, Lord, <i>Daniel L. Schutte</i></p>
<p>Oct. 8, 2017 God Provides Manna</p> <p>Exodus 16:1-18</p> <p>(<i>John 6:51</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy provider, Despite your people's hardened hearts you gave them manna when they were hungry. Soften our hearts, and make us grateful for your marvelous gifts. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS All who hunger, gather gladly ELW 461 God be with you till we meet again ELW 536 For the bread which you have broken ELW 494, H82 340, 341, UMH 615</p> <p>CHORAL I am the bread of life, <i>Suzanne Toolan</i></p>

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<p>Oct. 15, 2017 God Calls Samuel 1 Samuel 3:1-21 <i>(John 20:21-23)</i> Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Beckoning God, In the stillness of the night you called Samuel into your service. Call us into service with a voice we are able to hear, and give us hearts to come when we are called. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Here I am, Lord ELW 574 I will call upon the Lord (trad.) Come, thou fount of every blessing ELW 807, H82 686, UMH 400, NCH 459</p> <p>CHORAL Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts, <i>Henry Purcell</i></p>
<p>Oct. 22, 2017 God Calls David 1 Samuel 16:1-13; Psalm 51:10-14 <i>(John 7:24)</i> Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of strength, In David you chose a king with a big heart. Create clean and willing hearts in us, and choose us to do your work. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Create in me a clean heart ELW 188 Change my heart, O God ELW 801</p> <p>CHORAL Create in me, <i>Paul Christiansen</i></p>
<p>October 29, 2017 Solomon's Temple 1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13 <i>(John 2:19-21)</i> Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Mighty Lord, The splendor of Solomon's temple cannot compare to the majesty of your heart. Show your heart in this place, that we might worship you with joy and gratitude. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Built on a rock ELW 652 A mighty fortress ELW 503, 504 Open your ears, O faithful people ELW 519</p> <p>CHORAL God's Son has made me free, <i>Edvard Grieg</i></p>

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<p>Nov. 5, 2017 God Speaks to Elijah</p> <p>1 Kings 19:1-18</p> <p>(John 12:27-28)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Powerful God, Although you can make your presence known in a mighty wind, or an earthquake, or a fire, you often speak to us in the sound of sheer silence. Help us to hear. 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 Now the silence ELW 460</p> <p>CHORAL Holy is the true light, <i>William Harris</i> Give us the wings of faith, <i>Ernest Bullock</i></p>
<p>Nov. 12, 2017 Amos: Justice Rolls Down</p> <p>Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24</p> <p>(John 7:37-38)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of all people, Show us how to let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an every-flowing stream. Create justice and righteousness in us, that all may rejoice in your blessings. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Let justice flow like streams ELW 717 Let streams of living justice ELW 710 Glorious things of you are spoken ELW 647</p> <p>CHORAL Justice, <i>Rollo Dilworth</i></p>
<p>Nov. 19, 2017 Isaiah: A Child Is Born</p> <p>Isaiah 9:1-7</p> <p>(John 8:12)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of light, There can be overwhelming obscurity in this world. But you shine your light and increase joy, and for your brilliance we are grateful. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Immortal, invisible, God only wise ELW 834 Creator of the stars of night ELW 245, H82 60, UMH 692, NCH 111 When twilight comes ELW 566</p> <p>CHORAL True Light, <i>Keith Hampton</i></p>

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<p>Nov. 26, 2017 Jeremiah's Letter to Exiles</p> <p>Jeremiah 29:1,4-14 <i>(John 14:27)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of hope, How often have we found ourselves in exile, separated from your presence! Restore us, and let us find you when we seek you. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Evening and morning ELW 761 Praise, my soul, the king of heaven ELW 865, H82 410, UMH 66</p> <p>CHORAL A sound of angels, <i>Christopher Tye</i> Adoramus te Christe, <i>Giovanni Palestrina</i></p>
<p>Dec. 3, 2017 Daniel: The Fiery Furnace</p> <p>Daniel 3:1, [2-7] 8-30 <i>(John 18:36-37)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of fiery flames, Even the most raging fire could not destroy your servants when they called upon you in faith. Give us faith to withstand anything that rages to deter us from following you. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Many and great, O God ELW 837, NCH 3, UMH 148 Every time I feel the spirit (trad.) Light one candle to watch for Messiah ELW 240</p> <p>CHORAL My Lord, what a morning, <i>Robert Hobby</i></p>
<p>Dec. 10, 2017 Ezekiel: Valley of Dry Bones</p> <p>Ezekiel 37:1-14 <i>(John 11:25-26)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of breath, You promised new life to your people in exile by breathing into a valley full of dry bones. Breathe new life into us, so that we might live passionately for you. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS The word of God is source and seed ELW 506 Awake, O sleeper, rise from death ELW 452</p> <p>CHORAL There shall a star, <i>Felix Mendelssohn</i></p>

