

PREFACE

The lectionary which follows contains much that is old and much that is new, much that reflects the collective wisdom of the church universal, and much that flows from our particular spiritual insights as Moravians.

Since the earliest centuries, the Christian church has found it helpful to provide a selection of Scripture lessons or “pericopes” for use on the various Sundays and festivals of the church year. Realizing the benefits to be derived from such an orderly proclamation of God’s Word, our Moravian Church, along with other major denominations, thankfully adopted the “traditional lectionary” as a suggested guide for its own ministers and congregations.

God continues to work among his people, however, and beginning in 1969 many denominations introduced a “new lectionary,” similar in many respects to the “traditional pericopes,” but now embracing a three-year cycle of lessons with three selections and one Psalm for each Sunday or festival. The advantage of this development was immediately obvious, for a far larger selection of the riches of God’s Word could thereby be utilized for the instruction of the faithful. Various denominations made slight modifications in the basic lectionary in accord with their own heritage (Lutheran, Presbyterian, Episcopal, etc.), but the basic structure and, indeed, most of the individual selections remain the same. This approach has now been adopted by the Moravian Church.

The following adaptations have been made in the Revised Common Lectionary for this Moravian lectionary: Readings from the Apocrypha (deuterocanonical books) have not been used. Alternative readings have not been listed. Readings for the Season of Christmas, other than for Sundays and one set for Christmas Day, have been omitted! Readings for Holy Week and for the Easter Vigil have been omitted because these passages are part of the Moravian tradition of Holy Week readings. The gospel readings for Easter Sunday are from a different gospel in each cycle. In the Sundays after Pentecost, the set of Old Testament and Psalm readings related to the gospel readings has been used.

In accord with our long-standing Moravian tradition of freedom, use of this lectionary is, of course, not “required” as in some other denominations. It is, however, warmly commended to our ministers and congregations because of its many advantages. Reading from it at public worship on a continuing and regular basis will ensure that our people hear the Word of God in all its fullness. Our ministers, for their part, will be challenged to treat texts they might never have chosen on their own, but will also find an ever-increasing number of commentaries and “sermon helps” being published which are based on the three-year lectionary. In addition, with this lectionary the Moravian Church reaffirms once again its unity of Spirit with major portions of the church universal.

Let us hear the Word of God as it speaks to us as individuals and as the
Unity of the faithful:

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope. May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 15:4-6 (NRSV)

SEASONS OF THE YEAR

With Suggestions and Explanations of Parament Colors

THE SEASON OF ADVENT

Advent is a season of preparation for the coming of Christ. It has a threefold dimension: looking back to the coming of Christ in history; looking around and within to the coming of Christ in the present; and looking forward to the coming of Christ at the consummation of history. Advent begins with the Sunday closest to November 30, and extends through the four Sundays before Christmas, ending at Christmas Eve.

The traditional color for Advent is *purple*, the color of royalty in honor of the coming King. Purple is also the color of penitence, and reminds us that we are to examine our lives as we prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ. *Blue*, a color of hope is sometimes used for Advent to distinguish it from the more penitential season of Lent.

THE CHRISTMAS SEASON

Christmas follows as the fulfillment of Advent. It is the celebration of the birth of Christ, and it is during these twelve days of Christmas festivals associated with Christ that Christmas hymns and decorations are appropriate.

The color of Christmas and its festivals is *white*, the color of purity.

THE EPIPHANY SEASON

Epiphany means “manifestation,” and the day of the Epiphany recalls the manifestation of Christ to the wise men, who represent the nations of the earth. The First Sunday after the Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Christ, the beginning of Christ’s manifestation of himself as Messiah in his public ministry. The variable number of Sundays after the Epiphany recalls this public ministry of Jesus, and the readings for the Last Sunday after the Epiphany (which are always to be used on the Sunday preceding Ash Wednesday) celebrate his transfiguration. This event, which shows the Lord in all his glory, is a fitting climax to the public ministry of Jesus. Coming just before the season of his passion, it looks forward to the glory of his resurrection.

The color for the Epiphany, as a festival of our Lord, is *white*. *White* is also used for the same reason on the First and Last Sundays after the Epiphany.

