

# Narrative Lectionary 2020-2021

## Readings for Year 3 (Luke)

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

September 13	<b>NL301: Creation and Fall</b>  Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8</b> <i>(Luke 11:4)</i>  Creation, Garden of Eden, fall into sin.
September 20	<b>NL302: God's Promise to Abraham</b>  Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 15:1-6</b> <i>(Luke 3:8)</i>  God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believes.
September 27	<b>NL303: God Works through Joseph</b>  Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Genesis 37:3-8, 17b-22, 26-34; 50:15-21</b> <i>(Luke 6:35)</i>  Joseph's dreams lead to family conflict and he is sold into slavery. In the end Joseph forgives. God works for good.
October 4	<b>NL304: The Promise of Passover</b>  Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8</b> <i>(Luke 22:14-20)</i>  Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb God's deliverance.
October 11	<b>NL305: Golden Calf</b>  Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Exodus 32:1-14</b> <i>(Luke 23:34)</i>  Golden calf shows unfaithfulness at Mt. Sinai. Moses intercedes, God forgives.
October 18	<b>NL306: God Answers Hannah</b>  Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10</b> <i>(Luke 1:46-55)</i>  Samuel is God's answer to Hannah, who sings of God's care for the needy.

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October	25	<b>NL307: God's Promise to David</b>  Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost (or Reformation)	<b>2 Samuel 7:1-17</b> ( <i>Luke 1:30-33</i> )  God's promise to David concerning his heir, who will be God's Son and whose kingdom will endure forever.
November	1	<b>NL309: God's Care for the Widow</b>  Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost (or All Saints)	<b>1 Kings 17:1-16 [17-24]</b> ( <i>Luke 4:24-26</i> )  Elijah and the widow; God's care for those on the margin.
November	8	<b>NL310: Jonah and God's Mercy</b>  Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 [4:1-11]</b> ( <i>Luke 18:13</i> )  Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the people of Nineveh.
November	15	<b>NL311: God Calls Isaiah</b>  Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost	<b>Isaiah 6:1-8</b> ( <i>Luke 5:8-10</i> )  Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God; the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending.
November	22	<b>NL312: God Promises a New Covenant</b>  Christ the King / Reign of Christ Sunday	<b>Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34</b> ( <i>Luke 22:19-20</i> )  Jeremiah's scroll calls for repentance, but the king burns it. The prophet promises a new covenant, written on the heart.
November	29	<b>NL313: Daniel's Hope in God</b>  First Sunday of Advent	<b>Daniel 6:6-27</b> ( <i>Luke 23:1-5</i> )  Daniel in the lions' den; deliverance; God's kingdom shall never be destroyed.
December	6	<b>NL314: Joel: God's Promised Spirit</b>  Second Sunday of Advent	<b>Joel 2:12-13, 28-29</b> ( <i>Luke 11:13</i> )  Turn to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit.

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December	13	<b>NL315: Spirit of the Lord upon Me</b> Third Sunday of Advent	<b>Isaiah 61:1-11</b> ( <i>Luke 4:16-21</i> ) The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news, liberty, and to make an everlasting covenant.
December	20	<b>NL316: Jesus' Birth Announced</b> Fourth Sunday of Advent	<b>Luke 1:26-45 [46-56]</b> ( <i>Psalm 113</i> ) Announcement of Jesus' birth to Mary; he will receive the throne of David.
December	24	<b>NL317: Birth of Jesus</b> Christmas Eve	<b>Luke 2:1-14 [15-20]</b> ( <i>Psalm 96</i> ) Birth of Jesus.
December	25	<b>NL318: Shepherds Visit</b> Christmas Day	<b>Luke 2:8-20</b> ( <i>Psalm 123:1-2</i> ) Shepherds visit the infant Jesus.
December	27	<b>NL319: Simeon and Anna</b> First Sunday of Christmas	<b>Luke 2:21-38</b> ( <i>Psalm 131</i> ) Simeon and Anna, Lord now you let your servant depart in peace.
January	3	<b>NL320: Boy in the Temple</b> Second Sunday of Christmas	<b>Luke 2:41-52</b> ( <i>Psalm 2:7-8</i> ) Jesus in the temple at age twelve. He is in "his Father's house."
January	10	<b>NL321: Jesus' Baptism</b> Baptism of Our Lord	<b>Luke 3:1-22</b> ( <i>Psalm 51:6-17</i> ) John baptizes, bear fruit worthy of repentance, share what you have.
January	17	<b>NL322: Sermon at Nazareth</b> Second Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Luke 4:14-30</b> ( <i>Psalm 146</i> ) Sermon at Nazareth (Isaiah fulfilled, Elijah and widow, Elisha and Naaman).
January	24	<b>NL323: Fish for People</b> Third Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Luke 5:1-11</b> ( <i>Psalm 90:14-17</i> ) Great catch of fish, Peter will fish for people.