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<p>Dec. 17, 2017 Word Accomplishes God's Purpose</p> <p>Isaiah 55:1-13 <i>(John 4:13-14)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of restoration, Save us when we find ourselves spiritually thirsty. Help us walk your road with your purpose, strengthened by your living water. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Lo, how a rose e'er blooming ELW 272, H82 81, UMH 216, NCH 127 My song is love unknown ELW 343, H82 458, NCH 222</p> <p>CHORAL He came down, <i>Marty Haugen</i></p>
<p>Dec. 24, 2017 (morning) Word Made Flesh</p> <p>John 1:1-18 <i>(Psalm 130:5-8)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Blue</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of all time, Your Word became flesh and walked among us. Receive our gratitude and awe for all that you have done through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Of the Father's love begotten ELW 295 O come, all ye faithful ELW 283, H82 83, UMH 234, NCH 135 Soon and very soon ELW 439</p> <p>CHORAL The Glory of the Father, <i>Egil Hovland</i></p>
<p>Dec. 24, 2017 (evening) Birth of Jesus</p> <p>Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] <i>(Psalm 96:7-10)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Father, We celebrate with you the birth of your son, and together we sing, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace, goodwill among people!" 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 Joy to the world ELW 267, H82 100, UMH 246</p> <p>CHORAL While by my sheep, <i>(trad. Ger.)</i></p>

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<p>Dec. 25, 2017 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 Creator God, We rejoice at the birth of your son! With Mary, Joseph, and the wise men, we delight in the celebration of Jesus' glorious arrival. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Angels from the realms of glory ELW 275 Bright and glorious is the sky ELW 301 O come, all ye faithful ELW 283, H82 83, UMH 234, NCH 135 O little town of Bethlehem ELW 279, H82 78, 79, UMH 230, NCH 133 Angels we have heard on high ELW 289, H82 96, UMH 238, NCH 125</p> <p>CHORAL Oh, how beautiful the sky, <i>Paul J. Christiansen</i></p>
<p>Dec. 31, 2017 A Voice in the Wilderness</p> <p>John 1:19-34</p> <p><i>(Psalm 32 1-2)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Glorious God, Help us to hear when your chosen voices proclaim the work of your son, Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns in this world and the next. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Cold December flies away ELW 299 There's a voice in the wilderness ELW 255</p> <p>CHORAL Nunc dimittis, <i>Rene Clausen</i></p>
<p>Jan. 7, 2018 Jesus Says Come and See</p> <p>John 1:35-51</p> <p><i>(Psalm 66:1-5)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of all people, You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS O Morning Star, how fair and bright! ELW 308, UMH 247, NCH 158 How bright appears the morning star H82 496, 497 All who believe and are baptized ELW 442, H82 298</p> <p>CHORAL O Morning Star, how fair and bright, <i>Hugo Distler</i></p>

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<p>Jan. 14, 2018 Wedding at Cana</p> <p>John 2:1-11</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 104:14-16</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of revelation, You made your son known at a wedding, a public celebration of love. Celebrate love with us by revealing Jesus in our midst. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Oh, worship the king ELW 842 Jesus shall reign ELW 434, H82 544, UMH 157, NCH 300 Earth and all stars ELW 731</p> <p>CHORAL O God, beyond all praising, <i>Gustav Holst</i></p>
<p>Jan. 21, 2018 Jesus Cleanses the Temple</p> <p>John 2:13-25</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 127:1-2</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Patient God, Your son, Jesus, expressed anger at abuses and injustice. Help us to show concern, not apathy, for injustice in our world, and teach us to make right all that may be wrong. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Wash, O God, our sons and daughters ELW 445, UMH 605 In his temple now behold him ELW 417 Built on a rock ELW 652</p> <p>CHORAL My song shall be alway, <i>Gerald Near</i></p>
<p>Jan. 28, 2018 Nicodemus</p> <p>John 3:1-21</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 139:13-18</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Birthing God, You gave us new life when we were born of water and Spirit. Help us live into that new life, refreshed and renewed for your work. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Borning Cry ELW 732 The church of Christ, in every age ELW 729, UMH 589, NCH 306 God loved the world ELW 323</p> <p>CHORAL God so loved the world, <i>John Stainer</i></p>