Green, a color of growth and hope, is used on the other Sundays after the Epiphany.

THE SEASON OF LENT

Lent begins on Ash Wednesday and extends through the forty days (excluding Sundays) until Easter. It recalls the events leading up to his passion, and should be a time of self-examination as we consider our own unworthiness in the face of the Lord’s love displayed in his suffering and dying for us.

The color of Lent is *purple*, the color of penitence. If *black* is to be used in the church at all, it is most appropriate for Ash Wednesday, not only as a sign of the ashes of penitence, but also of the darkness of sin which must be illumined by the light of Christ. *White* may be used on Maundy Thursday, suggesting gladness for the institution of the Lord’s Supper, but the tone of the service on that day is best expressed by *purple*.

THE EASTER SEASON

Easter, the celebration of the Lord’s resurrection, is the greatest of the Christian festivals, and so is celebrated not for a day or a week, but for a “week of weeks.” This explains why the Sundays following Easter Day are called Sundays **of** Easter and not **after** Easter. As the season nears its close, we recall the ascension of Christ, which the Scriptures and the witness of the early church unite in seeing as the consummation of the Easter event. Where a service on Ascension Day itself is not possible, the reading may be used on the Seventh Sunday of Easter as a climax and summary of the season.

White, the color of joy and of the Lord, is used throughout Easter.

THE SEASON OF PENTECOST

Pentecost may also be seen as a culmination of Easter, for on that day the risen and ascended Savior fulfilled his promise to bestow the Spirit upon his church, thus equipping the church to carry out his command to “preach the gospel to all nations.” Since medieval times, the First Sunday after Pentecost has been celebrated as Trinity Sunday, the commemoration not so much of a doctrine as of the majesty and mystery of God. The remaining Sundays after the Pentecost might be called the “Season of the Church,” which extends from the time of the earthly ministry of Jesus to his coming at the end of time. The readings for this time deal with the life in Christ under the guidance of the Holy Spirit. The

readings for the last Sunday in the liturgical year, called the Reign of Christ, look forward to the time when “the kingdoms of this world shall become the Kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Red, the color of the Spirit and of the fire of love, is used on the Day of Pentecost.

White is used for Trinity Sunday and for the Reign of Christ, which is a festival of our Lord.

Green, the color of growth, is used on the remaining Sundays as a symbol of our growth in the life of Christ.

The term *proper* refers simply to the variable lectionary readings. For the Sundays after Pentecost, the readings are determined by the date, not by the relationship to Pentecost. The Sundays after Pentecost will, however, still be numbered.

OTHER FESTIVALS AND MEMORIAL DAYS

It is also fitting the denomination remember dates in our history, not as a glorification of the past, but as a stimulus to the present. Such occasions (with appropriate colors) are:

March 1	The Founding of the Unity	Red
July 6	The Martyrdom of John Hus	Red
August 13	The Spiritual Baptism of Renewed Unity	Red
August 21	The Beginning of Moravian Missions.....	White
September 16.....	Ministers’ Covenant Day	Red
October 31	Reformation Day	Red
November 1	All Saints’ Day	White
November 13	Christ the Chief Elder.....	White

Other days (National Occasions, Thanksgiving or Harvest Festivals, and New Year’s Eve) may be celebrated in the church. These days should be seen as incorporated into the life in Christ, and so the color of the season should be used. Likewise, events within the life of an individual should be seen as a part of the life of the church, and therefore, the color of the season should not be changed for baptisms, weddings, and funerals.

Special events which may be seen as enriching the life of the whole church (not just the local congregation) may fittingly be noted with an appropriate color. Thus red may be used for ordinations and consecrations, synods, or the founding of a congregation. Red may be used on the anniversary of a congregation, in witness to its contribution to the life of the whole church of Christ. An event such as the installation of a pastor, however, is primarily a local occasion, and so the color of the season is most appropriate here.

CONCERNING THE PROPER COLOR FOR HOLY COMMUNION

Many of our churches use white for all communions to emphasize that this is the Lord’s Supper. A similar reasoning, though, could be to maintain that white should be used on *all *Sundays, because every Sunday is in essence a celebration of the risen Lord. The choice is optional. To use the appropriate seasonal color at communions would serve to incorporate the specific celebration of the sacrament into the general framework of the Christian year.

