**THE STORY LECTIONARY**

**2025-2027**

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**YEAR ONE**

**2025-2026**

**April 20, 2025 EASTER (End of Story Lectionary Year Two)**

**April 27, 2025**

The Story of Noah and the Mourning of Methuselah (Genesis 5-7)

The Sealing of the Garden (Genesis 3)

The Psalm of Jonah

Psalm 98: Sing to the Lord a New Song

Psalm 30: You Have Lifted Me from the Depths and Healed Me

Prayers: The Kaddish and the Tziduk Hadin

A Garden Locked and Opened (Song of Solomon 4:11-15)

The Song of Moses (Exodus 15)

The Song of Judah (Isaiah 26)

Jesus’ First Appearances to His Disciples in a Locked Room (John 20:9-23)

METAPHORS:

Seal/Gateway, Garden, Water/Deep, Song, Open/Free, Locked/Sealed

COLORS:

White, Light Blue, Multi-Pastels

**May 4, 2025**

Moses Commissions Joshua to Succeed Him (Numbers 27:12-23)

The Story of Samson (Judges 16)

The Passing of the Mantle from Elijah to Elisha (1 Kings 19 and 2 Kings 2)

The Book of Jonah (including the Song of Jonah)

Psalm 51: Create in Me a Pure Heart and Renew Me with Your Spirit

Psalm 139: Where Can I Go from Your Spirit?

Jesus’ Seaside Appearance and the Reinstatement of Peter (John 21)

The Story of Peter’s Conversion of the Gentiles (Acts 10)

METAPHORS:

Mantle/Cloak, Song/Psalm, Sea, Fish, Net, Fire, Unclothed (Revealed/Authentic), Pillars, Storm (in scripture, emotions are often revealed in metaphors of weather)

COLORS:

White, light blue

**May 11, 2025**

God’s Promise (Exodus 23)

Psalm 34: Taste and See

Jesus’ Suffering Foretold by Isaiah (52-53)

The Great Mourning (Zechariah 12)

The Promise of the Messiah (Jeremiah 33)

I Will Raise You in Three Days (Hosea 6)

The Book of Jonah

The Shepherd (Ezekiel 34)

Paul’s Thorn and Strength (2 Corinthians 12)

Jesus’ Appearance in Emmaus (Luke 24)

METAPHORS:

Deep/Water, Cave, Three Days, Thorn, Road/Way, Light/Burning, Bread/Wine (body/blood), Shepherd, Vision, Blindness

COLORS:

White, earth colors, light blue

**May 18, 2025**

The Song of Moses (Exodus 15)

The Ghost of Samuel (1 Samuel 28)

Psalm 77: You Are the God Who Performs Miracles

Psalm 91: The Lord Will Guard You

Psalm 111: Fear [Respect] of the Lord is the Beginning of Wisdom

Elihu’s Sermon to Job (33)

The Raising of Lazarus (John 11)

Hebrews (4)

The Story Circulated by the Guards After the Resurrection (Matthew 28:11-15)

The Lament Over Babylon (Revelation 18)

METAPHORS:

Ghost/vision, Light, Cave, Strips of cloth/bindings (hiddenness), Boulder, Cave opening (revealedness), Story, Guards

COLORS:

White, gold/silver, translucent

**May 25, 2025**

**Jesus Commissions His Disciples**

Sarah Laughed but Became the Mother of Her People (Genesis 17-18)

Psalm 23: God Will Be with You Even Through the Valleys

Psalm 121: God Will Be With You and Keep You Always

Psalm 125: The Lord Abides with You Forever Like the Mountains

Daniel’s Night Vision (7:14)

God’s Authority and God’s Mountain (Ezekiel 28:11-15)

The Promise of God’s Holy Mountain (Isaiah 65)

Jesus Feeds a Multitude and Peter Walks on Water but Wavers (Matthew 14)

Matthew’s Witness About the Commissioning of Jesus’ Disciples (Matthew 28)

METAPHORS:

Laughter, Miracles, Mountains, Visions and Dreams, Bread and Fish, Water/Deep/Afloat, Boat, Covenant, Vista, Valley, Pinnacle

COLORS:

White, Green, Blue

**June 1, 2025**

**Jesus’ Ascension**

God’s Promise to Abraham (Genesis 12 and 17)

The Story of Elijah and the Cloak of Power (2 Kings)

Psalm 5: The Cloak of Protection Spread Over the Righteous

Psalm 30: You Have Removed my Sackcloth and Have Clothed Me with Joy

Psalm 91: The Lord Covers You with Protection

Psalm 109: May the Accusers Wear a Cloak of Shame and Disgrace

Psalm 104: The Lord is Clothed with Splendor

Luke’s Story of Jesus’ Ascension: Stay Here in the City Until You Have Been Clothed with Power from On High (24)

Acts of Apostles: The Story of the Promise of the Holy Spirit and the Ascension of Jesus (Acts 1)

METAPHORS:

Cloak/Tallit/Clothing/Cloth/Covering/Blanket, Holy Spirit/Wind/Breath/Shofar/Air

COLORS:

White, Light, Brown vs Multi/Pastels

**June 8, 2025**

**The Day of Pentecost**

God’s Voice Creates and God’s Breath Hovers and Moves Over the Deep; God Breathes Life into Adama; God Forth and Multiply (Genesis 1)

When the Shofar Sounds, God Speaks Through Cloud and Fire on Mt. Sinai, and the Tablets of the Covenant are Written in Stone (Exodus 19)

Psalm 81: Sound the Ram’s Horn; I am the Lord Your God

Psalm 98: Sound the Ram’s Horn; the Lord is Revealed

Dry Bones Comes to Life Through God’s Breath (Ezekiel 37)

Jesus Tells that the Holy Spirit Will Come (John 14)

Jesus Breathes Upon His Disciples Sending Them Out (John 20)

The Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit Comes Upon Jesus’ Disciples Through Mighty Wind-Sound and Tongues of Fire, and the Covenant is Tatooed Upon/ Singed into the Hearts and Spirits of All (Acts 2)

METAPHORS:

Voice/Breath/Holy Spirit/Shofar/Ram’s Horn/Wind, Clouds, Fire, Mountain, Tablets/Stone, Bones, Tattoo

COLORS:

Red, White

**June 15, 2025**

**Jesus’ Baptism**

The Story of Creation (Genesis 1)

The Story of Noah (Genesis 5-7)

The Song of Moses (Deuteronomy 32)

Psalm 1: The Two Ways

Psalm 2: The Father and the Son

Psalm 98: The Lord’s Salvation

Psalm 145: God the King

Psalm 148: Praise the Lord of the Heavens and Earth

The Joy of the Redeemed / The Lord Will Save Through His Servant Son (Isaiah 35; 40; 42; 43; 44)

God Will Redeem the Righteous (Isaiah 57)

The Righteous Branch Will Come, the Lord’s Salvation (Jeremiah 23; 31)

The Lord is Israel’s Shepherd (Ezekiel 34)

The Messenger of the Covenant is Coming (Malachi 3)

Jesus’ Baptism and the Sign of the Messiah (Matthew 3; Mark 1:1-11; John 1:1-34)

The Story of God’s Vision to Cornelius, Peter’s Vision of the Net, and the Holy Spirit’s Blessing of the Gentiles (Acts 10)

METAPHORS:

Cosmos, Sea/Deep/Water, Womb/Tomb, Ark/Basket (Saving Vessel), Son, Branch, Death, Life, Net, Fish, Earth

COLORS:

White, Red

**June 22, 2025**

The Story of Tamar (Genesis 38)

The Story of Rahab (Joshua 1-6)

The Story of Ruth

All Shall Keep the Passover, one Passover for Resident and Native (Numbers 9)

The Story of Bathsheba (wife of Uriah) and King David (2 Samuel 11-12)

Psalm 47: God Reigns Over the Nations

Psalm 51: My Sacrifice, O Lord, is a Broken Spirit

Psalm 67: May the Peoples Praise You

Psalm 100: We Are the Sheep of His Pasture

Psalm 117: Praise the Lord of Nations

A Covenant for All People (Isaiah 54-56)

The Gathering of All People in Unity (Zephaniah 3:8-13)

A Genealogy and Signs of the Messiah (Matthew 1:1-17; Luke 3)

The Conversion of Saul (Acts 9)

A Genealogy of Faith (Hebrews 11)

METAPHORS:

Barley/Wheat, Harvest, Veil, Red String/Cloth/Doorposts/Passover, House, Threshing Floor

COLORS:

Red, Gold

**June 29, 2025**

Jacob (Israel) Wrestles with God (Genesis 32:22-32)

God’s Commandments (Deuteronomy 4-6)

Psalm 91: Because He Loves Me, I Will Rescue Him

Psalm 3: From the Lord Comes Deliverance

The Righteousness of the Righteous Delivers Them (Proverbs 11)

The Book of Job

Hannah’s Prayer (1 Samuel 2)

Jesus’ Temptations in the Wilderness (Matthew 4:1-11; Mark 1:12-13; Luke 4:1-13)

Paul’s Letter to the Roman Church: Handling Inner Conflict (7-8)

METAPHORS:

Walk/Limp, Wilderness, Mountain, Desert

COLORS:

Red, Brown/Sand

**July 6, 2025**

The Story of Jacob’s Ladder (Genesis 28:10-17)

Psalm 66: Let the Sound of His Praise Be Heard

Psalm 34: Let Us Exalt His Name Together

The People Walking in Darkness Hav3e Seen a Great Light (Isaiah 9)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee of the Gentiles (Capernaum) after John the Baptizer is arrested, and He Calls His First Disciples: Simon (called Peter) and Andrew, James and John (Matthew 4:12-25 and Mark 1:14-25 or 45)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Galilee (Luke 4:14-30)

Jesus Calls His First Disciples from Those of John the Baptizer: Andrew and Simon Peter; Jesus Returns to Galilee (Bethsaida) and Calls Philip and Nathanael (John 1:35-51)

The Apostles Teach About Jesus, and Many Come to Christ; They are Spared Death by the Appeal of Gamaliel (of the School of Hillel) (Acts of the Apostles 5:12-42)

METAPHORS:

Ladder, Stone, Light, Darkness, Water/Deep, Fishermen, Fig Tree

COLORS:

Red, White, Light Blue

**July 13, 2025**

The Creation Story – The Third Day (Genesis 1)

Moses First Miracle Turns Water to Blood (Exodus 7:14-21)

Honor the Lord with First Fruits (Proverbs 3:9-10)

Psalm 104: The Lord Gives Water

The Lord Has Made Proclamation (Isaiah 62)

The Lord Will Prepare a Feast (Isaiah 25:6-9)

Again You Will Plant Vineyards (Jeremiah 31:1-14)

The Mountain Will Drip with New Wine / The Time Has Come (Joel 2:15-24; 3:17-18)

The Lord Will Restore His Vineyards (Amos 9:11-15)

John’s Witness about Jesus’ Miracle During the Wedding at Cana in Galilee (John 2:1-12)

Paul’s Letter to the Corinthian Church Regarding Baptism in One Spirit (1 Corinthians 10 and 12)

METAPHORS:

Third Day, Water, Blood, Wine, Fruits, Feast, Vineyard/Field/Manor, Mountain, Wedding, Bridegroom, Baptism

COLORS:

Red, White, Green, Purple/Blue

**July 20, 2025**

I Am the Lord Who Heals You (Exodus 15:26)

I Will Take All Sickness Away from You (Deuteronomy 7:15)

The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)

Hezekiah’s Illness (Isaiah 38)

The Promise of Healing (Isaiah 40)

Jesus’ (God’s) Mission of Healing and Restoration that He Would Declare in Nazareth (Isaiah 61)

Healing (Proverbs 3:7-8)

Psalm 103: Healing and Restoration

Psalm 118: Restoration

Jesus Begins his Ministry in Capernaum and then Teaches and Heals Throughout Galilee (Matthew 4:23-7:28 through 8:23). This Week’s Passage Emphasizes Jesus’ Healing of Peter’s Mother in Law (Matthew 8:14-17)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Capernaum Teaching in Synagogues and Rebuking Unclean Spirits; Jesus Heals Peter’s Mother in Law and then Continues His Ministry Throughout Galilee (Mark 1:29-39)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Capernaum, Heals Peter’s Mother in Law, and then Continues His Ministry Throughout the Synagogues in Judea (Luke 4:31-44)

Jesus Begins His Ministry in Capernaum (John 2:12)

Peter Heals and Proclaims Restoration (Acts 3)

METAPHORS:

Healer/Physician, Sickness/Sin, Spirits, Snake, Staff

COLORS:

Red, White

**July 27, 2025**

God’s Promise to Flourish the House of David (2 Samuel 7 / 1 Chronicles 17)

Psalm 84: Psalm of Praise for the Courts of the Lord

Psalm 18: The Lord is My Rock

The Mountain of the Lord is the House of the God of Jacob (Isaiah 2)

Jesus Teaches His Disciples and Many Others On a Mountain in Galilee: a “Weeding Out” Story (Matthew 4:23 through 7:29)

Jesus Chooses His 12 Apostles and Then Teaches Them Among Others in Galilee (Luke 6:12 through 6:49)

You Are Members of the Household of God (Ephesians 2)

METAPHORS:

House/Household, Mountain, Weeds, Field

COLORS:

Red, Green

**August 3, 2025**

The Water That Springs Forth from God (Genesis 2:4-25)

Isaac Reopens the Wells His Father Had Dug (Genesis 26)

Jacob Builds an Altar that Becomes Jacob’s Well (Genesis 35:7)

The Lord Provides Water from a Rock (Exodus 17)

Psalm 63: The Soul Thirsts for God

Psalm 42: The Lord is the Source of the Waters for which the Soul Thirsts

Psalm 36: God is the Fountain of Life

Psalm 1: The Faithful are Planted Like Trees in Water

Psalm 107: The Lord Satisfies the Thirsty

Psalm 23: He Leads Me Beside Still Waters and Restores My Soul

Ezekiel’s Vision of the Flowing Waters of God (47)

Jesus at Jacob’s Well (John 4)

METAPHORS:
Water, Spring, Wells, Living Water, Fountain, Trees, Roots

COLORS:

Red, White, Green

**August 10, 2025**

The Lord’s Blessings for the Faithful (Deuteronomy 28)

The Healing of Naaman the Syrian by Elisha Due to the Witness of a Young Jewish Girl (2 Kings 5)

Psalm 41: God the Healer

All People Will be Drawn to the Jews (Zechariah 20-23)

Jesus’ Healing of a Centurion’s Servant (Matthew 8:5-13 and Luke 7:1-10)

Christ the Hope of the Gentiles (Romans 15:1-13)

The Story of Cornelius and the Gentiles Baptized by Peter (Acts 10)

METAPHORS:

Voice/Witness/Proclamation, Water/Baptism

COLORS:

Red, Light Blue

**August 17, 2025**

Jacob’s Hip is Injured Wrestling with God (Genesis 32:22-32)

Psalm 80: The Son of Man is Coming

Psalm 95: Praise and Warning

Psalm 146: The Mission of the Messiah

Daniel’s Vision of the Sovereignty of the Son of Man (7)

Ezekiel’s Vision of God’s Coming Judgment and Sovereignty (1-3)

Jesus’ Healing of a Paralytic (Matthew 9:1-8; Mark 2:1-12; Luke 5:17-26)

Jesus’ Healing of a Paralytic at the Pool of Bethesda (John 5)

The Healing of a Lame Man by Paul and Barnabus in the Name of Jesus (Acts 14)

METAPHORS:

Visions/Dreams, Paralytic/Lame (no walk), Living Water/Pool, Walk/Way, Name/Identity

COLORS:

Red

**August 24, 2025**

The First Covenant Given to Moses (Exodus 34)

The Story of the Bronze Serpent (Numbers 21)

