

# Narrative Lectionary Summer 2023 Readings

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.

Working Preacher 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](http://www.narrativelectionary.org) and on the calendar next to the artwork, click on the first date in a series to find the full commentary for that preaching series.

## Summer 2023 (14 weeks from June 4 – Sept. 3, 2023)

**Isaiah** (4 weeks): *New series to be posted by May 4, 2023*

- 6/4 Isaiah 6:1-8 (*Luke 5:8-10*)
- 6/11 Isaiah 9:1-7 (*John 8:12*)
- 6/18 Isaiah 40:1-11 (*Mark 1:1-4*); or Isaiah 55:1-13 (*John 4:13-14*)
- 6/25 Isaiah 61:1-11 (*Luke 4:16-21*)

**2 Peter** (3 weeks): *New series to be posted by June 2, 2023*

- 7/2 2 Peter 1:1-11 (*Matt 13:44-46*)
- 7/9 2 Peter 1:16—2:2, 15-19 (*Mark 13:5-7*)
- 7/16 2 Peter 3:1-10, 17-18 (*Matt 24:42-44*)

**Old Testament Wisdom and Poetry** (4 weeks) by [Kathryn Schifferdecker](#)

- 7/23 Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8 (*Matt 13:34-35*)
- 7/30 Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36 (*John 8:56-58*)
- 8/6 Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 (*Luke 13:1-3*)
- 8/13 Song of Solomon 2:10-13; 8:6-7 (*Mark 8:35-37*)

**Creeds** (3 weeks) by [Karl Jacobson](#) or

- 8/20 Gen 1:1-5; Matt 6:30-34
- 8/27 John 1:1-18; 1 Cor 1:18-25
- 9/3 Acts 2:1-18; Matt 28:17-20

**Sabbath** (3 weeks) by [Kara Root](#)

- 8/20 Deut 5:12-15; Matt 11:28-30
- 8/27 Gen 2:1-3; John 15:9-15
- 9/3 Deut 15:1-2, 7-11; Luke 15:11-32