PARAMENT COLORS FOR THE CHURCH YEAR

Advent Season - Four Sundays before Christmas	Purple or Blue
Christmas Season -- Christmas Eve through Sunday after Christmas	White
Epiphany Sunday and the Sunday before Ash Wednesday	White
Sundays after the Epiphany	Green
Ash Wednesday -- 46 days before Easter.....	Purple
Lenten Season	Purple or Black
Palm Sunday.....	Purple
Maundy Thursday	Purple or White
Good Friday	Purple
Easter Sunday	White
Sundays of Easter.....	White
Pentecost — seven weeks after Easter	Red
Trinity Sunday — eight weeks after Easter.....	White
Sundays after Pentecost.....	Green
Reign of Christ (last Sunday after Pentecost)	White
Martyrdom of John Hus -- July 6.....	Red
August 13 festival.....	Red
All Saints' Day	White or Red
November 13 Festival	White
Thanksgiving Day	Green
Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals	Color of the Season

(The color for a season of the church year is not affected by the celebration of events within the life of an individual, such as the above, nor is the color changed for funerals.)

SERIES A

Begins with Advent 2007, 2010, 2013, etc.

Sunday or Festival	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel Lesson
First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 2:1-5	Psalm 122	Romans 13:11-14	Matthew 24:36-44
Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 11:1-10	Psalm 72	Romans 15:4-13	Matthew 3:1-12
Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 35:1-10	Psalm 146:5-10	James 5:7-10	Matthew 11:2-11
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 7:10-16	Psalm 80:1-7, 10-14	Romans 1:1-7	Matthew 1:18-25
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 63:7-9	Psalm 148	Hebrews 2:10-18	Matthew 2:13-23
Second Sunday after Christmas Day	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Epiphany of the Lord (Jan.6)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
First Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 42:1-9	Psalm 29	Acts 10:34-43	Matthew 3:13-17
Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 40:1-11	1 Corinthians 1:1-9	John 1:29-42
Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 9:1-4	Psalm 27:1, 4-9	1 Corinthians 1:10-18	Matthew 4:12-23
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Micah 6:1-8	Psalm 15	1 Corinthians 1:18-31	Matthew 5:1-12
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 58:1-9a, (9b-12)	Psalm 112:1-9, (10)	1 Corinthians 2:1-12, (13-16)	Matthew 5:13-20
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 119:1-8	1 Corinthians 3:1-9	Matthew 5:21-37
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Leviticus 19:1-2, 9-18	Psalm 119:33-40	1 Corinthians 3:10-11, 16-23	Matthew 5:38-48
Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 49:8-16a	Psalm 131	1 Corinthians 4:1-5	Matthew 6:24-34
Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Exodus 24:12-18	Psalm 2	2 Peter 1:16-21	Matthew 17:1-9
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7	Psalm 32	Romans 5:12-19	Matthew 4:1-11
Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 12:1-4a	Psalm 121	Romans 4:1-5, 13-17	John 3:1-17
Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 17:1-7	Psalm 95	Romans 5:1-11	John 4:5-42
Fourth Sunday in Lent	1 Samuel 16:1-13	Psalm 23	Ephesians 5:8-14	John 9:1-41
Fifth Sunday in Lent	Ezekiel 37:1-14	Psalm 130	Romans 8:6-11	John 11:1-45
Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Matthew 21:1-11 or Matthew 26:14-27:66