Psalm 41: God’s Grace Toward Those Who Sin

Psalm 103: The Lord’s Compassion

Psalm 116: The Lord is Gracious

Psalm 147: The Lord Gathers the Outcasts of Israel

The Scripture Jesus References as a Warning to the Pharisees and Scribes About the Priestly Function and Sacrificial Tradition in Jerusalem (Hosea 6)

God’s Grace is for All those Who are Faithful (Isaiah 56)

Jesus Calls Matthew (Matthew 9:9-13; Mark 2:13-17; Luke 5:27-32)

The Letter to the Hebrews (Most Likely Written by Paul) On the New Covenant (8)

The First Letter of John (Most Likely Written by John the Apostle) on Knowing and Loving God and Others

METAPHORS:

Bronze Serpent, Serpent/Dragon, Covenant, Sin, Priest, Staff, Tax

COLORS:

Red, Bronze

**August 31, 2025**

God’s Creative Power and Rest / All Things in Relationship (Genesis 1:1-2:3)

Keeping the Sabbath (Exodus 16:22-30; 20:8-11; 31:13-14)

Keeping the Sabbath Becomes an Observance (Deuteronomy 5:12-15)

Psalm 92: The Song of the Sabbath

Psalm 23: God’s Rest

Psalm 104: God’s Creation

Blessings to Those Who Keep the Sabbath and Delight in it (Isaiah 56:1-8; 58:13-14)

Warning and Promise Concerning Keeping God’s Sabbath (Jeremiah 17:21-27)

Warning and Promise in Keeping God’s Sabbath (Ezekiel 20 and 36)

Job’s Confession of Faith in the Creative Power of God (38-41)

Jesus Breaks the Sabbath and Answers Questions from the Pharisees and John the Baptist’s Disciples (Matthew 9:14-17 and 11:2-12:21; John 5))

Jesus Breaks the Sabbath, Calls Himself God, and Answers Questions from the Pharisees (Mark 2:18-3:12; Luke 5:33-6:11 and 7:17-35)

Do You Live by Rules of Faith in Jesus [Who Gives You Rest]? (Paul’s Letter to the Galatians)

METAPHORS:

Sabbath, Song, Rest, Hands, Walk

COLORS:

Red, White

**September 7, 2025**

The Story of Noah and the Fragrance of His Faith / God’s Promise to Restore the Earth (Genesis 8)

Spices Used in Anointing Oils and Incense / God’s Holy Fragrance (Exodus 30)

The Anointing of Aaron by Moses (Leviticus 8)

The Song of Songs by Solomon

Psalm 2: The Lord’s Anointed One

Psalm 23: We Are All Anointed in the Joy and Salvation of the Lord

Psalm 45: The King’s Wedding

Psalm 105: The Promise of the Lord

Psalm 133: The Lord’s Blessing is as of Aaron

The Bridegroom Will Come (Isaiah 61)

King David is Anointed (1 Samuel 16)

King Saul is Anointed King (1 Samuel 10)

King Solomon is Anointed King (1 Kings 1:38-50)

The Son of God Anointed (Hebrews 1)

Luke’s Witness to a Sinful Woman Who Anointed Jesus at the Home of a Pharisee (7:36-50)

Jesus’ Anointing at Bethany Just Before His Betrayal (Matthew 26:6-16 and Mark 14:3-11)

John’s Witness to Jesus’ Anointing at Bethany by Mary Six Days Before the Passover (12:1-11)

The Fragrance of Christ (2 Corinthians 2:12-17)

METAPHORS:

Fragrance/Anointing Oil/Incense/Spices, Fire/Light, King, Wedding, Bridegroom, Son, Covenant

COLORS:

Red, White, Green

**September 14, 2025**

The Egyptians Do Not Heed Moses’ and Aaron’s Miracles (Exodus 7-11)

The Story of David, Goliath, and Saul’s Vendetta (1 Samuel 16-19)

The Story of Ahaziah’s Bid to Baalzebub in Samaria (2 Kings 1)

Psalm 1: Do Not Follow the Wicked

Psalm 37: o Not Fret About the Wicked

Psalm 151 (Septuagint): David’s Deed

Psalm 9: God’s Justice

Psalm 115: Glory to God

Psalms 11, 96, and 97: The Lord’s Righteousness

The Root of Jesse and the Coming Restoration (Isaiah 11)

The Lord’s Servant in Whom God’s Spirit Dwells (Isaiah 42)

Jesus is Accused of Being Beelzebul (Matthew 9:27-9:38 and 12:15-12:50; Mark 3:20-3:35; Luke 11:14-11:36 and 8:19-21)

Jesus is Lord (John 5:18-5:47)

Stephen’s Speech About Loyalty to Jesus an His Subsequent Stoning (Acts 7)

METAPHORS:

Staff, Goliath, Stones/Stoning, Water, Root/Branch, Beelzebul, Holy Spirit

COLORS:

Red, White

**September 21, 2025**

The Call of Moses (Exodus 4)

Psalm 1: The Chaff of Sin

Psalm 35: Chaff Before the Wind

Psalm 91: God’s Protection

Psalm 140: God’s Protection

Psalm 121: God’s Protection

The Call of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1)

Isaiah’s Dream (6)

Isaiah’s Warning to the False Prophets in Jerusalem (28)

Zephaniah’s Warning (2)

Jesus Chooses His Apostles (Matthew 9:35-11:1 and 11:2-12:8; Mark 3:13-3:19; Luke 6:12-6:16 and 9:1-9:6 and 10:1-10:24)

The Addition of a New Apostle (Acts 1:12-26)

Paul’s Letter to the Ephesian church About Being One in Jesus (2)

METAPHORS:

Chaff, Wind, Dream/Prophecy, Prophets, Wheat/Grain, Threshing Floor, Harvest

COLORS:

Red, Green, Gold, White

**September 28, 2025**

The In-Breathing of Adam by the Holy Spirit and God’s Calling Out of Adam and Eve Genesis 2-3)

The Story of Noah and the Raising Up of New Life and God’s Salvific Power (Genesis 5-7)

The Story of Joseph (Interrupted by the Story of Judah and Tamar) (Genesis 37, 38, 39)

Elijah Raises a Widow’s Son (1 Kings 17:7-24)

Elisha Raises a Shuumanite Woman’s Son (2 Kings 4:8-37)

A Man is Raised by Coming into Contact with Elisha’s Bones (2 Kings 13:20-21)

Psalm 16: God’s Deliverance

Psalm 41: God’s Deliverance

Jesus’ Healing Power at Jairus’ Home (Matthew 9:18-9:26; Mark 5:21-5:43)

Jesus’ Healing Power at Jairus’ Home and at Nain (Luke 8:40-8:56 and 7:11-15)

Peter Heals Paralyzed Aeneas in Lydda and Raises Tabitha (Dorcas) in Joppa (Acts of the Apostles 9:32-43)

Paul Raises the Boy Eutychus During His Time Teaching in Troas (Acts of the Apostles 20:7-12)

Paul’s “Apron” Contains God’s Healing Power in Itself (Acts of the Apostles 19)

METAPHORS:

Breath/Wind/Holy Spirit/Voice, Deep/Water, Saving Vessel, Dreams/Visions, Wheat, Cosmos, Bones, Apron/Towel

COLORS:

Red, White

**October 5, 2025**

Nathan’s Parable of the Wealthy Sheep Thief (2 Samuel 12:1-9)

The Bramble King (Judges 9:7-15 and 16-21)

Isaiah’s Parable of the Sorry Vineyard (5:1-7)

The Linen Loincloth (Jeremiah 13:1-11)

The Potter and the Clay (Jeremiah 18:1-10)

Ezekiel’s Parable of the Two Eagles and the Cedar (Ezekiel 17)

Ezekiel’s Parable of the Two Daughters (23)

The Overgrown Vineyard (Proverbs 24:30-34)

Isaiah’s Parable of Plowing and Sowing (28:23-29)

Ezekiel’s Parable of Dry Bones and Two Sticks (37)

Ezekiel’s Parable of the Flowing Water (47)

Zechariah’s Parable of the Shepherd (11)

The Book of Hosea (The Adulteress)

The Book of Jonah (The Parable of the Sea Monster)

The Book of Ruth (A Parable of Loyalty)

The Book of Esther (A Parable of Bravery)

The Book of Job (A Parable of God’s Sovereignty)

Psalm 78: I Will Speak in Parables

Matthew’s Witness to Jesus’ Parables (3:1-53; 18:10-14 and 23-25; 20:1-16)

The Parable of the Sower

The Purpose of the Parables

The Parable of the Weeds Among Wheat

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

The Parable of the Yeast

The Use of Parables

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

The Parable of the Unforgiving servant

The Parable of the Laborers in the Vineyard

The Parable of the Two Sons

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

The Parable of the Wedding Banquet

The Parable of the Unfaithful Slave

The Parable of the Ten Bridesmaids

The Parable of the Talents

Mark (4:1-34)

The Parable of the Sower

The Purpose of the Parables

A Lamp Under a Bushel Basket

The Parable of the Growing Seed

The Use of Parables

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

Luke (8:4-18; 10:25-37; 12:13-13:9; 13:18-30; 14:7-17:10; 18:1-14; 19:11-27; 2:9-19; 21:29-33)

The Parable of the Sower

The Purpose of the Parables

A Lamp Under a Jar

The Parable of the Good Samaritan

The Parable of the Rich Fool

The Parable of the Watchful Slave

The Parable of the Barren Fig Tree

The Parable of the Mustard Seed

The Parable of the Yeast

The Parable of the Narrow Door

The Parable of the Great Dinner

The Parable of the Lost Sheep

The Parable of the Lost Coin

The Parable of the Prodigal (Lost) Son

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

The Parable of the Rich Man and Lazarus

The Parable of the Widow and the Unjust Judge

The Parable of the Pharisee and the Tax Collector

The Parable of the Ten Pounds

The Parable of the Wicked Tenants

The Parable of the Fig Tree

The Mysterious Parabolic Vision in Revelation (4-5)

METAPHORS:

Parabola, Fig Tree, Money/Taxes, Food, Vineyard, Feast/Dinner, Famine, Sheep, Door, Yeast, Mustard Seed, Barrenness, Fruitfulness, Eye, Lamp, Sower, Wedding, Sheep/Shepherd, Weeds/Field, Seeds, Water, Brambles/Thorns, Linen Cloth, Clay/Potter, Bones, Stick, Sea Monster

COLORS:

Red, White, Green

**October 12, 2025**

The Lord Speaks to Moses from a Burning Bush (Exodus 3)

Elijah Confronts Ahab (1 Kings 18)

Psalm 7: The Lord Will Judge the Peoples

Psalm 35: May Those Be Put to Shame Who Threaten My Life

Psalm 37: Do Not Fret Because of Those Who Are Evil

Psalm 79: We Are Objects of Contempt

Psalm 119: Do Good to Your Servant O Lord

The Death of the Prophet Uriah (Jeremiah 26:20-23)

The Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)

The Lord’s Prophecy and Jesus’ Messianic Sign (Isaiah 61)

Jeremiah, the Most Persecuted Prophet (20 and 37)

Jesus’ Rejection at Nazareth (Matthew 13:54-58 and Mark 6:1-6)

Jesus’ Rejection at Nazareth at the Beginning of His Career (Luke 4:14-30)

The Parable of the Wicked Tenant (Luke 20:9-19)

Stephen Addresses the Sanhedrin (Acts 7:51-53)

METAPHORS: Burning Bush, Servant, Messiah, Prophet, Son, Tenant, Master, Vineyard

COLORS:

Red, Green, Gold

**October 19, 2025**

The Story of Cain’s Murder of Abel (Genesis 4)

David Kills Bathsheba’s Husband and is Confronted by Nathan (2 Samuel 11 and 12)

Joseph’s Brothers Throw Him into a Pit for Dead and Later Regret Their Deed (Genesis 37)

Psalm 102: Hear My Prayer O Lord

The Death of John the Baptist (Matthew 14:1-13; Mark 6:14-32)

Herod Thinks that Jesus is the Risen John the Baptist (Luke 9:7-9)

The Conversion of Saul, Persecutor of Christians (Acts 9)

METAPHORS:

Field, Death, Earth/Ground, Thorns/Thistles/Spears, Pit, Money, Head, Prophet, Light, Blindness/Darkness

COLORS:

Red, White, Green, Gold

**October 26, 2025**

God’s Feeding of Manna and Quail in the Wilderness Through Moses (Exodus 16)

God’s Promise of Abundance and the Call for Faithfulness (Deuteronomy 8)

Elisha’s Feeding of the Multitude of People with Bread from First Fruits (2 Kings 2:42-44)

The Story of Ruth (the Barley Harvest)

Psalm 23: God’s Provision

Psalm 72: The King Has Come

Psalm 80: Prayer for Restoration

Jeremiah’s Prophecy of Restoration (31:10-14)

Ezekiel’s Prophecy of Restoration (2:18-19)

The Apocalyptic Apocryphal Book of Baruch: The Prophecy of the Messiah and Feasting from Leviathan (29-30)

The Apocryphal Book of 2 Esdras: the Prophecy of God’s Provision from Leviathan (6:49-52)

Jesus Feeds 5000 Men Plus Women and Children (Matthew 14:13-21; Mark 6:30-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15)

METAPHORS:

Manna, Quail, Wilderness, Abundant Feast, Milk and Honey, Bread, First Fruits, Harvest, Leviathan, Fish

COLORS:

Red, Gold, White

**November 2, 2025**

**The Honoring of All Saints**

The Raising Up of a New Prophet Like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-22)

Psalm 2: The Son of God

Psalm 22: Song of Deliverance from Persecution and God’s Victory

Psalm 110: The Priest of Melchizedek

God Knows the Name of the Son (Proverbs 30:3-6)

The Prophecy of Amos (8)

Zechariah’s Oracle for Jerusalem (12)

Jeremiah’s Prophecy of a New Covenant (31)

Isaiah’s Suffering Servant (53)

The Book of Hosea

The Son of God Who Will Suffer (Hebrews 1 and 2)

Jesus’ Prophecies of His Death and Resurrection (Matthew 16:21-23; 17:22-23; 20:17-19; 26:1-5; Mark 8:31-33; 9:3-32; 10:32-24; Luke 9:18-22; 9:44-45; 12:49-50; 18:31-34; John 7:12-24; 12:20-36; 13:31-14:7; 16:16)

Christ’s Suffering (1 Peter 2)

The Resurrection of the Son and the Promise of Resurrection for All (1 Corinthians 15)

The Son of Man (Revelation 1)

METAPHORS:

Son, Prophet, Servant, Light, Cave, Wine/Bread, Blood

COLORS:

White, Red

**November 9, 2025**

The Potter’s Hand (Genesis 2)

God’s Hand / Finger Strikes Egypt (Exodus 6-8)

The Sotah Jealousy Ritual Given to the Israelites by God (Bitter Waters) (Exodus 32)

The Ritual of the Sotah and the Law of Jealousy (The Test of Bitter Waters) (Numbers 5)

The Finger of God Writes Upon the Tablets of Stone (Deuteronomy 9 and 10)

The Manner in Which Accusations Must Be Judged (Deuteronomy 17)

Guidelines for Judging Virginity (Deuteronomy 22)

The Story of David and Bathsheba and Nathan’s Parable of the Lamb (2 Samuel 11 and 12)

Psalm 8: The Creative Work of God’s Fingers

Psalm 36: God’s Righteousness and the Fountain of Life

The Table of Your Heart: Proverbs 7:3; 3:3; 6:21

Jeremiah’s Prophecy: Their Sin is Etched Upon Their Hearts (17)

Jeremiah’s Prophecy of God’s Restoration of Virgin Israel: I Will Write Upon Their Hearts (31)

Daniel’s Story of Susanna and Joakim and the Unfair Trial (13)

Daniel’s Prophecy of Judgment and God’s Finger Writing on the Wall at Belshazzar’s Feast (5)