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<p>Feb. 4, 2018 Woman at the Well</p> <p>John 4:1-42</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 42:1-3</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Green</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of life, Shower us in your living water, bringing us to new life, fresh and clean. Walk with us as we share the knowledge of your living water with others, so that all might live. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS For all the faithful women ELW 419 Take my life, that I may be ELW 583, 685, H82 707, UMH 399, NCH 448 O sons and daughters ELW 386</p> <p>CHORAL Give me Jesus, <i>Larry Fleming</i></p>
<p>Feb. 11, 2018 The Man Born Blind</p> <p>John 9:1-41</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 27:1-4</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of miracles, Sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS I've just come from the fountain (trad.) On my heart imprint your image ELW 811 Go, my children, with my blessing ELW 543</p> <p>CHORAL There is a balm, <i>trad.</i></p>
<p>Feb. 11, 2018 The Good Shepherd</p> <p>John 10:1-18</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 23</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Loving God, Your son came, and like a good shepherd, gave his life for your sheep. Receive our humble gratitude for this act of sacrifice and courage. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Forgive our sins as we forgive ELW 605, H82 674 Abide with me ELW 629, H82 662, UMH 700, NCH 99</p> <p>CHORAL Kyrie eleison <i>from</i> <i>Messa a quattro voci, Claudio Monteverdi</i></p>

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<p>Feb. 18, 2018 Jesus Raises Lazarus</p> <p>John 11:1-44</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 104:27-30</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of new life, As Jesus raised Lazarus from the dead, renew and restore us to new life, leaving in the grave all that prevents us from loving you fully. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS The glory of these forty days ELW 320, H82 143 I am the bread of life ELW 485 Jesus is a rock in a weary land ELW 333</p> <p>CHORAL God so loved the world, <i>Robert Chilcott</i></p>
<p>Feb. 25, 2018 Jesus Washes Feet</p> <p>John 13:1-17</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 51:7-12</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Lord God, Jesus washed the disciples' feet as a sign of service and compassion. Show us how to live and love in service and with compassion, for the sake of all your children. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Jesus, priceless treasure ELW 775, UMH 532, NCH 480 God, whose giving knows no ending ELW 678, NCH 565 Lord, whose love in humble service ELW 712</p> <p>CHORAL Amazing grace, <i>John Bertalot</i></p>
<p>Mar. 4, 2018 Peter's Denial</p> <p>John 18:12-27</p> <p>(<i>Psalm 17:1-7</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy God, We, like Peter, often turn our backs on you. Forgive us and show us a new way to live, walking boldly and passionately toward you. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS What wondrous love is this ELW 666 Guide me ever, great Redeemer ELW 618</p> <p>CHORAL Stay with us, <i>Walter Pelz</i></p>

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<p>Mar. 11, 2018 Jesus and Pilot</p> <p>John 18:28-40</p> <p><i>(Psalm 145:10-13)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of truth, Too often we bend truth to fit our needs. Show us how to recognize and follow your truth, shown to us by the love and life of your son, Jesus. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult ELW 696, H82 549, 550, UMH 398, NCH 171, 172 Change my heart, O God ELW 801 Come to the table ELW 481</p> <p>CHORAL Lead on, O King Eternal, <i>Diane Bish</i></p>
<p>Mar. 18, 2018 Jesus Condemned</p> <p>John 19:1-16a</p> <p><i>(Psalm 146)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy God, In this season of contemplation, help us to recognize that you revealed yourself in Jesus, who walked among us and was handed over to be crucified. May we be strengthened by his presence among us today. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS I want Jesus to walk with me ELW 325, UMH 521, NCH 490 Praise the one who breaks the darkness ELW 843</p> <p>CHORAL My song in the night, <i>Paul Christiansen</i></p>
<p>Mar. 25, 2018 The Crucified Messiah</p> <p>John 19:16b-22</p> <p>Opt: John 12:12-27</p> <p><i>(Psalm 24)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Scarlet/Purple</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of honor and celebration, Together we cry, "Hosanna!" to your son, who rode willingly and bravely into Jerusalem. Hear us as we celebrate your anointed one, Jesus Christ. 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 At the name of Jesus ELW 416, H82 435, UMH 168</p> <p>CHORAL Hosanna to the Son of David, <i>Luc Jakobs</i></p>