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January	31	<b>NL324: Healing on the Sabbath</b>  Fourth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Luke 6:1-16</b> ( <i>Psalm 92</i> )  Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (plucking grain, healing a man) and call of disciples.
February	7	<b>NL325: Raising the Widow's Son</b>  Fifth Sunday after Epiphany	<b>Luke 7:1-17</b> ( <i>Psalm 119:105-107</i> )  Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain.
February	14	<b>NL329: Transfiguration</b>  Transfiguration of Our Lord	<b>Luke 9:28-45</b> ( <i>Psalm 36:5-10</i> )  Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction.
February	17	<b>NL330: Jesus Turns to Jerusalem</b>  Ash Wednesday	<b>Luke 9:51-62</b> ( <i>Psalm 5:7-8</i> )  Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back.
February	21	<b>NL331: Good Samaritan</b>  First Sunday in Lent	<b>Luke 10:25-42</b> ( <i>Psalm 15</i> )  Parable of the Good Samaritan
February	28	<b>NL332: Lament over Jerusalem</b>  Second Sunday in Lent	<b>Luke 13:1-9, 31-35</b> ( <i>Psalm 122</i> )  The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem.
March	7	<b>NL333: Lost Sheep, Coin, Son</b>  Third Sunday in Lent	<b>Luke 15:1-32</b> ( <i>Psalm 119:167-176</i> )  Parables of lost sheep, coin, prodigal son.
March	14	<b>NL334: Rich Man and Lazarus</b>  Fourth Sunday in Lent	<b>Luke 16:19-31</b> ( <i>Psalm 41:1-3</i> )  Parable of the rich man and Lazarus.

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March	21	<b>NL335: Zacchaeus</b> Fifth Sunday in Lent	<b>Luke 18:31—19:10</b> <i>(Psalm 84:1-4, 10-12)</i>  Healing a blind man, meeting Zacchaeus. Jesus came to seek and save the lost.
March	28	<b>NL336: Triumphal Entry</b> Palm/Passion Sunday	<b>Luke 19:29-44</b> <i>(Psalm 118:19-23)</i>  Triumphal entry; Jesus weeps over the city that does not know peace.
April	1	<b>NL337: Last Supper</b> Maundy Thursday	<b>Luke 22:1-27</b> <i>(Psalm 34:8-10)</i>  Preparation for the Last Supper, Words of Institution, Jesus is one who serves.
April	2	<b>NL338: Crucifixion</b> Good Friday	<b>Luke 23:32-47</b> <i>(Psalm 31:5-13)</i>  Crucifixion, Father forgive them; today in Paradise; into your hands I commend my Spirit.
April	4	<b>NL339: Resurrection</b> Resurrection of Our Lord	<b>Luke 24:1-12</b> <i>(Psalm 118:17, 21-24)</i>  Empty tomb, women perplexed, bring the message.
April	11	<b>NL340: Emmaus Road</b> Second Sunday of Easter	<b>Luke 24:13-35</b> <i>(Psalm 30)</i>  “Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures.”
April	18	<b>NL341: Stephen’s Witness</b> Third Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 6:1—7:2a, 44-60</b> <i>(Luke 23:33-34a, 46)</i>  Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred.
April	25	<b>NL342: Ethiopian Eunuch Baptized</b> Fourth Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 8:26-39</b> <i>(Luke 24:44-47)</i>  Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe and be baptized by Philip.

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May	2	<b>NL343: Council at Jerusalem</b> Fifth Sunday of Easter	<b>Acts 15:1-18</b> ( <i>Luke 2:29-32</i> ) Council at Jerusalem, Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles.
May	9	<b>NL344: Living by Faith</b> Sixth Sunday of Easter	<b>Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21</b> ( <i>Luke 18:9-14</i> ) Paul's former life; conflict with Peter at Antioch; justification by faith.
May	16	<b>NL345: One in Christ</b> Seventh Sunday of Easter	<b>Galatians 3:1-9, 23-29</b> ( <i>Luke 1:68-79</i> ) Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ.
May	23	<b>NL346: Pentecost; Fruits of the Spirit</b> Day of Pentecost	<b>Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7 [5:16-26]</b> ( <i>Luke 11:11-13</i> ) Pentecost; God pours the Spirit into our hearts so we can call on God as Father. Fruit of the Spirit.