Jesus’ Discourse on Adultery and Divorce (Matthew 5:27-28; 19:3-12; Mark 10:1-12)

Jesus’ Discourse on Divorce (Luke 16:18)

Jesus’ Encounter with a Woman Accused of Adultery (John 7:37-8:12)

The Tablet of the Heart and Our Witness Written by the Hand of the Spirit of the Lord (2 Corinthians 3)

METAPHORS:

Potter, Hand/Finger, Bitter Waters, Tablets/Stone/Dirt/Adama/Wall, Lamb, Fountain/Water, Heart, Tattoo, Etching/Writing

COLORS:

Green

**November 16, 2025**

Creation by the Hand of God from Dirt and Water and the Breath of the Holy Spirit (Genesis 1-2)

Moses and the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33)

The Hallel Psalms: 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118

Psalm 40: From Out of the Mud

Psalm 103: He Remembers, We are Dust

Psalm 139: You Formed Me in the Womb

The Potter and the Clay (Jeremiah 18)

The Potter (Isaiah 29:16)

The Cleansing of the Heart by God (Ezekiel 36:24-27)

Jesus’ Healing of a Blind Man (Mark 8; John 8:56-10:21)

Paul’s Eyes Are Blinded, then Opened on the Damascus Road (Acts 9)

The Potter and the Clay (Romans 9)

METAPHORS:

Dirt/Dust, Water, Mud/Clay, Breath/Holy Spirit/Voice, Womb, Potter, Blind, Eyes, Light

COLORS:

Green, Brown

**November 23, 2025**

**Jesus’ Transfiguration (Story Lectionary)**

**[Christ the King Sunday / Reign of Christ Sunday]**

Let There Be Light (Genesis 1)

Moses and the Burning Bush on God’s Mountain (Exodus 2)

Witnesses to Moses on Sinai and the First Covenant (Exodus 24)

Moses in the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 33)

God Promises a Prophet Like Moses (Deuteronomy 18:15-22)

Elijah Baptizes (Immerses) the Altar with Water and God’s Fire Burns it Up (1 Kings 18)

Elijah Meets God at Horeb (1 Kings 19)

Elijah’s Disappearance (2 Kings 19)

Psalm 27: Light of God Dwells

Psalm 43: Light of Dwelling

Psalm 68: Present of God in Wilderness and Mountain

Psalm 112: Light of the Righteous

Psalm 119: Glory of God’s Precepts

The Coming of Elijah (Malachi 4)

Jesus’ Transfiguration (Matthew 16:13-17:13; Mark 8:27-9:13; Luke 9:18-9:36)

The Prophecy About John (Luke 1:15-17)

Jesus as God’s Light (John 1:1-18)

John’s Revelation: Those Surrounding the Throne are Dressed in Brilliant White, and the Lamb Spreads His Tent and Offers Springs of Living Water (7)

John’s Revelation: The Home of God is Among Mortals in the Restoration (21)

METAPHORS:

Light, Fire, Mountain, Covenant, Tent/Covering/Tabernacle, Water, Lamb

COLORS:

White

**[Thanksgiving Eve: November 26, 2025 / Green]**

**November 30, 2025**

**First Week of the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

The Lord Gives Moses the Words to Speak (Exodus 4)

King David Divides the Priests into Sects, Including the Eighth –Abijah, Descendants of Aaron (1 Chronicles 24)

The Priestly Leaders Including the Sect of Abijah (Nehemiah 12:1)

The Rite of Incense (Mishnah Tamid 6:3)

Gabriel Brings Daniel Wisdom Regarding His Vision After a Pause for Prayer and Supplication (Daniel 9)

The Birth and Dedication of Samuel the Prophet (1 Samuel 1)

The Coming of God’s Redemption and Judgment / the Prophecy of the Servant (Isaiah 42)

The Call to the Prophet (Ezekiel 2)

The Issuance and Silence of Ezekiel and the Prophet by God (Ezekiel 3)

Psalm 39: Prayer for Wisdom (We Are a Mere Breath…Selah)

Psalm 40: Prayer of Thanksgiving

Psalm 33: Wait for the Lord

Psalm 85: The Lord’s Promise of Restoration

Psalm 130: The Wait for Redemption

Psalm 145: Praise to the Lord / The Blessings of the Lord

Psalm 95: The Call to Worship

Psalm 119: Glory to God

Psalm 118: The Lord’s Salvation

Psalm 139: You Know My Words Lord

Priest Zechariah’s Prayer and Elizabeth’s Pregnancy with John (Luke 1)

God’s Promise Through History (Acts 13)

God’s Wisdom (1 Corinthians)

METAPHORS:

Voice/Words/Presence, Incense, Angel, Pregnant/Womb, Mute/Waiting, Proclamation/Prayer

COLORS:

Red, Blue

**December 7, 2025**

**Second Week of the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

Adam is Hiding (Genesis 3)

Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)

Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3)

Songs of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15)

Prayer Song (Habakkuk 3)

The Song of Deborah (Judges 5)

Hannah’s Song (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Isaiah Responds to God (6)

Samuel Responds to God (1 Samuel 3)

Psalm 68: Praise to God Who Saves

Psalm 78: Lord’s Covenant

Psalm 89: Covenant of the Anointed

Psalm 98: The Divine Judge

Psalm 103: Lord’s Blessings

Psalm 105: Lord’s Faithfulness

Psalm 111: God’s Wonderful Deeds

Psalm 113: The Lord Lifts Up

Psalm 135: Praise to God

Praise 136: God’s Steadfast Love

Psalm 145: Greatness of God

Mary’s Story (Luke 1:26-56; Matthew 1)

God’s Call to Ananias (Acts 9)

METAPHORS:

Clothing/Leaves, Naked, Walk, Garden, Fire, Bush, Songs, Light, Voice, Pregnant, Promise

COLORS:

Red, White

**December 14, 2025**

**Third Week of the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

Joseph’s Dreams (Genesis 37)

Daniel’s Dreams (Daniel 2 and 7)

The Lord’s Prophecy According to Joel (2)

Psalm 2: God’s Praise to His Anointed

Psalm 24: The Lord’s Blessing

Psalm 80: The Lord’s Restoration

Psalm 16: Like a Dream the Lord Will Save

Psalm 138: The Lord’s Purpose

Psalm 139: You Know Me Lord

The Emmanuel Prophesied by Isaiah (7:10-25)

Joseph’s Visitation (Matthew 1:18-25)

Joseph’s Story (Luke 2:1-7)

Peter’s Dream (Acts 10)

METAPHORS:

Dreams/Visions, Anointing Oil, Emmanuel, Angel

COLORS:

Red

**December 21, 2025**

**Fourth Week of the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

The Story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

The Story of Abraham and Isaac (Genesis 22)

Jacob is Named Israel and Rachel is Buried in Bethlehem Ephrath (Genesis 35)

David, the Young Shepherd, is Chosen by God to be King of Israel (1 Samuel 16)

David is Made Shepherd King Over Israel (2 Samuel 5)

Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalm 34: Praise for God’s Deliverance

Psalm 93 and 96: The Lord is King

Psalm 110: God’s Priestly King

Psalm 132: The Anointed in Ephrathath

The Prophecy of Micah (1-7, especially 2:12-ff; 4:1-ff; 5:1-ff; 7:14ff)

The Prophecy of Isaiah: The Child from Galilee of the Nations and the Judgment of Israel (9)

The Prophecy of Jeremiah: The Restoration of the Flocks of Bethlehem (33)

The Prophecy of Ezekiel: The Lord is Israel’s Shepherd Who Will Care for the Sheep (34)

The Shepherd’s Amazement Upon the Arrival of the Messiah (Luke 2:1-21)

METAPHORS:

Food, Sacrifice, Name, Womb/Tomb, Shepherd, King, Rod, Staff, Sling, Bethlehem, Flocks/Sheep

COLORS:

Red

**[Christmas Eve: December 24, 2025]**

**December 28, 2025**

**The Birth of the Christ Child**

God Creates the Stars to be Signs (Genesis 1)

A Pillar of Cloud Leads the Israelites and Stands Over the Tent of Meeting (Exodus 13 and 33)

The Prophecies of Balaam: God’s Will for Israel Will Be Done / Israel’s King (Numbers 23 and 24)

Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Lord’s Glory

Psalm 72: The Blessings of Israel’s King

Psalm 147: The Sovereignty of God Over the Heavens and the Earth

Daniel is Given Authority Over All Wise Men in Nebuchadnezzar’s Kingdom (Daniel 2)

The Light of Israel (Isaiah 60)

The Attention Drawn to Jesus’ Birth and the Sign of the Star (Matthew 2)

The Birth and Circumcision of the Messiah Jesus (Luke 2:21-40)

Jesus the Light is Coming Soon (Revelation 22)

METAPHORS:

Stars, Clouds, Tent/Tabernacle, King, Light, Circumcision/Cutting of Covenant, Birthing

COLORS:

White

**January 4, 2026**

**New Year’s Celebration**

**The Visit of the Magi / Epiphany**

Joseph’s Brothers Bring Gifts to Him Alone with His Brother Benjamin (Genesis 43)

The Queen of Sheba Visits Solomon (1 Kings 10)

Psalm 45: Gifts for God’s King

Psalm 72: Gold from Sheba Will Be Given to God’s King

King Hezekiah Shows Marduk-Baladan (Son of the King of Babylon) His Treasures (2 Kings 20; Isaiah 39)

The Prophecy of Isaiah: The Bearing of Gifts from Medea and Sheba (Isaiah 60)

The Visit of the Magi to Bethlehem (Matthew 2)

Paul’s Letter to the Philippians: Following Jesus Can Be Bittersweet

METAPHORS:

Gifts, Gold and Silver, Treasure, Magi, Myrrh, Frankincense

COLORS:

White, Purple, Gold

**[Epiphany: January 6, 2026]**

**January 11, 2026**

**The Presentation of Jesus in the Temple**

Cain’s and Abel’s First Fruits Sacrifice (Genesis 4)

The Story of Jacob and Esau and Their Father’s Firstborn Blessing (Genesis 27)

The Consecration of the First Born (Exodus 13)

A Woman’s Purification Sacrifice (Leviticus 12)

God’s Firstborn Requirement (Numbers 3)

The Levite’s Responsibility for God’s Sacrifices (Numbers 18)

Psalm 55: The Anguished Heart

Psalm 74: The Desire of the Lord to Save

Psalm 68: The Desire for God to Prevail

Jesus’ Presentation in the Temple and the Prophecies of Simeon and Anna (Luke 2:22-40)

On Prophecy (2 Peter 1)

METAPHORS:

First Fruits, Firstborn, Anointed

COLORS:

White, Purple

**January 18, 2026**

The Call of Abram (Genesis 12)

The Saving and Call of Moses (Exodus 2-3)

A Song of Moses (Deuteronomy 32)

Psalms of Praise to the Father: 68, 95, 100, 103, 104, 145, 149

Song of Solomon: The Precocious Fig Tree and the Vision of Love (2)

Young Samuel’s Call (1 Samuel 1-3)

Young David’s Anointing (1 Samuel 16)

Young Daniel’s Commitment to God (Daniel 1-2)

A 12-Year-Old Jesus in the Temple (Luke 2:41-52)

Timothy is Chosen by Paul to Be His Protégé (Acts 16)

METAPHORS:

Voice/Call, Anointing Oil, Fig Tree, Garden, Journey, Temple/House, Child

COLORS:

Green, Gold

**January 25, 2026**

**Jesus’ Final Months Before His Death**

The Money Given for Atonement by All the Jews (Exodus 30)

Solomon Collects 666 Talents of Gold Per Year for the Wealth of His Temple (1 Kings 10)

As Solomon is Crowned King, the People Bring Gifts (1 Chronicles 29)

The Book of Jonah

Psalm 51: Prayer of Atonement

Psalm 63: The Prophecy of Things to Come

Psalm 64: A Plot is Arising but the Righteous Will Prevail

Matthew the Tax Collector Witnesses to Peter’s Paying of the Temple Tax Per Jesus (17:24-27)

METAPHORS:

Gold/Talents/Money/Wealth, Temple, Crown, Gifts, Taxes

COLORS:

Green, Gold

**February 1, 2026**

The Boy Isaac is Saved from the Fire (Genesis 22:1-19)

Baby Moses is Saved from Death by a Basket Sent Down River (Exodus 2:1-10)

The Boy Samuel is Called by God (1 Samuel 3:1-18)

The Boy David Slays Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Psalm 127: Children Are a Blessing

Psalm 131: Like a Child

Psalm 139: Known by God from the Womb

Psalm 8: Through the Praise of Children and Infants

Proverbs 3: A Lesson to Children

Jesus Honors Children and Blesses Children (Matthew 18:1-14 and 19:1 and 19:13-15; Mark 9:33-37 and 10:13-16; Luke 9:43-48 and 18:15-17)

METAPHORS:

Fire, Water/River, Basket (Saving Vessel), Stones, Giant, Children, Womb

COLORS:

Green, Blue, Red

**February 8, 2026**

The Building of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Jacob’s Ladder at Bethel (Genesis 28)

The Blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 48:12-20)

Micaiah’s Prophecy of God’s Deliverance (1 Kings 22)

The Prophet Isaiah Tells of the Lord’s Sovereign Hand Over Stubborn Israel (48)

Psalm 110: The Lord Shall Sit at God’s Right Hand

Psalm 118: The Right Hand of the Lord Almighty

Do Not Exalt Yourself in the King’s Presence but Wait to be Invited (Proverbs 25:6-7)

John’s and James’ Mother’s Request of Jesus (Matthew 20:20-28)

John’s and James’ Request of Jesus (Mark 10:35-45)

Jesus’ Parable of the Place of Honor and the King’s Dinner (Luke 14)

Peter’s Sermon on the Sovereignty of Jesus Sitting at God’s Right Hand (Acts 2)

The Sermon and Stoning of Stephen (Acts 7)

METAPHORS:

Tower/Wall, Ladder, Mountain, Hand, King, Table, Feast, Stones/Tablet

COLORS:

Green, Gold

**February 15, 2026**

The Story of Creation (Genesis 1)

The Story of Noah (Genesis 7-9)

The Story of Moses’ Birth (Exodus 2)

The Story of the Exodus Through the Sea (Exodus 14)

The Song of Moses and Miriam (Exodus 15)

Psalm 77, 95: The Lord Rescues Us from the Deep

Psalm 66: The Lord’s Salvation Through the Waters

Psalm 136: The Lord’s Mighty Creative Hand

The Book of Jonah

Jesus Walks on Water (Matthew 14:22-33; John 6:16-21)

Jesus Stills a Storm (Mark 4:35-41; Luke 8:22-25)

Paul’s Shipwreck (Acts 27)

METAPHORS:

Cosmos, Deep/Water, Land/Way/Walk/Crossing, Hand, Storm, Ship, Light

COLORS:

Green, White, Blue, Earth Colors

**[Ash Wednesday: February 18, 2026 / Purple]**

**February 22, 2026**

**The First Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

Moses Officiates the Covenant Between God and Israel (Exodus 24)

Ezekiel’s Story of Jerusalem and the Lord’s Adulterous Wife (16 and 23)

Jeremiah’s Story of Israel’s Unfaithfulness to God (3)

Hosea’s Story of Israel’s Prostitution and Adultery Against God

Psalm 106: Israel’s Waywardness and God’s Faithfulness

Psalm 73: God’s Faithfulness to Wayward Israel

Jesus’ Parable of a Wedding Banquet (Matthew 22)

Jesus’ Parable of a Great Dinner (Luke 14:1-24)

Beware the Way You Live (Paul’s Letter to the Church in Ephesus 5)

METAPHORS:

Prostitute/Whore, Bride/Bridegroom/Wedding/Marriage/Covenant, Feast, Table/Place/Room

COLORS:

Purple

**March 1, 2026**

**The Second Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

The Israelites’ Time ‘Lost’ in the Wilderness Grumbling Against God (Exodus 15 and 16)