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<p>March 29, 2018 Jesus' Last Words</p> <p>John 19:23-30</p> <p><i>(Psalm 26:3)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: Scarlet/White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy God, When facing death, Jesus thought of his mother, Mary, and commended her to the disciple whom he loved. Inspire us by this act of care within community, so we can live with one another in holy love. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Go to dark Gethsemane ELW 347, H82 171, UMH 290, NCH 219 Amazing grace ELW 779, H82 671, UMH 378, NCH 547, 548</p> <p>CHORAL Love bade me welcome, <i>David Hurd</i></p>
<p>March 30, 2018 Jesus the Passover Lamb</p> <p>John 19:31-42</p> <p><i>(Psalm 31:9-18)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: n/a</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Jesus our Passover Lamb, We give thanks for the unswerving love you showed in your death and burial. Forgive and strengthen us so that we can rise with you, restored by your grace. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Ah, holy Jesus ELW 349, H82 158, UMH 289, NCH 218 Were you there ELW 353, UMH 288, H82 172, NCH 229</p> <p>CHORAL Were you there, <i>Richard Proulx</i></p>
<p>April 1, 2018 Resurrection</p> <p>John 20:1-18</p> <p><i>(Psalm 118:21-29)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White/Gold</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Loving God, With joy and unending praise we raise our voices to you, as together we sing, "Hallelujah! Jesus is risen!" 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 That Easter day with joy was bright ELW 384, H82 193</p> <p>CHORAL This joyful Eastertide, <i>Philip Ledger</i></p>

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<p>April 8, 2018 Thomas</p> <p>John 20:19-31</p> <p><i>(Psalm 145:13-21)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of resurrection, Your son, Jesus, awed his followers by appearing among them. With awe we also celebrate his resurrection and rejoice in eternal life. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Come down, O Love divine ELW 804, H82 516, UMH 475, NCH 289 We walk by faith ELW 635, H82 209 You satisfy the hungry heart ELW 484</p> <p>CHORAL The road to Damascus, <i>Frederick Frahm</i></p>
<p>April 15, 2018 Called into Christ's Service</p> <p>Acts 9:1-19a</p> <p><i>(Matthew 6:24)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God who calls us into service, Transform us as you transformed Paul. Shape us into children who rejoice in knowing and proclaiming you to the world. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS We are called ELW 720 Unexpected and mysterious ELW 258 All are welcome ELW 641</p> <p>CHORAL The Call, <i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i></p>
<p>April 22, 2018 Paul and Silas</p> <p>Acts 16:16-34</p> <p><i>(Luke 6:18-19, 22-23)</i></p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of freedom, Paul and Silas worshiped you, even when they were flogged and imprisoned. Transform our hearts so that we may also rejoice in you at all times and in all situations. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS You have put on Christ ELW 211, UMH 609 When our song says peace ELW 709 When in our music God is glorified ELW 850/851</p> <p>CHORAL Blest are they, <i>William Beckstrand</i></p>

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<p>Apr. 29, 2018 Paul's Sermon at Athens</p> <p>Acts 17:16-31</p> <p>(<i>John 1:16-18</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of the unknown, Your mysteries are astounding. Give us knowledge where you see fit, and let us sit comfortably with that which we can never understand. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS O Zion, haste ELW 668 He comes to us as one unknown ELW 737 There's a wideness in God's mercy ELW 587, 588, H82 469, 470, UMH 121, NCH 23</p> <p>CHORAL Make my life a living prayer, <i>Aaron David Miller</i></p>
<p>May 6, 2018 Partnership in the Gospel</p> <p>Philippians 1:1-18a</p> <p>(<i>Luke 9:46-48</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY Holy Lord, May our love overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help us determine what is best, so that we may be pure and blameless in the sight of Jesus Christ. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Alleluia! Sing to Jesus ELW 392, H82 460, 461, NCH 257 Give me Jesus ELW 770/trad. Lord, be glorified ELW 744</p> <p>CHORAL Pilgrim's Hymn, <i>Stephen Paulus</i></p>
<p>May 13, 2018 The Christ Hymn</p> <p>Philippians 2:1-13</p> <p>(<i>Luke 6:43-45</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: White</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of love, With praise we celebrate Jesus, who humbled himself so that every knee should bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Like the murmur of the dove's song ELW 403, H82 513, UMH 544, NCH 270 That priceless grace ELW 591 O day full of grace ELW 627</p> <p>CHORAL Children of Peace, <i>Anne Kilsofte</i></p>

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<p>May 20, 2018 Pentecost; Rejoice in the Lord</p> <p>Acts 2:1-21; Philippians 4:4-7</p> <p>(<i>John 14:16-17</i>)</p> <p>Liturgical color: Red</p>	<p>PRAYER OF THE DAY God of Spirit, We give thanks that when you sent your Advocate, the apostles were empowered to speak about your deeds of power in all languages, for every people. Give us boldness to share the Spirit's power with our neighbors. Amen.</p> <p>HYMNS Lord, dismiss us with your blessing ELW 545, H82 344, UMH 671, NCH 77 O day of rest and gladness ELW 521, H82 48, NCH 66</p> <p>CHORAL Go where I send thee, <i>Caldwell/Ivory</i></p>
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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 (*Psalms 51:6-9*)
- 8/26/2018: Mark 10:17-31 (*Psalms 51:10-12*)
- 9/2/2018: Luke 12:13-34 (*Psalms 51:15-17*)