Easter	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	Colossians 3:1-4	John 20:1-18
Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 22-32	Psalm 16	1 Peter 1:3-9	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:14a, 36-41	Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19	1 Peter 1:17-23	Luke 24:13-35
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 2:42-47	Psalm 23	1 Peter 2:19-25	John 10:1-10
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 7:55-60	Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16	1 Peter 2:2-10	John 14:1-14
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 17:22-31	Psalm 66:8-20	1 Peter 3:13-22	John 14:15-21
Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:6-14	Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35	1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11	John 17:1-11
Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	1 Corinthians 12:3b-13	John 20:19-23
Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1-2:4a	Psalm 8	2 Corinthians 13:11-13	Matthew 28:16-20
Proper 4 (Sunday between May 29 and June 4 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Deuteronomy 11:18-21, 26-28	Psalm 31:1-5, 19-24	Romans 1:16-17, 3:22b-28, (29-31)	Matthew 7:21-29
Proper 5 (June 5-June 11 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Hosea 5:15-6:6	Psalm 50:7-15	Romans 4:13-25	Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26
Proper 6 (June 12-June 18 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Exodus 19:2-8a	Psalm 100	Romans 5:1-8	Matthew 9:35-10:8, (9-23)
Proper 7 (June 19-June 25 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Jeremiah 20:7-13	Psalm 69:7-10, (11-15), 16-18	Romans 6:1b-11	Matthew 10:24-39
Proper 8 (June 26-July 2)	Jeremiah 28:5-9	Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18	Romans 6:12-23	Matthew 10:40-42
John Hus Festival (Sunday closest to July 6)	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 135:1-13	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	Mark 8:34-38
Proper 9 (July 3-July 9)	Zechariah 9:9-12	Psalm 145:8-14	Romans 7:15-25a	Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30
Proper 10 (July 10-July 16)	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 65:(1-8), 9-13	Romans 8:1-11	Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23
Proper 11 (July 17-July 23)	Isaiah 44:6-8	Psalm 86:11-17	Romans 8:12-25	Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
Proper 12 (July 24-July 30)	1 Kings 3:5-12	Psalm 119:129-136	Romans 8:26-39	Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52
Proper 13 (July 31-August 6)	Isaiah 55:1-5	Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21	Romans 9:1-5	Matthew 14:13-21
Proper 14 (August 7-August 13)	1 Kings 19:9-18	Psalm 85:8-13	Romans 10:5-15	Matthew 14:22-33
August Thirteenth Festival	Joshua 24:16-24	Psalm 133	1 John 4:1-13	John 17:1-2, 6-19
Proper 15 (August 14-August 20)	Isaiah 56:1, 6-8	Psalm 67	Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32	Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

Proper 16 (August 21-August 27)	Isaiah 51:1-6	Psalm 138	Romans 12:1-8	Matthew 16:13-20
Proper 17 (August 28-Sept. 3)	Jeremiah 15:15-21	Psalm 26:1-8	Romans 12:9-21	Matthew 16:21-28
Proper 18 (Sept. 4-Sept. 10)	Ezekiel 33:7-11	Psalm 119:33-40	Romans 13:8-14	Matthew 18:15-20
Proper 19 (Sept. 11-Sept.17)	Genesis 50:15-21	Psalm 103:(1-7), 8-13	Romans 14:1-12	Matthew 18:21-35
Proper 20 (Sept. 18-Sept. 24)	Jonah 3:10-4:11	Psalm 145:1-8	Philippians 1:21-30	Matthew 20:1-16
Proper 21 (Sept. 25-October 1)	Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32	Psalm 25:1-9	Philippians 2:1-13	Matthew 21:23-32
Proper 22 (October 2-October 8)	Isaiah 5:1-7	Psalm 80:7-15	Philippians 3:4b-14	Matthew 21:33-46
Proper 23 (October 9-October 15)	Isaiah 25:1-9	Psalm 23	Philippians 4:1-9	Matthew 22:1-14
Proper 24 (October 16-October 22)	Isaiah 45:1-7	Psalm 96:1-9, (10-13)	1 Thessalonians 1:1-10	Matthew 22:15-22
Proper 25 (October 23-October 29)	Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18	Psalm 1	1 Thessalonians 2:1-8	Matthew 22:34-46
Proper 26 (October 30-Nov. 5)	Micah 3:5-12	Psalm 43	1 Thessalonians 2:9-13	Matthew 23:1-12
All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Revelation 7:9-17	Psalm 34:1-10, 22	1 John 1:1-3	Matthew 5:1-12
Proper 27 (Nov. 6-Nov. 12)	Amos 5:18-24	Psalm 70	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18	Matthew 25:1-13
The Chief Elder Festival	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 4:14-16	John 10:1-10
Proper 28 (Nov. 13-Nov. 19)	Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18	Psalm 90:1-8,(9-11),12	1 Thessalonians 5:1-11	Matthew 25:14-30
Reign of Christ	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24	Psalm 95:1-7a	Ephesians 1:15-23	Matthew 25:31-46

SERIES B
Begins with Advent 2008, 2011, 2014, etc.