Psalm 23: The Good Shepherd

Psalm 119: Do Not Let Me Stray

Through Jeremiah, God Mourns That His Sheep Are Scattered and Lost, and God Vows to Raise Up a Righteous Branch, a King of the House of David (23)

Through Jeremiah, God Mourns That His Sheep Are Scattered and Lost, and Jeremiah Predicts the Fall of Babylon and the Return of the Fold (50)

Ezekiel Tells of God’s Anger at the Shepherds of Israel Who Have Not Cared for the Flock; God Vows to Care for the Flock and Look for the Lost (34)

Micah Tells of God’s Plan to Raise Up a Shepherd to Rule Over Israel; Then God Will Seek the Lost Sheep of Israel (5)

The Stories of Those Lost (Sheep, Coin, Son) (Luke 15)

Be Good Shepherds of Your Flock (1 Peter 5)

METAPHORS:

Wilderness, Desert, Sheep, Branch/House, Sheepfold/Flock, Shepherd, Son, Coin

COLORS:

Purple, Gold, Green

**March 8, 2026**

**The Third Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

The Story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

The Order of Priestly Dress –Blue, Purple, and Fine Linen (Exodus 28 and 39)

The Colors of the Tabernacle Linen Veil (Exodus 36)

Regulations Regarding Skin Diseases and Pronouncements of “Unclean” (Leviticus 13)

The Lord’s Dressing of Bride Jerusalem and His “Dressing Down” at Her Betrayal (Ezekiel 16)

The Lord Clothes Joshua the High Priest to Govern Over Jerusalem (Zechariah 3)

Clothed with the Garments of Salvation (Isaiah 61)

Psalm 30: Clothed in God’s Favor

Jesus’ Parable About “Lazarus” and a Certain Rich Man (Luke 16:19-31)

The Conversion of Lydia (Acts 16)

METAPHORS:

Field, Blood, Priest, Linen, Purple, Veil, Tabernacle, Bride, Dress/Clothing/Garments, Feast

COLORS:

Purple, White, Blue

**March 15, 2026**

**The Fourth Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

God’s Creation of Humankind and the Command to Bear Fruit (Genesis 1)

Psalm 1: Blessed is He Who Yields Fruit in Season

Psalm 128: The Lord’s Blessing

You Are the Fruit of Your Actions (Proverbs 11:30; 1:31; 12:14)

The Lord Plants, and the Lord Uproots (Jeremiah 12)

Israel’s Unfaithfulness (Ezekiel 15)

Israel’s Wickedness (Hosea 10)

The Song of God’s Vineyard (Isaiah 5)

Jesus’ Description of the Vine and the Branches (John 15)

Jesus’ Parable of the Wicked Tenants (Luke 20:9-19; Matthew 21:33-46; Mark 12:1-12)

The Fruit of the Spirit Described by Paul (Galatians 5)

METAPHORS:

Fruit, Field, Vineyard, Seeds, Vine, Branch, Tenant, Master/King

COLORS:

Purple, Blue

**March 22, 2026**

**The Fifth Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

God Plants a Garden (Genesis 2)

The Story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4)

Noah Plants a Vineyard (Genesis 9)

God’s Laws of Mercy (Exodus 23)

The Unkept Vineyard (Proverbs 24:30-31)

Psalm 115: The Lord Will Bless Us

Psalm 65: The Lord’s Bounty

Psalm 80: The Transplanted Vine of Israel

The Lord Gives His People a Vineyard Which They Did Not Plant (Joshua 24)

The Song of God’s Vineyard (Isaiah 5)

Jesus’ Parable of Vineyard Workers (Matthew 20:1-16)

Be Generous in Your Love and Compassion Paul Says (2 Corinthians 9)

METAPHORS:

Garden, Field, Vineyard, Thistles/Weeds/Briars, Abundant Fruit, Famine, Harvest, Seeds

COLORS:

Purple, Blue

**March 29, 2026**

**The Procession of the Lambs / Palm Sunday**

The Blessing of Judah (Genesis 49)

The Feast of Passover (Exodus 11-12)

David Anoints Solomon King After Bidding He Ride in On His Mule (1 Kings 1)

The Song of Deborah (Judges 5)

Zechariah’s Prophecy of the Savior (9:9-17)

Psalm 85: The Lord Covers Our Sins

Psalm 113-118: The Full Hallel

Psalm 118: The Victory of the Lord (Psalm of Procession)

Psalm 136: The Great Hallel

The Final Sacrifice of Christ (Hebrews 10)

Jesus in the Procession of the Lambs (Mark 11:1-11; Matthew 21:1-11; Luke 19:28-44; John 12:12-19)

Paul’s Bind with the Sanhedrin (Acts 21-23)

METAPHORS:

Feast, Passover, Blood/Covenant Cutting, Song/Psalm, Palms, Donkey, Lambs, Bethlehem (House of Bread/Meat), Parade, Temple, Clothing

COLORS:

Purple, White, Blue

**[Maundy Thursday: April 2, 2026]**

**[Good Friday: April 3, 2026]**

**April 5, 2026**

**The Day of Resurrection / Easter Sunday**

The Mercy Seat / The Closing of Eden and Guarding of the Tree of Life (Genesis 3:24)

The Angel with Sword and the Story of Balak and Balaam the Donkey (Numbers 22)

Psalm 99: The Lord Sits Enthroned Between the Cherubim

Psalm 104: The Lord Wrapped in Light

Ezekiel’s Vision of the Lord’s Throne Above the Cherubim (1 and 10)

Joshua Encounters an Angel of the Lord with Sword (5)

David’s Encounter with an Angel with Sword of Judgment (1 Chronicles 21)

The Stone Rolled Away and Jesus’ Resurrection (Matthew 28; Luke 24:1-8)

Jesus’ Resurrection, the Angels at Head and Foot, and Jesus as Gardener (John 20)

The Opening of the Way to the Light Through Christ Risen (Hebrews 10)

METAPHORS:

Mercy Seat, Garden/Eden, Tree of Life, Angel, Sword, Guard/Gateway, Donkey, Gardener, Light, Stone, Cave, Clothes, Way

COLORS:

White

**The Story Lectionary**

**YEAR TWO**

**2026-2027**

**April 5, 2026 EASTER (End of Story Lectionary Year One)**

**April 12, 2026**

God Creates a Garden (Genesis 2-3)

The Story of Balak and Balaam’s Blessings on Israel (Numbers 22-24)

Psalm 36: The Lord is the Fountain of Life

Psalm 46: God’s Dwelling Place

Psalm 92: The Righteous of the Lord Will Flourish

Psalm 103: The Lord Has Established His Throne

Song of Songs (4): Garden of Love

Isaiah’s Song of Zion’s Salvation (51)

Ezekiel’s Vision of the Temple and Rivers of Water, Fruit Trees, and Abundance (47)

Jeremiah’s Prophecy of the Redemption of Israel (31)

Jesus’ Parable of the Mustard Seed (Matthew 13:31-32; Luke 13:18-19)

John’s Witness to Jesus (The Living Water) with the Woman at the Well (4)

John’s Witness to Jesus’ Encounter with Mary in the Garden (20)

Paul’s Witness to Paradise (2 Corinthians 12)

God’s Restoration of Humanity to the Garden (Revelation 22)

METAPHORS:

Garden, Donkey, Angel, Fountain/Water/Deep/Well/Living Water/Spring, Tabernacle, Throne, Temple, Trees/Tree of Life, Fruit, Mustard Seed

COLORS:

White, Multi/Pastel

**April 19, 2026**

God Creates Soul (Nephesh) from Body and Spirit (Genesis 2)

The Story of Joseph (Genesis 37-50)

Choose Life and Be Faithful to the Lord –The Universe Witnesses to the Choice Before You as Given to You by the Lord Your God (Deuteronomy 29-30)

Psalm 2: The Sovereignty of the Lord’s Son

Psalm 16: The Path of Life

Psalm 19: The Witness of the Universe to God’s Sovereignty and Glory

Isaiah’s Song of Praise and Resurrection (Isaiah 26)

The Lord’s Redemption (Isaiah 49)

The Invitation to All Who Are Thirsty (Isaiah 55)

Ezekiel and the Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37)

In the End Times, Those from the Dust Will Awaken (Daniel 2)

The Lord’s Anger and Promise of Resurrection (Hosea 6 and 13)

Jesus’ Prophecy of the Holy Spirit (John 15:26-27)

Luke’s Witness to Jesus’ Appearance to His Disciples (23:33-49)

Cornelius and Peter and the Witness to the Gentiles (Acts 10)

The Story of the Witnesses as Told by Paul and Barnabus (Acts 13)

The Lord Opens Hearts by Means of the Holy Spirit (1 Corinthians 2)

The Meaning of Resurrection (1 Corinthians 15)

METAPHORS:

Coat/Cloak/Tunic, Path/Way, Son, Water/Spring, Desert/Dry Bones/Valley/Dust, Mountain, Spirit/Breath/Wind/Voice/Witness

COLORS:

White, Green, Multi/Pastel

**April 26, 2026**

Rebekah Tricks Isaac into Blessing Jacob Instead of Esau By Touching Goat Skin (Genesis 27)

Massah and Meribah (Exodus 17:1-7 and Numbers 20)

The Story of Gideon’s Conversations with God and the Sign of the Fleece (Judges 6)

Psalm 18: Praise Be the Rock

Psalm 25: In You I Put My Trust

Psalm 34: Taste and See that the Lord is Good

Psalm 42: Put Hope in God

Psalm 98: The Lord Has Made His Salvation Known

Psalm 103: Praise the Lord My Soul

Psalm 135: God’s Signs

John’s Witness to Jesus’ Post-Resurrection Appearance to Thomas Didymus (20:24-29)

Paul Preaches: Christ Crucified is Our Wisdom (1 Corinthians 1:18-31)

METAPHORS:

Goat Skin, Hair/Fur/Fleece, Desert, Oasis/Spring/Water, Body, Blood

COLORS:

White, Green, Blue

**May 3, 2026**

The Genesis of the Light (Genesis 1)

God Makes a Covenant with Abram with Light (Genesis 15)

Moses and the Burning Bush (Exodus 3)

Moses Receives the Ten Commandments and Reappears with Radiant Face (Exodus 34)

Elisha Bids God Strike the Arameans Blind and Then Restore Their Sight (2 Kings 6)

Psalm 4: The Light of Your Face

Psalm 18: The Consuming Fire

Psalm 27: The Lord is My Light

Psalm 104: The Lord is Wrapped in Light

Ezekiel’s Vision of Radiance and the Coals of Fire (Ezekiel 1)

The Throne of Flaming Fire (Daniel 7)

Jesus Heals a Blind Man and Talks About the State of Blindness (John 9)

John’s Testimony to Jesus’ Divinity (John 1:1-18)

Paul’s Experience of Heavenly Blinding Light and the Voice of Jesus (Acts 9:1-31)

METAPHORS:

Light, Fire, Face, Eye, Coals, Throne, Blindness, Sight, Voice/Spirit

COLORS:

White

**May 10, 2026**

**Jesus Commissions His Disciples**

The Story of Noah’s Mission and the Rebirth of the World (Genesis 9)

The Story of Tamar’s Mission to Bear a Child of the Covenant (Genesis 38)

The Birth and Saving of Moses (Exodus 2:1-10)

The Story of Passover and the Saving of Israel’s Children (Exodus 12)

The Story of Esther’s Loyal Mission in the Midst of Turmoil (Esther)

Ezekiel’s Prophecy of God’s Restoration of Fruitfulness to the Mountains of Israel (Ezekiel 36)

Psalm 92: The Righteous Will Flourish Like the Palm Tree

Psalm 105: Praise for God’s Fruitful Covenant

Psalm 128: The Fruit of Blessing

Matthew’s Witness to Jesus’ Parables of Seeds and Weeds (13:1-32)

Matthew’s Witness to Jesus’ Commissioning of His Disciples (28:16-20)

Mark’s Witness to Jesus’ Commissioning of His Disciples (16:14-20 – within the longer ending)

Paul Explains the Fruits of the Spirit (The Letter to the Galatians 5)

METAPHORS:

Child, Field/Earth, Pregnant/Womb, Birth/Water/Blood/Passover, Fruit, Mountain, Palm Tree, Seeds, Weeds

COLORS:

White, Green, Blue

**[Ascension Day: May 14, 2026]**

**May 17, 2026**

**Jesus’ Ascension**

God’s Blessing on Abram (Genesis 12)

The Blessing of Melchizedek, High Priest of the Most High God Upon Abram (14)

God’s Blessing Upon Jacob and the Experience at Bethel (Genesis 28)

The Blessing and Monument at Gilgal When the Ark Came Up Out of the Jordan (Joshua 4)

Psalm 18: The Lord Lives in High Places

Psalm 24: Ascending the Mountain of God

Psalm 68: Proclaiming the Power of God

Psalm 110: A Priest in the Order of Melchizedek

Psalm 121 (A Song of Ascent): The Lord’s Blessing

Psalm 123 (A Song of Ascent): I Lift Up My Eyes

The Lord’s Servant Will Be Raised and Lifted Up (Isaiah 52)

The Mountain of the Lord (Micah 4)

Jesus the High Priest in the Eternal Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7)

Luke’s Witness to Jesus’ Blessing of His Disciples and Ascension (Luke 24:45-49; 50-53)

The Story of Jesus’ Ascension (Acts 1)

The Living Stone of Zion (1 Peter 2)

METAPHORS:

Priest/Melchizedek, Bread/Wine, Ladder, Stones/Altar, Water/Deep/River/Baptism, Earth/Vista/Mountain

COLORS:

White, Green

**May 24, 2026**

**The Day of Pentecost**

God’s Creative Breath of Life (Genesis 1-2)

The Lord’s Wind Dries the Water and God Makes a Promise to Noah (Genesis 8)

The Festivals Dedicated to the Lord (Leviticus 23)

The Year of Jubilee (Leviticus 25)

Psalm 1: The Blessed Yield Fruit in Season

Psalm 19: The Lord as Bridegroom

Psalm 16 and 110: The Lord’s Power as Attested to by David, mentioned in Peter’s Sermon

The Book of Ruth: The Covenant Promise and the Role of Ruth in Covenant Marriage

Ezekiel’s Vision of Wind and Fire (1)

Joel’s End-Times Prophecy (2)

Resurrection Life (1 Corinthians 15)

The Day of Pentecost (acts 2)

METAPHORS:

Breath/Spirit/Wind/Voice/Shofar/Fire, Water/Deep, Feast/Festival, Fruit/Harvest, Wedding/Marriage/Bridegroom/Covenant

COLORS:

Red, White

**May 31, 2026**

**Jesus’ Baptism**

Those Who Walked with God in the First Covenant (Genesis 5)

God’s Plague of Locusts Upon the Egyptians (Exodus 10)

God’s Abundance for Those Who Turn to Him (Deuteronomy 28)

Psalm 19: The Lord’s Words Are Sweeter Than Honey

Psalm 78: Israel’s Disobedience Until David Comes to the Throne

Psalm 81: The Lord Fills His Faithful with Honey from the Rock

Psalm 103: The Lord’s Compassion on those Who Keep His Covenant

Psalm 105: God’s Covenant Promise to Those Who Worship Him

God’s Punishment of Locusts and His Abundant Restoration (Joel 2)

God Laments That Israel Will Not Return No Matter What He Does (Amos 4)

God Bids Ezekiel to Eat a Scroll and is Therefore Bound to Decree God’s Words of Warning (Ezekiel 3)

The Coming Restoration of Israel (Isaiah 40)

The Importance of Faith Throughout Covenant History (Hebrews 11)

The Prophecy About John the Baptist (Luke 1)

John the Baptist’s Prophecy and His Baptism of Jesus (Matthew 3: Mark 1:1-11; Luke 3; John 1:1-34)

Peter’s Sermon and the Prophecy of Joel (Acts 2:14-41)

