

Narrative Lectionary 2016-2017

Readings for Year 3 (Luke)

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.*

September	11	Creation and Fall Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8 <i>(Luke 11:4)</i> Creation, Garden of Eden, fall into sin.
September	18	God's Promise to Abraham Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 15:1-6 <i>(Luke 3:8)</i> God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believes.
September	25	God Works through Joseph Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21 <i>(Luke 6:35)</i> Joseph's dreams lead to family conflict and he is sold into slavery. Yet in the end Joseph forgives. God works for good.
October	2	The Promise of Passover Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8 <i>(Luke 22:14-20)</i> Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb God's deliverance.
October	9	Golden Calf Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost	Exodus 32:1-14 <i>(Luke 23:34)</i> Golden calf shows unfaithfulness at Mt. Sinai. Moses intercedes, God forgives.
October	16	God Answers Hannah Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost	1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10 <i>(Luke 1:46-55)</i> Samuel's birth is God's answer to Hannah, who sings of God's care for the needy.
October	23	God's Promise to David Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	2 Samuel 7:1-17 <i>(Luke 1:30-33)</i> God's promise to David concerning his heir, who will be God's Son and whose kingdom will endure forever.

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October	30	God's Care for the Widow Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost (or Reformation Sunday)	1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24] (<i>Luke 4:24-26</i>) Elijah and the widow; God's care for those on the margin.
November	6	Jonah and God's Mercy Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost (or All Saints Sunday)	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11] (<i>Luke 18:3</i>) Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the people of Nineveh.
November	13	God Calls Isaiah Twenty-sixth Sunday after Pentecost	Isaiah 6:1-8 (<i>Luke 5:8-10</i>) Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God; the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending.
November	20	God Promises a New Covenant Christ the King/Reign of Christ Sunday	Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34 (<i>Luke 22:19-20</i>) Jeremiah's scroll calls for repentance, but the king burns it. The prophet promises a new covenant, written on the heart.
November	27	Daniel's Hope in God First Sunday of Advent	Daniel 6:6-27 (<i>Luke 23:1-5</i>) Daniel in the lions' den; deliverance; God's kingdom shall never be destroyed.
December	4	Joel: God's Promised Spirit Second Sunday of Advent	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 (<i>Luke 11:13</i>) Turn to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit.
December	11	Spirit of the Lord upon Me Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-11 (<i>Luke 4:16-21</i>) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news, liberty, and to make an everlasting covenant.
December	18	Jesus' Birth Announced Fourth Sunday of Advent	Luke 1:26-49 (<i>Psalm 113 or 113:9</i>) Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary; he will receive the throne of David.
December	24	Birth of Jesus Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14 [15-20] (<i>Ps 96 or 96:3</i>) Birth of Jesus.

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December	25	Shepherds Visit Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 (<i>Psalm 123:1-2 or 123:2</i>) Shepherds visit the infant Jesus.
January	1	Simeon and Anna First Sunday after Christmas	Luke 2:21-38 (<i>Psalm 131 or 131:3</i>) Simeon and Anna, Lord now you let your servant depart in peace.
January	8	Jesus' Baptism Baptism of Our Lord	Luke 3:1-22 (<i>Psalm 51:6-17 or 51:13</i>) John baptizes, bear fruit worthy of repentance, share what you have.
January	15	Sermon at Nazareth Second Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 4:14-30 (<i>Psalm 146 or 146:7b-8</i>) Sermon at Nazareth (Isaiah fulfilled, Elijah and widow, Elisha and Naaman).
January	22	Fish for People Third Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 5:1-11 (<i>Psalm 90:14-17 or 90:17b</i>) Great catch of fish, Peter will fish for people.
January	29	Healing on the Sabbath Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 6:1-16 (<i>Psalm 92 or 92:4</i>) Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (plucking grain, healing a man) and call of disciples
February	5	Raising the Widow's Son Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:1-17 (<i>Psalm 119:105-107 or 119:107</i>) Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain
February	12	Are You the One? Sixth Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:18-35 (<i>Psalm 146:5-10</i>) Tell John what you see and hear.
February	19	Forgiven at Jesus' Feet Seventh Sunday after Epiphany	Luke 7:36-50 (<i>Psalm 130:3-6</i>) Woman weeps at Jesus' feet and is forgiven.