Sunday or Festival	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel Lesson
First Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 64:1-9	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	1 Corinthians 1:3-9	Mark 13:24-37
Second Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 40:1-11	Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13	2 Peter 3:8-15a	Mark 1:1-8
Third Sunday of Advent	Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11	Psalm 126	1 Thessalonians 5:16-24	John 1:6-8, 19-28
Fourth Sunday of Advent	2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16	Luke 1:47-55	Romans 16:25-27	Luke 1:26-38
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas Day	Isaiah 61:10-62:3	Psalm 148	Galatians 4:4-7	Luke 2:22-40
Second Sunday after Christmas Day	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
First Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 1:1-15	Psalm 29	Acts 19:1-7	Mark 1:4-11
Second Sunday after the Epiphany	1 Samuel 3:1-10, (11-20)	Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18	1 Corinthians 6:12-20	John 1:43-51
Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Jonah 3:1-5, 10	Psalm 62:5-12	1 Corinthians 7:29-31	Mark 1:14-20
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Deuteronomy 18:15-20	Psalm 111	1 Corinthians 8:1-13	Mark 1:21-28
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 40:21-31	Psalm 147:1-11, 20c	1 Corinthians 9:16-23	Mark 1:29-39
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	2 Kings 5:1-14	Psalm 30	1 Corinthians 9:24-27	Mark 1:40-45
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 43:18-25	Psalm 41	2 Corinthians 1:18-22	Mark 2:1-12
Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany	Hosea 2:14-20	Psalm 103:1-13, 22	2 Corinthians 3:1-6	Mark 2:13-22
Last Sunday after the Epiphany	2 Kings 2:1-12	Psalm 50:1-6	2 Corinthians 4:3-6	Mark 9:2-9
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent	Genesis 9:8-17	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Peter 3:18-22	Mark 1:9-15
Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 7:1-7, 15-16	Psalm 22:23-31	Romans 4:13-25	Mark 8:31-38
Third Sunday in Lent	Exodus 20:1-17	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 1:18-25	John 2:13-22
Fourth Sunday in Lent	Numbers 21:4-9	Psalm 107:1-3, 17-22	Ephesians 2:1-10	John 3:14-21
Fifth Sunday in Lent	Jeremiah 31:31-34	Psalm 51:1-12	Hebrews 5:5-10	John 12:20-33
Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 31:9-16	Philippians 2:5-11	Mark 11:1-11 or Mark 14:1-15:47
Easter	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Mark 16:1-8

Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:32-35	Psalm 133	1 John 1:1-2:2	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 3:12-19	Psalm 4	1 John 3:1-7	Luke 24:36b-48
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 4:5-12	Psalm 23	1 John 3:16-24	John 10:11-18
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 8:26-40	Psalm 22:25-31	1 John 4:7-21	John 15:1-8
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 10:44-48	Psalm 98	1 John 5:1-6	John 15:9-17
Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 1:15-17, 21-26	Psalm 1	1 John 5:9-13	John 17:6-19
Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:22-27	John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15
Trinity Sunday	Isaiah 6:1-8	Psalm 29	Romans 8:12-17	John 3:1-17
Proper 4 (Sunday between May 29 and June 4 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Deuteronomy 5:12-15	Psalm 81:1-10	2 Corinthians 4:5-12	Mark 2:23-3:6
Proper 5 (June 5-June 11 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Genesis 3:8-15	Psalm 130	2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1	Mark 3:20-35
Proper 6 (June 12-June 18 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Ezekiel 17:22-24	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17	Mark 4:26-34
Proper 7 (June 19-June 25 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Job 38:1-11	Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32	2 Corinthians 6:1-13	Mark 4:35-41
Proper 8 (June 26-July 2)	Lamentations 3:22-33	Psalm 30	2 Corinthians 8:7-15	Mark 5:21-43
John Hus Festival (Sunday closest to July 6)	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 135:1-13	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	Mark 8:34-38
Proper 9 (July 3-July 9)	Ezekiel 2:1-5	Psalm 123	2 Corinthians 12:2-10	Mark 6:1-13
Proper 10 (July 10-July 16)	Amos 7:7-15	Psalm 85:8-13	Ephesians 1:3-14	Mark 6:14-29
Proper 11 (July 17-July 23)	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 23	Ephesians 2:11-22	Mark 6:30-34, 53-56
Proper 12 (July 24-July 30)	2 Kings 4:42-44	Psalm 145:10-18	Ephesians 3:14-21	John 6:1-21
Proper 13 (July 31-August 6)	Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15	Psalm 78:23-29	Ephesians 4:1-16	John 6:24-35
Proper 14 (August 7-August 13)	1 Kings 19:4-8	Psalm 34:1-8	Ephesians 4:25-5:2	John 6:35, 41-51
August Thirteenth Festival	Joshua 24:16-24	Psalm 133	1 John 4:1-13	John 17:1-2, 6-19
Proper 15 (August 14-August 20)	Proverbs 9:1-6	Psalm 34:9-14	Ephesians 5:15-20	John 6:51-58
Proper 16 (August 21-August 27)	Joshua 24:1-2a, 14-18	Psalm 34:15-22	Ephesians 6:10-20	John 6:56-69
Proper 17 (August 28-Sept. 3)	Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-9	Psalm 15	James 1:17-27	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