The Punishment of Locusts (Revelation 9:1-11)

The Consuming of the Scroll of God and the Mission of Prophecy (Revelation 10)

METAPHORS:

Walk/Feet/Way/Road, Locusts/Plague, Fruit/Abundance, King/Throne, Honey, Rock, Scroll/Words/Word

COLORS:

White, Gold

**June 7, 2026**

God Creates (Genesis 1)

The Word of God Appears to Abram (Genesis 15:1; Genesis 12:7; Genesis 18)

The Word of the Lord Appears to Elijah (1 Kings 19)

The Word of the Lord Calls Samuel (1 Samuel 3)

Psalm 33: Creator God

Psalm 119: The Word of the Lord is Eternal

Psalm 147: The Lord Has Revealed His Word

The Birth of Wisdom (Proverbs 8:22-36)

The Book of Job: God’s Voice Speaks with Job (Chapters 38-42)

Creator God (Isaiah 40 and the Word of the Lord (Isaiah 55)

Jeremiah Encounters the “Word of the Lord” (Jeremiah 1)

John the Apostle Explains Jesus’ Identity (John 1)

Paul Explains the Identity of God and Jesus to Greeks in Thessalonica (Acts 17:16-34)

The Victory of the “Word of God” (Revelation 19)

METAPHORS:

Cosmos/Deep/Chaos/Word/Logos/Presence/Spirit/Wind/Breath/Voice

COLORS:

White

**June 14, 2026**

The Story of Hagar and Ishmael in the Wilderness (Genesis 16)

The Tribes of Those Who Reached the Promised Land (Numbers 26)

God’s Promise from the Wilderness (Deuteronomy 8)

Those Who Settled in Jerusalem (Nehemiah 11)

A Genealogy from Adam to Abram (1 Chronicles 1:1)

The Story of Esther, Adopted of Mordecai, Queen of Persia

The Story of Daniel and His Test of Faith in God (Daniel 6)

God’s Lament Over His Son Israel in the Words of the Prophet Hosea (Hosea 11)

God’s Restoration of His Son Israel (Jeremiah 31)

Psalm 2: The Son of the Lord

Psalm 8: Children of God

Psalm 12 and 14: God’s Mission for the Faithful and Restoration for the Righteous

Psalm 90: We Are God’s Dwelling Place

Psalm 115: The Lord Will Bless His People

Jesus High Priest in the Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 4-8)

Jesus, Son of God, is Baptized, Vetted, Tested, and Sent (Luke 3:21-4:15)

Paul’s Sermon on Adoption to Sonship Through Living in the Spirit (Romans 8)

METAPHORS:

Wilderness, Oasis/Water/Spirit, Milk and Honey/Fruit, Feast, Fire, Tabernacle/Priest/Son

COLORS:

White, Red

**June 21, 2026**

Joseph’s Vision and Persecution by His Brothers (Genesis 37)

The People Challenge Moses and Aaron and Joshua and Threaten to Stone Them (Numbers 14)

God’s Spirit Comes Upon Samson Despite Those Who Would Foil Him (Judges 13-16)

The Spirit of God Comes Upon David and He Prevails Over Goliath Despite His Critics (1 Samuel 16-17)

Saul Tries to Kill David but is Unable Due to God’s Spirit (1 Samuel 19)

David’s Pride and Persecution of Uriah the Hittite (2 Samuel 11-12)

King Uzziah’s Pride and Anger (2 Chronicles 26)

Psalm 2: The Lord Has Installed His Son

Psalm 72: The Royal Son Will Defend the Afflicted

Psalm 103: The Lord Heals and Redeems

Psalm 112: Blessed are the Righteous

God Will Pour Out His Spirit Upon His Chosen One (Isaiah 42)

The Healing of the Nations Jew and Gentile (Ezekiel 47)

Matthew’s Witness to the Beginning of Jesus’ Ministry (4)

Luke’s Witness to the Beginning of Jesus’ Ministry and His Proclamation at Nazareth (4)

The Conversion of Gentiles (Acts 15)

[Optional: Elijah Helps the Widow of Zarephath; Elisha heals Naaman the Syrian]

METAPHORS:

Dreams/Visions, Wheat/Sheaves, Cosmos, Stone/Pillars/Stones, King/Son, Water/Spirit, Scroll, Feast/Jubilee/Abundance/Harvest

COLORS:

Red, Blue, White

**June 28, 2026**

The Song of Moses: Our God Who Heals (Deuteronomy 32)

Elijah Heals the Son of the Widow at Zarapheth Who Challenges Him (1 Kings 17)

An Evil Spirit Torments Saul and He Tries to Kill David (1 Samuel 16:14-23; 18:6-16; 19:1-24)

The Prayer of Nabonitus (The Mad King) –(This Aramaic text belongs to the famous Dead Sea scrolls: four scraps of parchment from Cave 4, usually called 4Q242, copied from an older original in the second half of the first century BCE and belongs in the midst of Daniel)

Psalm 16: The Lord Will Not Abandon Me to the Realm of the Dead

Psalm 91: The Lord Will Rescue You

Psalm 106: They Turned from the Spirit of God

The Apocryphal Psalms (Aramaic Psalms Used as Incantation in Jewish Exorcisms)

Satan Accuses High Priest Joshua and the Lord Cleanses Him in Clothes of White (Zechariah 3)

The Lord Will Remove the Spirit of Impurity from the Land (Zechariah 13)

Jesus’ Exorcism of Unclean Spirit in Capernaum (Mark 1:21-28; Luke 4:31-37)

Jesus’ Healing Power and Ministry in Galilee (Matthew 12-25)

The Perils of Turning Away from God (James 1)

METAPHORS:

Spirit/Spirits, Clothing, Fire, Voice, Hand, Eye, Face

COLORS:

Red, White

**July 5, 2026**

Lord of Womb and Water, Birth and Rebirth (Exodus 15 and 17)

Moses and the Healing Snake (Numbers 21)

Psalm 90: The Lord of Birth and Rebirth

Psalm 104: Lord of Water and Creation

Psalm 139: The Womb of the Lord

The Book of Jonah: A Womb of Water

The Lord’s Waters of Redemption (Isaiah 35)

The Pregnancy of Salvation (Isaiah 42)

The Restoration Through Womb, Water, and Spirit (Isaiah 44)

The Womb of Redemption (Isaiah 49)

Redemption with Water and Spirit (Ezekiel 36-37)

From the Womb of the Creator/Redeemer Lord (Job 38)

Rebirth and Renewal Through Jesus (Titus 3)

Nicodemus’ Visit with Jesus (John 3)

METAPHORS:

Womb, Water, Snake, Spirit/Breath, Birth

COLORS:

Red, White, Blue

**July 12, 2026**

God Gives Moses Signs to Prove God’s Power Including Healing of Leprosy (Exodus 4)

I Am the Lord Who Heals You (Exodus 15)

Priestly Rituals for Examining and Pronouncing Diseases of the Skin (Leviticus 13 and 14)

Miriam and Aaron Speak Against Moses (Numbers 12)

Naaman is Cured of Leprosy by Elisha and the Deceit of Gehazi Brings Leprosy Upon Him (2 Kings 5)

Psalm 12: The Perils of the Tongue

Psalm 15: Those Who Utter Truth and Not Slander

Psalm 34: May Your Tongue Praise the Lord and Not Speak Deceit

Psalm 39: I Will Keep My Tongue from Sin

Psalm 52: Those Who Speak Evil as Opposed to Those Who Speak of the Lord

Psalm 73: The Wicked Speak with Malice

Psalm 109: The Wicked and Deceitful Speak Evil

The Evil Tongue of Haman (The Book of Esther)

God’s People Deceive and Slander Each Other and God (Jeremiah 9)

The “Leprosy” of the Deeds of Sodom and Gomorrah (Isaiah 1)

Jesus’ Healing of a Leper (Matthew 8:1-4; Luke 5:12-16; Mark 1:35-45)

Your Tongue is a Rudder and Do Not Slander Your Brothers and Sisters (James 3 and 4)

The Evil of False Teaching (2 Timothy 2)

METAPHORS:

Leprosy, Hand, Skin/Sin, Tongue/Words/Rudder

COLORS:

Red

**July 19, 2026**

The Story of Noah (Genesis 8)

The Hand of Jeroboam is Shriveled and Powerless in the Face of the Lord’s Prophet (1 Kings 13:4-6)

Elijah and the Dry Land of Ahab / Elijah’s Power Over Water (1 Kings 17:1-16 and 1 Kings 18)

Psalm 1: In Streams of Water Leaves Don’t Wither

Psalm 73: The Lord Holds Me By My Right Hand and Saves

Psalm 74: The Sovereignty of God

Psalm 99: The Lord’s Power and Sovereignty

Psalm 102: A Prayer of the Afflicted Whose Heart Has Withered

Psalm 107: The Lord Controls the Waters

Psalm 118: The Right Hand of the Lord Saves

Psalm 129: Those Who Hate the Lord are Like Grass That Withers

Psalm 136: The Lord’s Mighty Hand and Outstretched Arm

Psalm 138: With Your Right Hand You Save Me

Psalm 144: The Lord Delivers Me with His Right Hand

God’s Nurture as Explained to Job by Bildad the Shuhite (Job 8)

Lack of Faith Dries Up the Land (Joel 1:13-20)

The Lord Will Send Rains of Redemption and Restoration to Dry Up Storms (Zechariah 10)

God Creates Green and Dry Trees / The Vine of Israel is Planted by Water (Ezekiel 17, 19)

The Land of God is Well-Watered (Ezekiel 47)

Jesus Withers a Tree Outside of Jerusalem (Matthew 21:1-21 and Mark 11:20)

Jesus Heals a Withered Hand (Matthew 12:9-21; Mark 3:1-12; Luke 6:6-11)

METAPHORS:

Hand, Ark (Saving Vessel), Dry Land, Water/Springs/River/Streams/Rain, Heart/Vine/Root/Garden, Storms, Trees/Vines

COLORS:

Red, Green, Blue, Multi

**July 26, 2026**

The Light Comes into Being (Genesis 1)

The Lord Makes a Covenant with Abram as a Smoking Firepot (Genesis 15)

The Lord Meets Moses as a Fiery Furnace on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19)

The Lord Burns Up Elijah’s Sacrifice Like an Oven (1 Kings 18)

Elisha Heals the Spring Waters of Jericho with Salt (2 Kings 2:19-22)

In David’s Song, the Lord Appears as a Fiery Furnace (2 Samuel 22)

Psalm 16: I Keep My Eyes Only on the Lord

Psalm 25: My Eyes Are Ever on the Lord

Psalm 49: Those with Wealth Do Not Endure

Psalm 73: The Malice of a Callous Heart

Psalm 97: Light Shines on the Upright in Heart

Psalm 101: My Eyes Will Be on the Faithful

Psalm 119: Open My Eyes

The Story of Daniel and the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

The Lord Laments the Idolatrous Eye of Israel and Will Bring Forth an Unquenchable Flame (Ezekiel 20)

Israel’s Cleansing by Fire of the Cookpot (Ezekiel 24)

Jesus Teaches on a Mountainside Regarding Salt and Light (Matthew 5:13-16 and 6:19-24)

The Seven Lampstands (Revelation 1)

METAPHORS:

Light, Smoke/Fog, Firepot/Furnace/Oven/Fire/Spirit, Springs/Water/River, Salt, Eye, Mountain, Lamps/Lampstands

COLORS:

Red, Blue, White, Gold

**August 2, 2026**

Jacob’s Prayer (Genesis 32:9-12)

Our Father and Savior (Isaiah 63:11-19 and 64)

Hezekiah’s Prayer (2 Kings 19:15-19)

Hannah’s Prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Nehemiah’s Prayer (Nehemiah 2)

The Kaddish

Psalm 51: David’s Prayer

Psalm 103: Praise the Lord My Soul Who is Like a Father to Me

Psalm 121: The Lord Will Keep You from Harm

Psalm 143: Lord Rescue Me and Bring Me Out of Trouble

Psalm 145: Blessed Be the Lord and His Kingdom

Daniel’s Prayer (Daniel 9)

Jeremiah’s Prayer (Jeremiah 10:23-25)

Jonah’s Prayer (Jonah 2:2-9)

Jesus’ Teaching on Prayer and Fasting (Matthew 6)

Paul’s Prayer for the Church in Ephesus (Ephesians 3:14-21)

METAPHORS:

Prayer/Voice/Eye/Ear, Body/Church

COLORS:

Red, White

**August 9, 2026**

God’s Guidelines for Justice and Mercy (Exodus 23:1-9)

King Solomon Judges with God’s Wisdom (1 Kings 3:16-28)

God Empowers Othniel, First Savior (Judge) of Israel (Judges 3)

God Entreats Judges to Judge as God Would Judge with Love (2 Chronicles 19:4-11)

The Song of Deborah (Judges 5)

Psalm 7: We Fall into the Pits We Dig

Psalm 25: No One Who Hopes in You Will Be Put to Shame

Psalm 37: The Lord Upholds the Righteous

Psalm 50: Those Who Testify Against Their Brother Are Arraigned by God

Psalm 58: David Declares the Unjust Rulings of the Judges

Psalm 125: The Lord Will Be Good to Those Who Are Good

God Demonstrates Measure for Measure in Accusation of Vineyard Spoilers (Isaiah 3:1-15)

God Chastises Jerusalem for Her Sins (Ezekiel 16)

Jesus’ Teaching About Loving and Judging (Matthew 5:38-48 and 7:1-6; Luke 6:27-36 and 6:37-42 and 6:43-45)

Paul Declares God’s Measure for Measure to High Priest Ananias (Acts 23:1-3)

Paul Preaches of God’s Righteous Judgment –Measure for Measure (Romans 2)

Paul Entreats to Stop Judging One Another (Romans 14)

METAPHORS:

Pit, Vineyard, Weights and Measures/Law, Heart

COLORS:

Red, Green

**August 16, 2026**

The Story of God’s Gift of the Torah on Mt. Sinai (Exodus 19 and 34)

The Lord’s Command to Celebrate the Feast of Weeks (Deuteronomy 16 and Exodus 23:14-19 and Leviticus 23)

Leave Some Grain in the Field for Foreigners and Others (Deuteronomy 24:19-22)

David and the Threshing Floor and the Judgment of the Lord (2 Samuel 24)

The Crossing of the Jordan with the Ark on Dry Ground During God’s Harvest (Joshua 3)

Psalm 23: The Shepherd of Salvation

Psalm 67: The Lord’s Salvation Harvest

Psalm 107: Let the Redeemed of the Lord Tell Their Story

Psalm 126: The Joy of the Lord’s Harvest

The Song of Songs

The Story of Ruth and the Lord’s Saving Harvest

Repent for the Lord’s Harvest is Appointed (Hosea 6)

The Time to Harvest Unrepentant Babylon is Coming Soon (Jeremiah 51)

The Harvest is Ripe and All Will Be Judged (Joel 3)

The Song of God’s Vineyard (Isaiah 5)

The Pruning Before the Harvest (Isaiah 18)

The Lord Will Be Israel’s Shepherd (Ezekiel 34:1-16)

Jesus’ Parable of Wheat and Tares (Matthew 13:24-30)

Jesus’ Instruction on the Coming Harvest (Matthew 9:35-38)

Jesus’ Instruction on the Coming Harvest and Sending into the Field (Luke 10:1-24)

The Lord Will Enlarge the Harvest of Your Righteousness and You Will Rejoice (2 Corinthians 9)

METAPHORS:

Mountain, Tablets/Torah/Word/Heart/Stone/Rock, Feast, Field, Grain, Threshing Floor, Way/Path, Harvest, Shepherd, Marriage/Betrothal, Ripe Fruit, Vineyard, Wheat, Weeds/Thistles

COLORS:

Red, Green

**August 23, 2026**

The Purpose of the Seed (Genesis 1)