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February	26	Transfiguration Transfiguration of Our Lord	Luke 9:28-45 (<i>Psalm 36:5-10 or 36:9</i>) Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction.
March	1	Jesus Turns to Jerusalem Ash Wednesday	Luke 9:51-62 (<i>Psalm 5:7-8 or 5:8</i>) Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back.
March	5	Good Samaritan First Sunday in Lent	Luke 10:25-42 (<i>Psalm 15 or 15:1</i>) Parable of the Good Samaritan
March	12	Lament over Jerusalem Second Sunday in Lent	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 (<i>Psalm 122 or 122:6</i>) The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem.
March	19	Lost Sheep, Coin, Son Third Sunday in Lent	Luke 15:1-32 (<i>Psalm 119:167-176 or 119:176</i>) Parables of lost sheep, coin, prodigal son.
March	26	Rich Man and Lazarus Fourth Sunday in Lent	Luke 16:19-31 (<i>Psalm 41:1-3 or 41:1</i>) Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.
April	2	Zacchaeus Fifth Sunday in Lent	Luke 18:31--19:10 (<i>Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12 or 84:10</i>) Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
April	9	Triumphal Entry Palm/Passion Sunday	Luke 19:29-44 (<i>Psalm 118:19-23 or 118:20</i>) Triumphal entry; Jesus weeps over the city that does not know peace.
April	13	Last Supper Maundy Thursday	Luke 22:1-27 (<i>Psalm 34:8-10 or 34:8</i>) Preparation for the Last Supper, Words of Institution, Jesus is one who serves.

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April	14	Crucifixion Good Friday	Luke 23:32-47 <i>(Psalm 31:5-13 or 31:5a)</i> Crucifixion, Father forgive them; today in Paradise; into your hands I commend my Spirit.
April	16	Resurrection Resurrection of Our Lord	Luke 24:1-12 <i>(Psalm 118:17, 21-24 or 118:22)</i> Empty tomb, women perplexed, bring the message.
April	23	Emmaus Road Second Sunday of Easter	Luke 24:13-35 <i>(Psalm 30 or 30:11)</i> “Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures.”
April	30	Stephen’s Witness Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60 <i>(Luke 23:33-34a, 46)</i> Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred.
May	7	Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-39 <i>(Luke 24:44-47)</i> Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe and be baptized by Philip.
May	14	Council at Jerusalem Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 15:1-18 <i>(Luke 2:29-32)</i> Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles.
May	21	Living by Faith Sixth Sunday of Easter	Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21 <i>(Luke 18:9-14)</i> Paul’s former life; conflict with Peter at Antioch; justification by faith.
May	28	One in Christ Seventh Sunday of Easter	Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29 <i>(Luke 1:68-79)</i> Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ.

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June	4	Pentecost	Acts 2:1- 4; Galatians 4:1-7 Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. <i>and/or Galatians 5:16-26</i> <i>Fruit of the Spirit</i> <i>(Luke 11:11-13)</i>
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Summer 2017 (13 weeks from June 11 – Sept. 3, 2017)

Psalms (5 weeks): *see R. Jacobson's [6-week series \(2012\)](#) and [6-week series \(2015\)](#)*

- 6/11/2017: Psalm 100 *(John 1:14-17)*
- 6/18/2017: Psalm 13 *(John 6:35-40)*
- 6/25/2017: Psalm 23 *(John 10:1-4)*
- 7/2/2017: Psalm 30 *(John 6:67-69)*
- 7/9/2017: Psalm 150 *(John 4:24-26)*

Ephesians (4 weeks): *see M. Shore's [4-week series \(2013\)](#)*

- 7/16/2017: Ephesians 1:1-14 *(John 14:25-27)*
- 7/23/2017: Ephesians 2:11-22 *(Matt 28:16-20)*
- 7/30/2017: Ephesians 4:1-16 *(John 15:1-4)*
- 8/6/2017: Ephesians 6:10-20 *(Matt 10:28-31)*

Choose one of the following:

Sacraments (4 weeks):

- 8/13/2017: [Baptism]
Psalm 46; Acts 2:37-42
- 8/20/2017: [Baptism]
Psalm 84; Romans 6:1-11
- 8/27/2017: [Lord's Supper]
Psalm 65; 1 Corinthians 11:17-34
- 9/3/2017: [Lord's Supper]
1 Sam 21:1-9; Matthew 12:1-8 or Mark 14:12-25

Revelation (4 weeks):

see C. Koester's [7-week series \(2012\)](#)

- 8/13/2017: Rev 4:1-11 *(John 17:1-5)*
- 8/20/2017: Rev 5:1-13 *(John 1:29-31)*
- 8/27/2017: Rev 6:1-8; 7:9-17 *(John 14:1-4)*
- 9/3/2017: Rev 21:1-6; 22:1-5 *(John 16:20-22)*