Proper 18 (Sept. 4-Sept. 10)	Isaiah 35:4-7a	Psalm 146	James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17	Mark 7:24-37
Proper 19 (Sept. 11-Sept. 17)	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 116:1-9	James 3:1-12	Mark 8:27-38
Proper 20 (Sept. 18-Sept. 24)	Jeremiah 11:18-20	Psalm 54	James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a	Mark 9:30-37
Proper 21 (Sept. 25-October 1)	Numbers 11:4-6, 10-16, 24-29	Psalm 19:7-14	James 5:13-20	Mark 9:38-50
Proper 22(October 2-October 8)	Genesis 2:18-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12	Mark 10:2-16
Proper 23 (October 9-October 15)	Amos 5:6-7, 10-15	Psalm 90:12-17	Hebrews 4:12-16	Mark 10:17-31
Proper 24 (October 16-October 22)	Isaiah 53:4-12	Psalm 91:9-16	Hebrews 5:1-10	Mark 10:35-45
Proper 25 (October 23-October 29)	Jeremiah 31:7-9	Psalm 126	Hebrews 7:23-28	Mark 10:46-52
Proper 26 (October 30-Nov. 5)	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	Psalm 119:1-8	Hebrews 9:11-14	Mark 12:28-34
All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Isaiah 25:6-9	Psalm 24	Revelation 21:1-6a	John 11:32-44
Proper 27(Nov. 6-Nov. 12)	1 Kings 17:8-16	Psalm 146	Hebrews 9:24-28	Mark 12:38-44
The Chief Elder Festival	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 4:14-16	John 10:1-10
Proper 28 (Nov. 13-Nov. 19)	Daniel 12:1-3	Psalm 16	Hebrews 10:11-14, (15-18), 19-25	Mark 13:1-8
Reign of Christ	Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14	Psalm 93	Revelation 1:4b-8	John 18:33-37

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Begins with Advent 2009, 2012, 2015, etc.