The Story of Cain’s Offering (Bad Ground / A Jealous Heart) (Genesis 4)

Psalm 1: The Righteous is a Fruit-Bearing Tree by the Water

Psalm 37: The Evil Like Plants Will Die Away

Psalm 67: A Joyous Psalm of Harvest

Psalm 92: The Righteous Will Flourish Like a Palm Tree

Psalm 128: You Will Eat the Fruits of Your Labor

Proverbs 3: The Lord’s Wisdom is a Tree of Life

The Prophet Hosea Compares Israel to Poisonous Weeds Plowed into the Sowed Field (Hosea 10)

Israel Must Break Up Its Unplowed Ground and Return to the Lord (Jeremiah 4)

Jesus’ Parables of Seed and Harvest as Told by His Disciples (Mark 4, Luke 8, Matthew 13)

Paul Warns That You Reap What You Sow (Galatians 5-6)

The Restoration of Eden and the Tree of Life Bearing 12 Crops of Fruit for Healing (Revelation 22)

METAPHORS:

Seed, Earth/Ground/Adama, Heart, Fruit/Tree/Roots, Water/Spirit, Harvest, Palm Tree, Tree of Life, Weeds, Field, Plow, Sow, Eden/Garden

COLORS:

Green, Gold, Multi

**August 30, 2026**

The Waters Drown the Pursuing Egyptians (Exodus 14-15)

Guidelines for Clean and Unclean Foods (Leviticus 11)

Saul is Tormented by an Evil Spirit (1 Samuel 16-18)

Elijah Confronts Ahab and the Prophets of Baal are Slaughtered at the Brook Kishon (1 Kings 18)

Psalm 49: The Tombs of the Wealthy Will Become Their Homes

Psalm 68: The Lord Reigns from Mt. Bashan

Psalm 80: A Prayer for God to Restore the Lands of Manasseh and Others

Psalm 91: The Lord Will Be Your Dwelling Place

Psalm 106: The Perils of Idol Worship and the Saving Grace of the Lord

Psalm 107: The Lord Redeems from All the Lands

God’s Warning to those Who Worship Idols and Eat Pig as Spoken by Isaiah (Isaiah 65)

The Warning to Idol Worshipers (Hosea 4)

On that Day I Will Banish Idols from the Land (Zechariah 13)

Jesus’ Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15)

Jesus Exorcises Demons for a Man from Gerasene and Sends Them into a Herd of Swine (Luke 8; Mark 5:1-20; Matthew 8:28-34)

Some Attempt to Use the Name of Jesus to Cast Out Demons Without Faith in Ephesus (Acts 19)

METAPHORS:

Water/Spirit/Brook, Spirits, Food, Mountain, Tabernacle, Son, Swine/Pigs/Boar, Demons/Idols

COLORS:

Green, Blue

**September 6, 2026**

The Curse of the Dust (Genesis 3)

Abraham Pleads with God and God’s Angels Warn Lot and His Family (Genesis 18-19)

Shimei Casts Dirt Upon David for His Deeds (which David Attributes to the Lord) (2 Samuel 16)

Elijah Confronts Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 18)

Psalm 30: The Lord Turns Wailing into Dancing

Psalm 44: Lord Raise Us from the Dust

Psalm 103: The Lord has Compassion and Remembers that We Are Dust

Psalm 113: The Lord Raises the Needy from the Dust

Psalm 119: Follow the Lord for the Enduring Reward

God’s Warning to Samaria and Jerusalem (Micah 1)

Jesus’ Sending Out of His Disciples in order to Call People to Repentance (Mark 6:6-13)

Jesus’ Instructions to His Disciples on Going Before Him (Matthew 10)

The Sending of 12 and then 72 Disciples to Proclaim and Warn All the Towns of Israel (Luke 9-10)

The Crowd Tosses Dust at Paul’s Proclamation (Acts 22)

METAPHORS:

Dust/Dirt/Earth/Adama, Angel, Fire/Spirit

COLORS:

Green, Brown

**September 13, 2026**

The Story of Dinah and Shechem (Genesis 34)

The Story of the Saving of Moses by Batya (Bithiah), Daughter of Pharaoh (Exodus 1-2)

The Story of Samson and Delilah (Judges 16)

The Story of Ruth

Psalm 37: The Salvation of the Righteous Comes from the Lord

Psalm 51: Create in Me a New Heart O God

Psalm 106: The Lord Gathers from the Nations

Psalm 119: Seek God with Your Heart

Psalm 145: The Lord has Compassion on All He Has Made

The Mountain of the lord to Which All Peoples Will Come (Isaiah 2)

Isaiah’s Prophecy of the Lord’s Anger at Those Who Persecute Others with False Traditions (59)

The Lord Our Shepherd Will Gather All People of the Nations (Ezekiel 34)

Jesus’ Story of the Good Samaritan

Jesus’ Healing of the Syro-Phoenician (Gentile) Woman’s Daughter

Jesus’ Teaching on Defilement and God’s True Way (Mark 7:1-23 and 24-30)

Jesus’ Teaching on Defilement (Matthew 15; Luke 11:37-54)

Peter’s Dream and His Meeting with Cornelius (Acts 10)

METAPHORS:

Woman/Daughter, Harvest, Heart, Mountain, Shepherd

COLORS:

Green, Gold

**September 20, 2026**

The Story of Joseph, Whose Sons Were Ephraim and Manasseh (Genesis 37 and 39)

Jacob’s Blessing of Ephraim and Manasseh Whose Land Would Become Samaria (Genesis 48)

The Assyrians Lay Siege to Samaria and Deport the Jewish Citizens Bringing in Foreigners (2 Kings 17)

The Prophet Oded Convinces the Samarians to Return Prisoners to Israel, Clothing and Feeding Them (2 Chronicles 28)

Hezekiah Invites the Tribes of Ephraim and Manasseh to Celebrate Passover in Jerusalem Presided Over by the Priests and Levites (2 Chronicles 30)

Psalm 60 and 108: The Restoration of All of Israel, Including Ephraim and Manasseh, Philistia and Shechem

Psalm 80: The Restoration of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh

The Lord Will Gather All Who Worship Him (Isaiah 56)

The Lord Will Restore All of Israel, Including Ephraim and Manasseh (Jeremiah 31)

Jesus’ Parable of a Good-Hearted Samaritan (Luke 10)

The Apostles Preach and Convert Followers to Jesus in Samaria (Acts 8)

METAPHORS:

Land/Harvest/Abundance/Grain/Food, Clothing, Passover, Blood

COLORS:

Green, Red, Gold

**September 27, 2026**

The Distraction of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11:1-9)

Abraham’s Three Holy Visitors (Genesis 18)

Esau’s Distraction with His Hunger (Genesis 19:34)

Jacob Dreams of God and Realizes “Surely the Lord is in This Place and I Was Not Aware of It” (Genesis 28)

God Dwells in the Holy Tabernacle with Moses and with God’s People (Exodus 11, 34, 40)

The Command to dwell with God Joyfully (Deuteronomy 16:13-15)

Solomon Celebrates Sukkot with God’s Presence in the Tabernacle (1 Kings 8)

Samson is Distracted by Delilah (Judges 16)

Hannah’s Prayer of Joy (1 Samuel 2:1-11)

David Dances in Joy Before the Lord While Uzzah Worries About the Ark (2 Samuel 6)

David is Distracted by Bathsheba (2 Samuel 11-12)

Psalm 16: Apart from You I Have No Good Thing

Psalm 95: Kneel Before the Lord

Psalm 100: The Joy of the Lord

Psalm 118: His Love Will Endure Forever (The Song of Sukkot)

Psalm 105: Seek His Face Always

The Joy of the Redeemed (Isaiah 35)

The People are Distracted by Building Their Own Houses and Have Forgotten God’s House (Haggai 1)

Do Not Grieve, for the Joy of the Lord is Your Strength (Nehemiah 8)

Don’t Worry About Tomorrow (Matthew 6:25-34)

Jesus Visits the Home of Martha and Mary (Luke 10:38-42)

Peter’s Angel and Rhoda’s Joy (Acts 12)

Be Anxious in Nothing, Be Joyful in Everything (Philippians 4)

METAPHORS:

Tower/Wall, Angel/Elohim, Hunger/Food, Ladder, Tabernacle, Stone, Ark, Dance, House/Household, Field

COLORS:

Green, Gold

**October 4, 2026**

The Curse and Blessing of Cain (Genesis 4)

The Error of the Yoke of Rehoboam (1 Kings 12)

Elisha, Driving Oxen in the Fields, Quits Them to Succeed Elijah as God’s Servant and Prophet (1 Kings 19)

The Mystery of the Return of the Ark of the Covenant by the Philistines via Yoked Cows (1 Samuel 6)

The Shema Prayer

Psalm 23 (of David): The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalm 119 (of Solomon): Teach Your Servant to Follow You Lord for I Am a Lost Sheep

The People Will Live Under the Yoke of Babylon Until the Time of the Lord’s Restoration and then the Lord Will Break the Yoke of Babylon (Jeremiah 27-28; see also Jeremiah 5)

True Fasting to the Lord is Breaking the Yokes of Oppression Upon Others and Loving God and Neighbor (Isaiah 58)

I Will Raise Up a Shepherd to Feed My Sheep and Break the Yoke of Their Bondage and I Will Bless My People (Ezekiel 34:23-31)

Jesus Invites Us to Take on His Yoke (His Way of Living the Shema) (Matthew 11)

The Yoke of the Gentiles is Broken and Circumcision is Not Required (Acts 15)

The Freedom of Walking in the Spirit and the Breaking of the Yoke of Sin (Galatians 5)

METAPHORS:

Blood, Yoke, Oxen/Servant, Ark, Shepherd, Sheep, Sheepfold

COLORS:

Green, Red, Gold

**October 11, 2026**

The Story of Noah When the Floodgates of Heaven Were Opened Up (Genesis 7)

The Enabling of the Tongue of Moses (Exodus 4)

Korah and Those Who Defied Moses are Swallowed Up When the Earth’s Mouth is Opened Up by God (Numbers 16)

Psalm 40: My Ears Have Been Opened; I Proclaim Your Saving Acts

Psalm 51: Open My Lips Lord

The Joy of the Redeemed (Isaiah 35)

Daniel’s Speech (Daniel 10)

The Lord’s Power to Loose (Job 12:7-25)

God’s Heavenly Voice Who Calls You (Hebrews 3)

Jesus Heals a Man Born Deaf and Mute (Mark 7:31-37)

METAPHORS:

Floodgates/Water/Deep/Spirit/Voice, Tongue/Word/Speech, Earth/Adama/Lips, Ear

COLORS:

Green

**October 18, 2026**

The Lord’s Covenant with Abram of Chaldea and the Gift of the Land of Canaan (Genesis 15)

The Story of Joseph and His Brothers from Canaan (Genesis 37)

The Land of Reuben, Gad, and Manasseh is Established East of the Jordan in Gilead (Numbers 32)

Instructions for the Land of Canaan (Deuteronomy 7)

Psalm 60: God’s Triumph and Restoration of Israel of the Northern Tribes

Psalm 68: All Nations Will Submit to God

Psalm 100: We Are God’s People the Sheep of His Pasture

Psalm 103: Praise to God the Great Healer

Psalm 119: The Prayer for Redemption of Those Who Have Strayed

The Call to Wisdom in Following the Lord (Proverbs 9)

God’s Anger at the Northern Tribes and Their Idolatry (Jeremiah 8)

God’s Restoration of Both Israel and Judah (Jeremiah 30-31)

Israel Will Rise Again in Gilead and Bashan (Micah 7)

I the Lord Will Save the Tribes of Joseph (Zechariah)

The Lord Will Heal Those Who Have Defiled in Gilead and in Judah (Hosea 6)

Jesus Asks Peter to “Feed My Sheep” (John 21:15-17)

Jesus Heals May and Feeds 4000 in the Decapolis, the Former Gilead and Then Warns of the Teaching of the Pharisees (Mark 8:1-21; Matthew 15:29-39 and 16:9-10; Luke 12:1-12)

God’s Restoration and the Healing of the Nations (Revelation 22)

METAPHORS:

Land, Grain/Food, Sheep, Field/Pasture/Bashan

COLORS:

Green

**October 25, 2026**

Abraham and God Discuss Sodom and Gomorrah’s Lack of Loyal People (Genesis 18)

Stay Loyal and True to the Lord Your God (Deuteronomy 8)

Psalm 24: Receive the Blessings of the Lord

Psalm 62: Those Who Set Their Hearts on God Will Be Rewarded

Proverbs 23: The Deceptiveness of Wealth and Sin

The Lord of Abundance Will Judge Those Who Have Turned Away and Bless Those Who Are Loyal (Malachi 3)

God’s Warning to Jerusalem Sister of Sodom Who Does Not Care for Its Poor (Ezekiel 16)

Jesus’ Parable of the Rich Fool and Warnings to His Disciples and Others (Luke 12)

The Warning of Material Corruption and the Bid to Save Many for God (James 5)

Paul Calls Disciples to Live in the Spirit and Not of the Law (Galatians 5)

The Bid to Focus on God and Not on Material Wealth (1 Timothy 6)

Jesus’ Parable of the Rich Fool and Warnings to His Disciples and Others as Told by Luke

METAPHORS:

Wealth/Miser, Heart, Silos, Field

COLORS:

Green, Red, Gold

**November 1, 2026**

**Honoring of All Saints**

Joseph Weeps in Compassion for His Brothers (Genesis 42-45)

David Weeps on the Mount of Olives (2 Samuel 15)

The Book of Lamentations for the Destruction of the Temples

Psalm 11: The Lord Will Examine

Psalm 12: Help Lord, for No One is Faithful Anymore

Psalm 69: Zeal for Your House Consumes Me (A Lament of David)

The Mark of the Saved and Ezekiel’s Lament for Jerusalem (Ezekiel 9)

I Weep for My People Who Have Been Deceitful (Jeremiah 9)

Restrain Your Eyes from Tears for Your Work Will Be Rewarded / Rachel’s Weeping in Ramah (Jeremiah 31)

Joel’s Call for Lament (Joel 1)

Jesus Laments for Jerusalem (Luke 13:31-35; Matthew 23)

Paul Weeps for His Church (2 Corinthians 2)

METAPHORS:

Tears, Mountain, Olives, Temple/House/Household/People, Eyes, Lament

COLORS:

Green, White

**[All Saints Day: November 1, 2026]**

**November 8, 2026**

Jacob and Esau Are Restored in God’s Presence and Jacob Builds a Sukkah (Genesis 33)

Moses Encounters the “I Am Who I Am” in the Burning Bush (Exodus 3)

The Feast of Tabernacles (Deuteronomy 16)

God’s Mission of Salvation (Isaiah 43)

The Day of the Living Water (Zechariah 14)

Psalm 27: To Dwell in the House of the Lord

Psalm 49: The Days to Come

Psalm 72: The Blessing of God’s King

Psalm 103: The Lord Establishes His Kingdom

Psalm 130: De Profundis

Jesus is the Logos from the Beginning of Time (John 1)

Jesus and the Pharisees Dispute Jesus’ Identity (John 7 and 8)

The Day of the Seventh Trumpet (Revelation 11)

The New Jerusalem (Revelation 21)

METAPHORS:

Sukkah/Tabernacle, Fire/Light, Water, King/Kingdom, Logos/Spirit

COLORS:

White

**November 15, 2026**

The Role of the Priests and the Prophets Among You (Deuteronomy 18)

David Son of Jesse, A Herder of Sheep, is Chose not be King by God Through the Prophet Samuel (1 Samuel 16)

The Unpopular Prophet Who Speaks God’s Word, Micaiah (1 Kings 22)

Psalm 23: The Lord is My Shepherd

Psalm 51: A Psalm of Confession and Plea for Absolution

Psalm 80: The Shepherd of Israel

Daniel’s Vision of Greece, a Ram, and a Goat (8)

