The **preaching texts** are always listed first. During the fall, Old Testament texts are the primary vehicle for proclaiming the biblical story. The gospel readings become primary texts on the Fourth Sunday of Advent. A brief accompanying reading (selected from one of the gospels before Christmas and after Easter; selected from Psalms from Christmas through Easter) is noted in parentheses. These accompanying readings are optional.

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| September 10 | NL201 Garden of Eden | Genesis 2:4b-25  
                  | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
                  | Human beings are to till the garden; man and woman in companionship  
                  | (Mark 1:16-20 or Mark 10:6-8) |
                  | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
                  | The promise of Isaac’s birth to an aged Sarah and Abraham brings laughter  
                  | (Mark 10:27) |
                  | Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
                  | Jacob wrestles with an angel. Receives the name Israel, for he strives with God  
                  | (Mark 14:32-36) |
| October 1   | NL204 Moses and God’s Name | Exodus 1:8-14 [1:15—2:10]; 3:1-15  
                  | Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
                  | Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release  
                  | (Mark 12:26-27a) |
| October 8   | NL205 Hear O Israel | Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-9  
                  | Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost  
                  | Ten Commandments  
                  | Love the LORD your God with all your heart and soul and might  
                  | (Mark 12:28-31) |
| October 15  | NL206 Ruth | Ruth 1:1-17 [4:13-17]  
                  | Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost  
                  | Ruth is a foreigner who finds belonging among God’s people. “Where you go I will go, your people will be my people, your God will be my God.”  
<pre><code>              | (Mark 3:33-35) |
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*(Mark 1:1-4)* |
| December 17 | **NL215** | Isaiah 40:1-11 | Return from exile and rebuilding the temple.  
*(Luke 2:25-32)* |
| December 24 | **NL216** | Luke 1:5-13 [14-25] | John the Baptist’s birth; Blessed be the God of Israel who has looked favorably on his people.  
*(Psalm 113)* |
*(Psalm 146:5-10 or Luke 1:46-55)* |
| December 25 | **NL218** | Luke 2:8-20 | Shepherds visit the infant Jesus  
*Matthew 2:1-12, The Magi*  
*(Psalm 108:1-4)* |
| December 31 | **NL219** | Mark 1:1-20 | John the Baptist, Jesus announces the kingdom, calls the disciples.  
*(Psalm 91:9-12)* |
| January 7 | **NL221** | Mark 2:1-22 | Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors.  
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| January 28 | NL224 | Mark 5:21-43   | Jesus heals Jairus’ daughter and the woman with the flow of blood.  
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| February 4  | NL225 | Mark 6:1-29    | Jesus is rejected at Nazareth, Sending of the Twelve, Death of John the Baptist.  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany | Psalm 122 |
| February 11 | NL229 | Mark 8:27—9:8 | Peter’s confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration.  
Transfiguration Sunday | Psalm 27:1-4 |
| February 14 | NL230 | Mark 9:30-37   | Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant.  
Ash Wednesday | Psalm 32:1-5 |
| February 18 | NL231 | Mark 10:17-31  | Rich man is called to sell all he has and follow Jesus.  
First Sunday in Lent | Psalm 19:7-10 |
| February 25 | NL232 | Mark 10:32-52  | Passion prediction, Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus.  
Second Sunday in Lent | Psalm 34:11-14 |
| March 3    | NL233 | Mark 12:1-12 [13-17] | Parable of the wicked tenants; paying taxes to Caesar  
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(Psalm 89:1-4) |
|       |      | Fourth Sunday in Lent |                      |           |
| March | 17   | NL235 End of the Age | Mark 13:1-8, 24-37   | The end of the age; call to be watchful.  
(Psalm 102:12-17) |
|       |      | Fifth Sunday in Lent |                      |           |
| March | 24   | NL236 Triumphant Entry (or Anointing at Bethany) | Mark 11:1-11 | Triumphant entry  
Mark 14:3-9 | Woman anoints Jesus at Bethany  
(Psalm 118:25-29) |
|       |      | Palm/Passion Sunday |                      |           |
| March | 28   | NL237 Lord’s Supper, Prayer in Gethsemane | Mark 14:22-42 | Words of Institution; Peter’s denial foretold; prayer in Gethsemane.  
(Psalm 116:12-19) |
|       |      | Maundy Thursday |                      |           |
| March | 29   | NL238 Crucifixion | Mark 15:16-39 | Mocking; crucifixion; “My God, my God why have you forsaken me?”  
(Psalm 22:1-2, 14-21) |
|       |      | Good Friday |                      |           |
| March | 31   | NL239 Resurrection | Mark 16:1-8 | Resurrection, empty tomb, and fleeing in fear.  
(Psalm 118:21-27) |
|       |      | Easter Sunday |                      |           |
| April | 7    | NL240 You Shall Be My Witnesses | Acts 1:1-14 | “You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”  
(Mark 6:7-13) |
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(Mark 6:53-56) |
| April | 21     | NL242 Church at Thessalonica                           | Acts 17:1-9 | Founding church at Thessalonica  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
Paul’s message of thanks to the church at Thessalonica.  
(Mark 13:9-11) |
| April | 28     | NL243 Church at Corinth                                | Acts 18:1-4 | Founding the church at Corinth.  
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Factions in the church and the word of the cross.  
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| May   | 5      | NL244 Faith, Hope, and Love                            | 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 | “Faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.”  
(Mark 12:28-31) |
| May   | 12     | NL245 Death Swallowed in Life                          | 1 Corinthians 15:1-26, 51-57 | Jesus’ resurrection and the future resurrection; death as the last enemy.  
(Mark 12:26-27a) |
| May   | 19     | NL246 Gifts of the Spirit                              | Acts 2:1-4 | Pentecost  
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(Mark 1:4-8) |