

Narrative Lectionary Summer Readings 2027

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 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 2027 (16 weeks from May 23 – Sept. 5, 2027)

Wisdom & Song of Songs (4-week series by [Kathryn Schifferdecker](#) [2017])

- 5/23/27: Proverbs 1:1-7; 3:1-8 *(Matthew 13:34-35)*
- 5/30/27: Proverbs 8:1-11, 22-36 *(John 8:56-58)*
- 6/6/27: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11; 3:1-17 *(Luke 13:1-3)*
- 6/13/27: Song of Songs 2:10-13, 8:6-7 *(Mark 8:35-37)*

James (4-week series by Amanda Brobst-Renaud [forthcoming])

- 6/20/27: James 2:1-13 *(Matthew 25:37-40)*
- 6/27/27: James 2:14-26 *(Matthew 19:16-22)*
- 7/4/27: James 4:1-12 *(Matthew 7:1-5)*
- 7/11/27: James 5:7-20 *(Matthew 6:9-13)*

Bible Short Stack: Titus, Jude, Obadiah, Philemon (4-week series by Kristofer Phan Coffman [forthcoming])

- 7/18/27: Obadiah 1-21 *(Matthew 24:42-44)*
- 7/25/27: Titus 1:1-3:15 *(Matthew 21:28-32)*
- 8/1/27: Philemon 1-25 *(Matthew 24:45-51)*
- 8/8/27: Jude 1-25 *(Matthew 24:23-25)*

Choose one of the following:

Sacraments

(4-week series by [Karl Jacobson](#) [2017]):

- 8/15/27: [Baptism]
Psalm 46; Acts 2:37-42
- 8/22/27: [Baptism]
Psalm 84; Romans 6:1-11
- 8/29/27: [Lord's Supper]
Psalm 65; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- 9/5/27: [Lord's Supper]
1 Sam 21:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8

Revelation

(4-week series by [Craig Koester](#) [2017]):

- 8/15/27: Revelation 4:1-11 *(John 17:1-5)*
- 8/22/27: Revelation 5:1-13 *(John 1:29-31)*
- 8/29/27: Revelation 6:1-8; 7:9-17
(John 14:1-4)
- 9/5/27: Revelation 21:1-6; 22:1-5
(John 16:20-22)