God Pronounces Against False Prophets (Ezekiel 13)

The Lord Will Be Israel’s Shepherd (Ezekiel 34)

The Lord Will Raise Up a Righteous Shepherd (Jeremiah 23)

The Story of the Hellenization of the Jews Before the Revolts (1 Maccabees 1)

Jesus the Good Shepherd and the Infiltrators of God’s Sheep Gate: Jesus’ Disputes with the Pharisees According to John (John 10)

The Messianic Throne (Hebrews 1)

Jude Warns of False Shepherds (The Book of Jude)

Peter Warns of False Teachers Who Reject Jesus (2 Peter 2)

The Lord is the Temple in the New Jerusalem (Revelation 21)

METAPHORS:

Priests, Shepherd, Sheep, Ram, Goat, Teeth/Claws, Throne/Temple, Sheepgate/Kingdom

COLORS:

Green

**November 22, 2026**

**Jesus’ Transfiguration (Story Lectionary)**

Jacob Anoints the Altar at El Bethel (Genesis 35)

Tablets of Stone from the Mountain of the Lord (Exodus 24)

The Construction of the Stone Foundation for Solomon’s Temple (1 Kings 5)

Balaam and Balak (Numbers 22-24)

The Stones of Gilgal (Joshua 4)

Psalm 16: You Alone Lord

Psalm 51: Whiter Than Snow

Psalm 96: The Lord’s Salvation of the Faithful

Psalm 99: The Lord Reigns

Psalm 118: The Cornerstone

The Radiant Beloved (Song of Songs 5:10-16)

I Will Lay a Stone in Zion (Isaiah 18)

The Lord’s Restoration and God’s Spirit Within (Ezekiel 36)

The Story of Jesus’ Transfiguration (Matthew 17:1-9; Luke 9:28-36; Mark 9:2-3, 32)

You Are God’s Temple (1 Corinthians 3)

Christ’s Spiritual House and the Living Stones (1 Peter 2)

Peter Confirms the Disciples’ Witness to Jesus’ Transfiguration (2 Peter 1:16-18)

The Revelation of John About the Church in Pergamum (Revelation 1 and 2:12-17)

The Seal of the Multitude Washed White in the Blood of Jesus (Revelation 7)

The Light of the Lord’s Eternal City (Revelation 21)

METAPHORS:

Altar/Tablet/Stone, Mountain, Temple/House, Blood, White/Light

COLORS:

White, Red

**[Thanksgiving Eve: November 25, 2026]**

**November 29, 2026**

**The First Sunday in the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

Handmaiden Hagar and Ishmael Her Son, Sent into the Wilderness, Encounter God (Genesis 21)

Handmaidens Bilhah and Zilpah Bear Sons Who Will Become Lost Tribes of Israel (Genesis 30)

Psalm 34: I Will Glory in the Lord

Psalm 63: You God are My God

Psalm 73: Surely God is Good to Those Pure in Heart

Psalm 121: The Lord Will Watch Over You

Psalm 139: Lord, You Know Me

The People Walking in Darkness Have Seen a Great Light (Isaiah 9)

My Servant in Whom I Delight, My Chosen One (Isaiah 42)

Your Light Has Come (Isaiah 60)

Faith and Witness (Hebrews 11-12)

Luke’s Statement of Purpose and Mary’s Encounter with Gabriel in Nazareth (Luke 1:1-4; 26-38)

Faith in the Witness (1 John 5)

METAPHORS:

Wilderness, Darkness, Light, Pregnancy, Seed

COLORS:

Red, Blue, White

**December 6, 2026**

**The Second Sunday in the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

The Lord Blesses Abraham With Children (Genesis 15)

I Will Raise Up a Prophet from Among You (Deuteronomy 18:14-22)

Hannah’s Prayer (1 Samuel 2:1-10)

Psalm 33: We Put Our Hope in You

Psalm 47: God Reigns Over the Nations; He is Greatly Exalted

Psalm 110: Sit At My Right Hand Until I Make Your Enemies a Footstool for Your Feet

Psalm 113: The Lord is Exalted; He Raises the Poor from the Dust

Optional: Psalms 135 and 136

The Eighteen Psalm of Solomon

The Heritage of Israel, a Barren Woman Blessed By God (Isaiah 54)

Daniel’s Prayer and Prophecy (9)

From Nazareth to Judea: Mary Visits Elizabeth (Luke 1:39-56)

Peter Proclaims the Prophecy Fulfilled in Jesus (Acts 3)

Stephen’s Interpretation of the Fulfillment of the Prophecy in Jesus (Acts 7)

METAPHORS:

Children, Right Hand, Dust, Barrenness/Desert, Song, Pregnancy

COLORS:

Red

**December 13, 2026**

**The Third Sunday in the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

Pregnant Hagar Encounters God as the Angel of the Lord Who Gives Her a Message (Genesis 16 and 21)

The Angel of the Lord Speaks to Abraham Regarding His Sacrifice of Isaac (Genesis 22)

The Betrothal of Isaac and Rebecca (Genesis 24)

The Angel of the Lord Visits Gideon (Judges 6-7)

Manoah’s Wife Becomes Pregnant with Samson After Such Announcement of the Angel of the Lord (Judges 13)

Psalm 34: The Angel of the Lord Will Deliver

Psalm 68: Praise God in His Holy Habitation

Psalm 91: He Will Command His Angels to Guard Over You

Psalm 103: Bless the Lord and His Angels

Psalm 148: May All Praise the Lord

Isaiah’s Commission by the Lord’s Presence in a Vision (Isaiah 6)

The Presence of the Lord as Angel Will Go with You (Isaiah 63)

The Angel Gabriel Interprets Daniel’s Vision (Daniel 8)

The Messenger of the Lord (Malachi 3)

Mary and Joseph in Nazareth: Betrothal (Matthew 1:18-25)

The Seven Angels of God (Revelation 8)

METAPHORS:

Angel, Pregnancy, Stone/Altar, Betrothal/Marriage/Promise/Covenant, Dream/Vision, Messengers

COLORS:

Red

**December 20, 2026**

**The Fourth Sunday in the Advent of Our Lord’s Birth**

Abraham Journeys from Ur of Chaldees to the Promised Land (Genesis 12)

Moses Journeys with God’s People to the Promised Land and Consecrates Firstborn (Exodus 13-15)

Elijah Journeys to Horeb (1 Kings 19)

Psalm 1: He Who Walks with the Lord

Psalm 23: The Lord Leads Into Green Grasses

Psalm 25: Walking the Lord’s Paths

Psalm 121: The Lord Watches Over Your Coming and Going

Ezra Journeys from Babylon to Jerusalem (Ezra 7)

Mary and Joseph Journey to Bethlehem to the Home of Joseph’s Family (Luke 2:1-7)

Paul’s First Journeys (Acts 13)

METAPHORS:

Milk and Honey, Land/Food, Field/Vineyard/Grass, Path/Way, Bethlehem

COLORS:

Red, Green, Gold

**[Christmas Eve: December 24, 2026]**

**December 27, 2026**

**The Birth of Our Lord**

The Birth of Sons and the Favor of Abel (Genesis 4)

Moses and the Pleasure of the Lord (Exodus 33)

The Favor of the Lord Upon Hannah and Samuel (1 Samuel 2:18-26)

Psalm 84: Blessed Are Those Who Dwell in Your House

Psalm 106: The Lord Shows Favor

The Story of Ruth

The Day of Salvation / The Year of the Lord’s Favor (Isaiah 49)

The Birth of Jesus (Luke 2:6-20)

The Day of the Lord’s Favor / The Day of Salvation (2 Corinthians 6)

METAPHORS:

Birth, Son, House/Household, Field/Harvest/Jubilee

COLORS:

White, Gold

**January 3, 2027**

**New Year’s Celebration**

It is Not Good for Adam to be Alone / Adam Names the Animals (Genesis 2:18-24)

God Calls Himself El Shaddai and Names Jacob Israel (Genesis 35 and 32:22-32)

Psalm 8: The Lord’s Name is Majestic

Psalm 96: Sing to the Lord and Proclaim His Salvation

Psalm 99: Those Who Have Called on the Name of the Lord

Psalm 145: Praise God’s Holy Name

Psalm 147: God Names Even the Stars

The Lord Calls Forth Even the Stars (Isaiah 40)

God’s Betrothal with Israel and Future Consummation (Hosea 2)

Jesus is Named and Presented (Luke 2:21-38)

The Wedding Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19)

METAPHORS:

Animals, Adam/Ground/Earth/Field/Garden, Cosmos, Names, Wedding, Feast, Lamb

COLORS:

White, Gold, Multi

**[Epiphany: January 6, 2027]**

**January 10, 2027**

**The Visit of the Magi / Epiphany**

The Priest of God Most High Melchizedek (Genesis 14)

Joseph is Given Asenath Daughter of Potiphera the Egyptian Priest of On to Be His Wife (Genesis 41:41-52) and They Bear Ephraim and Manasseh

Moses Marries Ziporah the Daughter of Midian Priest Jethro (Exodus 2 and 3)

The Prophecy of Balaam Son of Beor (Numbers 24)

Psalm 2: The Lord Has Raised Up His Anointed

Psalm 110: The Lord Extends His Scepter to His Chosen Priest

The Psalms of Solomon: The Proclamation of the Priestly Messiah

The Coming of the Messiah (Isaiah 52)

The Lord of the Nations (Isaiah 60)

Daniel Chief of the Magi in Nebuchadnezzar’s Court Interprets the Writing on the Wall (Daniel 5)

Daniel’s Prayer from Medes (in the Reign of Xerxes) (Daniel 9)

The Visit of the Magi to Bethlehem (Matthew 2)

The Priestly Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 7)

Jews and Gentiles All Citizens of God’s Kingdom (Ephesians 2)

METAPHORS:

Priest/Melchizedek, Marriage/Covenant/Lineage, Scepter/King, Magi, Finger/Hand, Writing/Word, Wall/Stone/Tablet, Dust/Dirt/Adama, Kingdom

COLORS:

Red, Purple

**January 17, 2027**

Moses’ Mother Hides Him and Moses Later Hides in Midian (Exodus 2)

Jonathan Helps David Flee from Ramah and Hide from Saul (1 Samuel 20)

The Lord Bids that Elijah Hide in the Kerith Ravine (1 Kings 17)

Jehosheba Hides Joash Son of King Ahaziah for Six Years to Protect Him (2 Kings 11)

Everything in Its Time (Ecclesiastes 3:1-8)

Psalm 27: The Lord Will Hide Me from My Enemies

Psalm 32: You Are My Hiding Place

Psalm 91: The Lord is My Refuge

Officials of the King Instruct Jeremiah and Baruch to Hide While the Scroll is Read (Jeremiah 36)

The Massacre of Infants in Judea and Jesus’ Hiding Places in Egypt and Nazareth (Matthew 2)

The Mystery Has Been Revealed in Jesus (Colossians 1)

METAPHORS:

Bulrushes, Caves, Ravine, Hiding Places, Mystery/Deep/Dark/Womb

COLORS:

Green, Brown

**January 24, 2027**

From Enoch Who Walked with God to Noah Who Walked with God (Genesis 5-8)

Jacob Wrestles with God (Genesis 32:24-28)

David Teaches God’s People to Seek the Lord Always (1 Chronicles 16)

Psalm 35: Plead My Cause O Lord

Psalm 42: My Soul Thirsts for God

Psalm 51: A Humble Prayer

Psalm 150: Let Everything with Breath Praise the Lord

The Book of Job

You Will Find Me When You Seek Me with Your Heart (Jeremiah 29:10-14)

Hosea Comments on Jacob’s Persistent Wrestling with God (Hosea 12:4)

Daniel Prays Unceasingly (Daniel 9)

By Faith (Hebrews 11)

Jesus Tells a Parable of a Widow and Judge and Heals a Blind Beggar (Luke 18)

Paul’s Advice to Pray Unceasingly and Perseveringly (1 Thessalonians 5)

METAPHORS:

Walk/Way, Wrestling/Limbs/Hands/Muscle, Limp/Lean

COLORS:

Green

**January 31, 2027**

Adam and Eve Hide from God (Genesis 3)

Rehoboam Overtaxes the People (1 Kings 12)

Psalm 15: Those Who Dwell with the Lord Do Not Overcharge Others

Psalm 19: The Lord Refreshes the Soul

Psalm 139: There is No Hiding from God

Proverbs 22:2: Rich and Poor Alike

Proverbs 28:8-10: Those Who Overtax Others

The Story of Jonah

Blessed is the One Who Trusts in the Lord and Not in the World (Jeremiah 17:1-18)

Desire Gives Birth to Sin but God Saves (James 1:1-18)

Jesus Sees Zacchaeus in a Sycamore and Invites Himself to Zacchaeus’s Table (Luke 19)

Jesus Saves Sinners of Which I am the Worst Says Timothy (1 Timothy 1:12-17)

METAPHORS:

Garden/Leaves, Tax, Boat/Whale, Belly/Womb, Tree, Table/Feast

COLORS:

Green

**February 7, 2027**

Isaac Puts Down Roots in the Land of the Philistines (Genesis 26)

Joseph’s Investment in Egypt and His Plan for Abundance and Famine (Genesis 41)

Invest in as Many Ways as You Can for You Do Not Know What Comes (Ecclesiastes 11:1-6)

Psalm 1: A Good Person is Like a Tree Planted

Psalm 33: The Lord Sees All We Do

Psalm 127: The Lord Builds Your House

God’s Letter to the Exiles in Babylon –Build Homes and Settle Down in Babylon (Jeremiah 29)

Jesus’ Parable of the Ten Pounds (Luke 19)

Jesus’ Parable of Virgins and Bags of Gold (Matthew 25)

We Must Avoid Divisiveness and Work Together as a Unified People Saved by Jesus (Titus 3)

Building on the Foundation of Jesus Together as the Church (1 Corinthians 3)

METAPHORS:

Roots, Famine, Trees, Gold, Stone/Foundation

COLORS:

Green, Gold

**[Ash Wednesday: February 10, 2027 / Purple]**

**February 14, 2027**

**The First Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

God Restores the Women After All Wombs Have Been Closed Due to Sarah (Genesis 20:1-18)

Abraham Purchases a Cave at Machpelah for Sarah (Genesis 23)

Deborah, Rachel, and Isaac Are Buried (Genesis 35)

I Have Set Before You the choice of Life or Death (Deuteronomy 30)

David Mourns Saul and Jonathan (2 Samuel 1-2:7)

The Restoration of Elijah (1 Kings 19:11-13 and Joshua 10)

A Dead Man Thrown Into the Cave of Deceased Elisha Comes to Life After Contact with Elisha’s Bones (2 Kings 13:14-21)

The Death of Joshua and Eliezer (Joshua 24:29-33 and Judges 2)

Hezekiah is Saved by God with Help from Isaiah After Three Days from the Shadow of Death and Lives Another 15 (2 Kings 20:1-11 and Isaiah 38)

Psalm 16: You Will Not Abandon Me to the Realm of the Dead

Psalm 34 and 91: The Lord Delivers

Psalm 103: Praise to the Lord Who Heals!