Sunday or Festival	First Lesson	Psalm	Second Lesson	Gospel Lesson
First Sunday of Advent	Jeremiah 33:14-16	Psalm 25:1-10	1 Thessalonians 3:9-13	Luke 21:25-36
Second Sunday of Advent	Malachi 3:1-4	Luke 1:68-79	Philippians 1:3-11	Luke 3:1-6
Third Sunday of Advent	Zephaniah 3:14-20	Isaiah 12:2-6	Philippians 4:4-7	Luke 3:7-18
Fourth Sunday of Advent	Micah 5:2-5a	Luke 1:46b-55	Hebrews 10:5-10	Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)
Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)	Isaiah 52:7-10	Psalm 98	Hebrews 1:1-4, (5-12)	John 1:1-14
First Sunday after Christmas	1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26	Psalm 148	Colossians 3:12-17	Luke 2:41-52
Second Sunday after Christmas	Jeremiah 31:7-14	Psalm 147:12-20	Ephesians 1:3-14	John 1:(1-9), 10-18
Epiphany of the Lord (Jan. 6)	Isaiah 60:1-6	Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14	Ephesians 3:1-12	Matthew 2:1-12
First Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 43:1-7	Psalm 29	Acts 8:14-17	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22
Second Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 62:1-5	Psalm 36:5-10	1 Corinthians 12:1-11	John 2:1-11
Third Sunday after the Epiphany	Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10	Psalm 19	1 Corinthians 12:12-31a	Luke 4:14-21
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 1:4-10	Psalm 71:1-6	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	Luke 4:21-30
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 6:1-8 (9-13)	Psalm 138	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	Luke 5:1-11
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany	Jeremiah 17:5-10	Psalm 1	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	Luke 6:17-26
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	Luke 6:27-38
Eighth Sunday after the Epiphany	Isaiah 55:10-13	Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15	1 Corinthians 15:51-58	Luke 6:39-49
Last Sunday after the Epiphany	Exodus 34:29-35	Psalm 99	2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2	Luke 9:28-36, (37-43)
Ash Wednesday	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17	Psalm 51:1-17	2 Corinthians 5:20b-6:10	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
First Sunday in Lent	Deuteronomy 26:1-11	Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16	Romans 10:8b-13	Luke 4:1-13
Second Sunday in Lent	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	Psalm 27	Philippians 3:17-4:1	Luke 13:31-35
Third Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 55:1-9	Psalm 63:1-8	1 Corinthians 10:1-13	Luke 13:1-9
Fourth Sunday in Lent	Joshua 5:9-12	Psalm 32	2 Corinthians 5:16-21	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32
Fifth Sunday in Lent	Isaiah 43:16-21	Psalm 126	Philippians 3:4b-14	John 12:1-8
Palm Sunday	Isaiah 50:4-9a	Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29	Philippians 2:5-11	Luke 19:28-40 or Luke 22:14-23:56
Easter	Acts 10:34-43	Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24	1 Corinthians 15:19-26	Luke 24:1-12

Second Sunday of Easter	Acts 5:27-32	Psalm 150	Revelation 1:4-8	John 20:19-31
Third Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:1-6,(7-20)	Psalm 30	Revelation 5:11-14	John 21:1-19
Fourth Sunday of Easter	Acts 9:36-43	Psalm 23	Revelation 7:9-17	John 10:22-30
Fifth Sunday of Easter	Acts 11:1-18	Psalm 148	Revelation 21:1-6	John 13:31-35
Sixth Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:9-15	Psalm 67	Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5	John 14:23-29
Ascension of the Lord	Acts 1:1-11	Psalm 47	Ephesians 1:15-23	Luke 24:44-53
Seventh Sunday of Easter	Acts 16:16-34	Psalm 97	Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21	John 17:20-26
Day of Pentecost	Acts 2:1-21	Psalm 104:24-34, 35b	Romans 8:14-17	John 14:8-17, (25-27)
Trinity Sunday	Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31	Psalm 8	Romans 5:1-5	John 16:12-15
Proper 4 (Sunday between May 29 and June 4 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	1 Kings 8:22-23, 41-43	Psalm 96:1-9	Galatians 1:1-12	Luke 7:1-10
Proper 5 (June 5-June 11 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	1 Kings 17:17-24	Psalm 30	Galatians 1:11-14	Luke 7:11-17
Proper 6 (June 12-June 18 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	2 Samuel 11:26-12:10, 13-15	Psalm 32	Galatians 2:15-21	Luke 7:36-8:3
Proper 7 (June 19-June 25 inclusive [if after Trinity Sunday])	Isaiah 65:1-9	Psalm 22:19-28	Galatians 3:23-29	Luke 8:26-39
Proper 8 (June 26-July 2)	1 Kings 19: 15-16,19-21	Psalm 16	Galatians 5:1, 13-25	Luke 9:51-62
John Hus Festival (Sunday closest to July 6)	Isaiah 49:1-7	Psalm 135:1-13	1 Corinthians 1:18-24	Mark 8:34-38
Proper 9 (July 3-July 9)	Isaiah 66:10-14	Psalm 66:1-9	Galatians 6:(1-6), 7-16	Luke 10:1-11, 16-20
Proper 10 (July 10-July 16)	Deuteronomy 30:9-14	Psalm 25:1-10	Colossians 1:1-14	Luke 10:25-37
Proper 11 (July 17-July 23)	Genesis 18:1-10a	Psalm 15	Colossians 1:15-28	Luke 10:38-42
Proper 12 (July 24-July 30)	Genesis 18:20-32	Psalm 138	Colossians 2:6-15, (16-19)	Luke 11:1-13
Proper 13 (July 31-August 6)	Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23	Psalm 49:1-12	Colossians 3:1-11	Luke 12:13-21
Proper 14 (August 7-August 13)	Genesis 15:1-6	Psalm 33:12-22	Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16	Luke 12:32-40
August Thirteenth Festival	Joshua 24:16-24	Psalm 133	1 John 4:1-13	John 17:1-2, 6-19
Proper 15 (August 14-August 20)	Jeremiah 23:23-29	Psalm 82	Hebrews 11:29-12:2	Luke 12:49-56
Proper 16 (August 21-August 27)	Isaiah 58:9b-14	Psalm 103:1-8	Hebrews 12:18-29	Luke 13:10-17

Proper 17 (August 28-Sept. 3)	Proverbs 25:6-7	Psalm 112	Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16	Luke 14:1, 7-14
Proper 18 (Sept. 4-Sept. 10)	Deuteronomy 30:15-20	Psalm 1	Philemon 1-21	Luke 14:25-33
Proper 19 (Sept. 11-Sept. 17)	Exodus 32:7-14	Psalm 51:1-10	1 Timothy 1:12-17	Luke 15:1-10
Proper 20 (Sept. 18-Sept.24)	Amos 8:4-7	Psalm 113	1 Timothy 2:1-7	Luke 16:1-13
Proper 21 (Sept.25-October 1)	Amos 6:1a, 4-7	Psalm 146	1 Timothy 6:6-19	Luke 16:19-31
Proper 22 (October 2-October 8)	Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4	Psalm 137:1-9	2 Timothy 1:1-14	Luke 17:5-10
Proper 23 (October 9-October 15)	2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c	Psalm 111	2 Timothy 2:8-15	Luke 17:11-19
Proper 24 (October 16-October 22)	Genesis 32:22-31	Psalm 121	2 Timothy 3:14-4:5	Luke 18:1-8
Proper 25 (October 23-October 29)	Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22	Psalm 84:1-7	2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18	Luke 18:9-14
Proper 26 (October 30-Nov. 5)	Isaiah 1:10-18	Psalm 32:1-7	2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12	Luke 19:1-10
All Saints' Day (Nov. 1)	Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18	Psalm 149	Ephesians 1:11-23	Luke 6:20-31
Proper 27 (Nov. 6-Nov.12)	Job 19:23-27a	Psalm 17:1-9	2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17	Luke 20:27-38
The Chief Elder Festival	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 23-24	Psalm 8	Hebrews 4:14-16	John 10:1-10
Proper 28 (Nov. 13-Nov. 19)	Malachi 4:1-2a	Psalm 98	2 Thessalonians 3:6-13	Luke 21:5-19
Reign of Christ	Jeremiah 23:1-6	Psalm 46	Colossians 1:11-20	Luke 23:33-43

**EASTER AND DAYS DEPENDENT ON EASTER
2008-2015**

Year	Ash Wednesday	First Sunday in Lent	Palm Sunday	Maundy Thursday	Easter	Ascension Sunday	Pentecost	Trinity Sunday	First Sunday of Advent
2008	February 6	February 10	March 16	March 20	March 23	May 4	May 11	May 18	November 30
2009	February 25	March 1	April 5	April 9	April 12	May 24	May 31	June 7	November 29
2010	February 17	February 21	March 28	April 1	April 4	May 16	May 23	May 30	November 28
2011	March 9	March 13	April 17	April 21	April 24	June 5	June 12	June 19	December 4
2012	February 22	February 26	April 1	April 5	April 8	May 20	May 27	June 3	December 2
2013	February 13	February 17	March 24	March 28	March 31	May 12	May 19	May 26	December 1
2014	March 5	March 9	April 13	April 17	April 20	June 1	June 8	June 15	November 30
2015	February 18	February 22	March 29	April 2	April 5	May 17	May 24	June 1	November 29

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