God’s Metaphor of the Restoration of Israel and the Resurrection of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 36-37)

The Promise of Restoration (Jeremiah 30:17 and 33)

God’s Comfort to His People and the Servant of Light to the Nations (Isaiah 40 and 42)

Tobit’s Prayer of Thanksgiving for What God Has Done (13)

The Power and Mercy of God Who Loves Life (The Wisdom of Solomon 11:21-26)

On Mourning the Dead (Sirach 38:16-23)

The Death and Raising of Lazarus and the Plot to Kill Him (John 11 and 12)

METAPHORS:

Womb, Seed, Cave, Bones, Three Days, Dry Bones/Valley, Mountain, Light, Unwrapped Clothes

COLORS:

Purple, White

**February 21, 2027**

**The Second Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

Jacob’s Strange Prophecies for the Stubborn 12 Tribes of Israel (Genesis 49)

Celebrate the Passover, Clean or Unclean (Numbers 9)

Hezekiah Celebrates Passover and Prays for All of the People, Clean and Unclean (2 Chronicles 30)

The Story of Abigail and Her Attitude of Service to David (1 Samuel 25)

Psalm 32: Do Not Be Like the Horse or the Mule

Psalm 90: Psalm of Ashes

Psalm 131: My Heart is Not Proud

The Servant’s Mission (Isaiah 49)

Jonah the Stubborn Prophet and Ninevah a Repentant People (The Book of Jonah)

Jesus’ Judgment, Anointing, Dinner, and Foretelling of Judas and Peter (Matthew 25:31-26:35)

Jesus’ Anointing, Dinner, and Foretelling of Peter’s Denial (Mark 14:1-31)

Judas’ Betrayal of Jesus, the Dinner, and Jesus’ Foretelling of Peter’s Denial (Luke 22:1-34)

Jesus Washes His Disciples’ Feet and Predicts That Judas Will Betray Him and Peter Will Deny Him (John 13)

Peter Explains About Humility (1 Peter 5)

METAPHORS:

Passover, Blood, Dinner/Feast, Oil/Anointing, Water/Washing/Spirit

COLORS:

Purple, Red, Blue

**February 28, 2027**

**The Third Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

Thorns Out of Paradise (Genesis 3)

Joseph is Betrayed By His Brothers for 20 Shekels of Silver (Genesis 37)

The Three-Score and 10 Pieces of Silver for Abimelech’s Murders and Jotham’s Parable of the Trees and Bramble (Judges 9:1-14 and 7-15)

Samuel Kisses Saul and Anoints Him King and the Holy Spirit Effects God’s Plan (1 Samuel 10)

David Prays on the Mt. of Olives Weeping as He Realizes His Trusted Advisor, Ahithophel’s Betrayal (2 Samuel 15-17)

Josiah’s Passover Celebration and Following Death (2 Chronicles 35 and 1 Esdras 1)

Psalm 2: Kiss the Son

Psalm 55: David’s Song About Betrayal by a Trusted Friend

The Book of Esther: Haman’s Offer of Silver to Xerxes to Exterminate the Jewish People

Song of God’s Vineyard: God’s Lament (Isaiah 5:1-30)

The Prophecy to the Line of Judah (Isaiah 48)

The Prophecy of the Wineskins (Jeremiah 13:12-14)

The Unworthy Shepherd, a Potter’s Field, and Thirty Pieces of Silver (Zechariah 11)

Though the Fig Tree Does Not Bud, I Will Rejoice in the Lord My Strength (Habakkuk 3:17-19)

A Prophecy of Betrayal (Micah 7:1-7)

Judas Betrays Jesus (Matthew 25:31-6:25; Mark 14:1-25; Luke 22:1-23)

Jesus the True Vine (John 15 and 16)

Peter Comments on Judas’ Betrayal (Acts 1:15-20)

METAPHORS:

Thorns/Brambles, Silver/Shekels, Kiss, Mountain, Olives, Myrtle, Vineyard/Garden, Fig Tree, Potter’s Field/Graveyard, Wineskins, Vine/Roots

COLORS:

Purple, White

**March 7, 2027**

**The Fourth Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

The Priest of Melchizedek, King of Salem (Genesis 14:14-18)

The Priestly Garments of Holiness (Exodus 28)

The Ordination of Aaron (Leviticus 8)

Aaron’s Priestly Blessing (Numbers 6:22-27)

The Lord Speaks to Some in Dreams and Visions, to Moses Face to Face (Numbers 12:6-8)

The Budding of Aaron’s Rod (Numbers 17)

Micaiah’s Vision (1 Kings 22)

David’s Prayer (1 Chronicles 17:16-27)

Psalm 69: David’s Prayer for Help in the Midst of Persecution

Psalm 109: David’s Prayer to God as HE Stands Before Accusers

Psalm 110: The Priest of Melchizedek at the Right Hand of God

Daniel’s Vision of the Son of God (Daniel 7:13-14)

Daniel’s Prayer and Vision of Temple and Messiah (Daniel 9:1-19 and 20-27)

The Prayer of Azariah in the Fiery Furnace and His Song of Praise

Mordechai’s Prophetic Dream (Greek Esther 10:4-13)

A Prayer of Thanksgiving for Deliverance from Death (Sirach 51:1-12)

The Prophecy of the Coming Priest (The Testament of Levi)

The Priest in the Order of Melchizedek (Hebrews 5 and 7)

Zechariah’s Vision About His son John (To be Called the Baptist) (Luke 1:5-17)

Jesus’ Prayer in Gethsemane, His Arrest, and His Confrontation by Caiaphas the High Priest (Matthew 26:36-56 and 57-75; Mark 14:32-51 and 53-72; Luke 22:39-53 and 54-71)

Caiaphas’ Dream of the Messiah, Jesus’ Prayer in Gethsemane, and His Arrest by the Jewish Officials (John 11:45-57 and 18:1-27)

METAPHORS:

Priest/Melchizedek, Garments/Clothing, Almond Tree/Rod/Mandorla/Menorah/Tree of Life, Fire/Spirit, Dream/Vision, Son

COLORS:

Purple, White, Pink

**March 14, 2027**

**The Fifth Sunday in Jesus’ Lenten Journey**

Abimelek’s Warning Vision Regarding Sarah (Genesis 20)

Pharaoh’s Warning Dreams of Famine (Genesis 41)

Washing of Hands in Atonement (Deuteronomy 21:1-8)

Israel Wants a King (1 Samuel 8-9)

David is Anointed King (2 Samuel 5,6,7)

David’s Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18-29)

Psalm 109: God’s Help in a Time of Condemnation

Psalm 134: Praise to Those Who Minister at Night

The Prophecy of the Lord’s Salvation (Isaiah 61-62)

Nebuchadnezzar’s Warning Dream of the Fall of Babylon (Daniel 2)

The Day of Judgment is Coming (Joel 2)

The Plot Against Jeremiah (11:11-19)

Restoration is Coming (Amos 9:1-15)

The Letters of Pontius Pilate (Apocrypha)

Jesus’ Encounter with Roman Governor Pontius Pilate and the Dream of Pilate’s Wife (Matthew 27:1-26; Mark 15:1-15; Luke 23:1-25; John 18:28-18:16)

Paul Before the High Priest and the Plot to Kill Paul (Acts 23)

METAPHORS:

Dream/Visions, Abundance, Famine, Water, Hands, King, Priest

COLORS:

Purple, White, Blue

**March 21, 2027**

**The Procession of the Lambs / Palm Sunday**

The Crushing of the Serpent’s Head and the Striking of the Heel of Man (Genesis 3)

The Census of Israel (Numbers 1)

A Woman Crushes the Head of Abimelech Saving the People (Judges 9)

David Strikes the Head of Goliath of Gath (1 Samuel 17)

King David Brings the Ark of the Covenant Back to Jerusalem (1 Chronicles 15 and 2 Samuel 6)

David’s Prayer (2 Samuel 7:18-29)

The Stones of Gilgal (Joshua 4)

Joshua Assigns Territories to All of Israel’s Tribes and Reaffirms the Covenant (Joshua 17-24)

The Death of Jezebel and Ahab and the Declaration of King Jehu with Cloaks Strewn (2 Kings 9)

Mourning in Death (Lamentations 3)

Psalm 22: It is Finished / The Lord Has Done it!

Psalm 41: The Lord Rescues Those Whom the Lord’s Enemies Persecute

Psalm 57: My Heart is Steadfast in the Midst of Distress

Psalm 73: IT is Good to be Near God

Psalm 88: You are the God Who Saves Me as My Life Draws Near Death

God’s Suffering Servant (Isaiah 53)

The Shepherd Will Deliver (Micah 2:12-13)

The Death and Martyrdom of Eleazar (2 Maccabees 6:18-31)

The Martyrdom of the 7 Sons (4 Maccabees 18:6-24)

Ezra Sees a Vision of the Son of God and Palms (2 Esdras 2:42-48)

The Stories of the Secrets of the Sanhedrin: Secret Disciples Joseph of Arimathea and Nicodemus Anoint Jesus for Burial (Matthew 27:27-61; Mark 15:16-47; Luke 23:26-56; John 19:17-42)

James, Brother of John, is Killed with a Sword, and Peter is Arrested (Acts 12:1-5)

METAPHORS:

Serpent’s Head, Heel, Ark/Tabernacle, Stones/Altars, Cloaks, Palms, Donkey, Shepherd, Sons, Sword

COLORS:

Purple, Blue, White, Green

**[Maundy Thursday: March 25, 2027]**

**[Good Friday: March 26, 2027]**

**March 28, 2027**

**The Resurrection of Our Lord / Easter Sunday**

The Time of Jubilee (Leviticus 25)

The Celebration of First Fruits (Deuteronomy 26)

David’s Song of Thanksgiving (2 Samuel 22-24 and 1 Chronicles 16)

Psalm 95: Psalm of Joy

Psalm 98: Our Eyes Have Seen the Salvation of the Lord

Psalm 105: The Lord’s Miracles

Psalm 126: The Lord’s Restoration

Blessing is Coming / Be the Rock from Which You are Cut (Isaiah 51)

God’s Eternal Covenant and the Promise of Eternal Life (Isaiah 54-55)

God’s Deliverance and the Coming of the Bridegroom (Isaiah 61-62)

The Vision of Resurrection (Daniel 12)

Put Off the Garment of Mourning: God’s Ingathering (Baruch 4:36-5:9)

Signs of Coming (2 Esdras)

The Women Come to Find the Stone Rolled Away, an Angel Perched, and Jesus Resurrected (Matthew 28:1-10; Mark 16:1-8)

Peter is Rescued and Spared by an Angel Who Opens the Doors of His Cell (Acts 5 and 12)

METAPHORS:

Jubilee/First Fruits, Rock, Bridegroom/Wedding/Feast, Garment, Stone, Angel/Light, Door/Cell

COLORS:

White

**The Story Lectionary 2027-2029 begins Sunday, April 4, 2027.**

**Optional Sundays**

The Story of Tamar (Genesis 38)

A Raining Down of Manna (Exodus 16 and Numbers 11)

Elijah’s Healing/Raising of a Phoenician Woman’s Son and a Gift of Bread (1 Kings 17)

The Story of Jezebel of Phoenicia, Daughter of the King of Tyre, Ahab, and Elijah (1 Kings 9:16-21)

Elisha’s Healing/Raising of a Shunammite Woman’s Son (2 Kings 4)

The Story of Ruth

Psalm 19: The Lord’s Salvation

Jesus Heals a Canaanite Woman’s Daughter in Tyre (Matthew 15:21-28)

Jesus Heals a Syrophoenician Woman’s Daughter in Tyre (Mark 7:24-30)

The Parable of the Great Dinner (Luke 14:15-24)

Salvation is for All Who Believe with the Heart Reminds Paul (Romans 10)

METAPHORS:

Veil/ask, Manna, Bread, Wheat/Barley, Harvest, Feast/Dinner, Gentile

COLORS:

Green, Gold

The Making of the Golden Calf (Exodus 32)

David Takes What is Not His and is Confronted by Nathan on God’s Behalf (2 Samuel 12)

Gehazi’s Greed (2 Kings 5)

King Hezekiah’s Offer of Monetary Retribution to the King of Assyria (2 Kings 18)

Advice on Storing Up Treasure in Heaven from father to Son (Tobit 4)

Love Your Neighbor with the Entirety of Your Means (Sirach 29)

The Book of Jubilees

Psalm 15: Who May Live in the Lord’s Tents

Psalm 40: The Lord’s Mercy to the Contrite

Psalm 51: David’s Psalm of Contrition

Psalm 118: The Lord Will Save

The Story of Jonah and God’s Forgiveness of Nineveh’s Greed

Joshua Witnesses God’s People’s Vow to Serve God as Master at Shechem (Joshua 24)

James’ Warning to Those Who Have Made Riches Their God (James 5)

Jesus’ Encounter with Zacchaeus the Repentant Tax Collector (Luke 19)

Jesus’ Parable of the Dishonest Manager (Luke 16)

The Monetary Deception of Ananias and Sapphira (Acts 5)

Simon the Sorcerer Attempts to Buy the Gifts of the Apostles (Acts 8)

METAPHORS:

Gold/Treasure, Calf, Tax, Manager, Bribes

COLORS: Green, Gold

The Story of Noah (Genesis 5-7)

Abraham Attempts to Sacrifice His Son Isaac But Due to God’s Sign Declines (Genesis 22)

Hold Fast to the Lord and You Will Receive God’s Abundance (Deuteronomy 30)

The Ebenezer Stone Represents Holding Fast to God and God’s Help to Israel (1 Samuel 7)

Psalm 26: Examine My Heart and Mind for I Have Been Faithful

Psalm 73: I Will Stay Steadfast to the Lord Despite Those Around Me Who Seem to Flourish

Psalm 119: I Seek You with All My Heart; Do Not Let Me Stray from You

Daniel is Saved from Lions Due to His Steadfast Faith in God (Daniel 6)

The Story of Job

All Those Who Hold Fast to the Lord Will Be Blessed (Isaiah 56:1-8)

The Tribes Hold Fast to the Lord (Joshua 22)

Jesus Tells His Disciples to Heed the Signs of the End of the Age (Mark 13; Matthew 24)

Paul’s Advice to the Thessalonians to Hold Fast to God and Be Loving to All (1 Thessalonians 5)

The Victory of the Lamb for Those Who Have Held Fast to Jesus (Revelation 12)

METAPHORS:

Water/Deep, Land/Mountain, Harvest, Stone, Lions, Lamb

COLORS:

Green, Gold, Blue

The Building of the Tower of Babel (Genesis 11)

Sarai is Astounded at God’s Power and Goodness (Genesis 18)

Moses and Pharaoh (Exodus 5-6)

The Budding of Aaron’s Rod (Numbers 17)

The Story of David and Goliath (1 Samuel 17)

Joshua’s Victory Over Jericho (Joshua 5-6)

Psalm 34: Taste and See that the Lord is Good

Psalm 37: Commit to the Lord

Psalm 63: You Are My God; I Earnestly Seek You

Psalm 119: Seek the Lord with All Your Heart

Psalm 138: I Praise You with My Whole Heart

Psalms 100, 118, 136: Give Thanks for the Lord is Good

Daniel and the Fiery Furnace (Daniel 3)

Job’s Acknowledgement of the Lord’s Goodness and Sovereignty (Job 42)

The Strength and Sovereignty and Goodness of God (Isaiah 40)

Jesus’ Encounter with a Rich, Young Member of the Sanhedrin (Matthew 19:16-30; Mark 10:17-31; Luke 18:18-30)

The Secret of Contentment (Philippians 4)

METAPHORS:

Tower/Wall, Field, Tree/Rod/Almond Branch, Stones, Water, Giant, Shofar/Voice/Spirit, Fire/Furnace

COLORS:

Green

The Story of Noah (Genesis 5-7)

Psalm 22: God’s Victory Psalm

Psalm 30: You Have Turned My Mourning into Dancing

Psalm 84: Blessed are Those Who Dwell in Your House

Psalm 90: You Are Our Dwelling Place

Psalm 113: The Lord Raises Up and Seats the Needy with Princes

Psalm 123: The Lord Sits Enthroned in Heaven

Psalm 132: The Dwelling Place and Promise to David

The Lord’s Restoration and a New Dwelling Place (Amos 9)

Jesus the New Covenant and New Tabernacle (Hebrews 9)

The Coming of the Holy Spirit as Told by John (14)

On the Lord’s Holy Eternal Temple (Ephesians 2)

Messages to the Churches Regarding the New Dwelling Place (Revelation 3)

METAPHORS:

Sackcloth, Dance, Throne/Tabernacle, Spirit

COLORS:

White, Red