

Narrative Lectionary

Comprehensive List of All Four Years

The **preaching texts** are always listed first. During the fall the preaching texts are taken from the Old Testament. A brief selection from one of the gospels is noted in parentheses as an additional accompanying reading during the fall. *These accompanying readings are optional.* During the fall the Old Testament texts are the primary vehicle for proclaiming the biblical story. On the last Sunday of Advent the gospel readings become the primary preaching texts.

	YEAR 1 (Matt)	YEAR 2 (Mark)	YEAR 3 (Luke)	YEAR 4 (John)
1. Creation	<p>Genesis 6:16-22; 9:8-15</p> <p>Noah, the flood, and the promise of the rainbow</p> <p><i>(Matt 8:24-27, Jesus calms the storm)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 2:4b-25</p> <p>Human beings are to till the garden; man and woman in companionship</p> <p><i>(Mark 1:16-20, call of the first disciples linking creation and vocation / or Mark 10:6-8, God created them male and female, the two become one)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 2:4b-7, 15-17; 3:1-8</p> <p>Creation, Garden of Eden, fall into sin</p> <p><i>(Luke 11:4, forgive our sins, save us from the time of trial)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 1:1-2:4a</p> <p>Creation by the word; light, life; It was good</p> <p><i>(John 1:1-5, In the beginning was the Word, all things were made through him)</i></p>
2. Abraham	<p>Genesis 12:1-9</p> <p>Call of Abraham, promise of land, descendants, blessing to the nations</p> <p><i>(Matt 28:19-20, Go therefore and</i></p>	<p>Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7</p> <p>The promise of Isaac's birth to an aged Sarah and Abraham brings laughter</p> <p><i>(Mark 10:27, For mortals it is</i></p>	<p>Genesis 15:1-6</p> <p>God promises Abraham descendants as numerous as the stars. Abraham believed the Lord and it was reckoned to him as righteousness</p> <p><i>(Luke 3:8, People are to bear the</i></p>	<p>Genesis 21:1-3; 22:1-14</p> <p>God keeps his word to give Abraham and Sarah a son in their old age. Abraham is told to sacrifice his beloved son, but God provides the lamb</p> <p><i>(John 1:29, Jesus is the Lamb of</i></p>

	<i>make disciples of all nations)</i>	<i>impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible)</i>	<i>fruit of repentance, for God can raise up children to Abraham from these stones)</i>	<i>God who takes away the sin of the world)</i>
3. Jacob and Joseph	<p>Genesis 39:1-23</p> <p>Joseph is unjustly put in prison; yet God is present with him there</p> <p><i>(Matt 5:11-12, Blessed are you when people revile you and utter all kinds of evil falsely on my account)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 32:22-30</p> <p>Jacob wrestles with an angel. Receives the name Israel, for he strives with God</p> <p><i>(Mark 14:32-36, Jesus struggles in Gethsemane, Asks that God's will be done)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 37:3-8, 26-34; 50:15-21</p> <p>Joseph's dreams lead to family conflict and he is sold into slavery. Yet in the end Joseph forgives. Behind the scenes God works for good.</p> <p><i>(Luke 6:35, Love your enemies and you will be children of God, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked)</i></p>	<p>Genesis 27:1-4, 15-23; 28:10-17</p> <p>Jacob obtains a blessing by trickery and flees. He dreams of a ladder on which the angels ascend and descend. Receives God's promise</p> <p><i>(John 1:50-51, angels ascending and descending on the Son of Man)</i></p>
4. Exodus	<p>Exodus 14:10-14, 21-29</p> <p>The sea parts at the exodus; this is God's gift of deliverance</p> <p><i>(Matt 2:13-15, Mary, Joseph, and Jesus in Egypt, out of Egypt have I called my son)</i></p>	<p>Exodus 1:8-14; 3:1-10</p> <p>Israel is in slavery and calls for help. God calls Moses to bring release</p> <p><i>(Mark 12:26-27a, At the burning bush God said, "I am the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob; he is God of the living)</i></p>	<p>Exodus 12:1-13; 13:1-8</p> <p>Passover: the blood of the lamb and unleavened bread signify God's sacrifice of the lamb God's deliverance</p> <p><i>(Luke 22:14-20, Jesus' words at Passover, bread and cup are his body and blood)</i></p>	<p>Exodus 2:23-25; 3:10-15; 4:10-17</p> <p>God reveals that his name is "I Am." Moses is a reluctant messenger, but God uses him to deliver Israel.</p> <p><i>(John 8:58, Jesus said, "Truly I say to you, before Abraham was, I Am")</i></p>

<p>5. Law and Wilderness</p>	<p>Exodus 19:3-7; 20:1-17</p> <p>God brings Israel to himself as on eagle's wings; 10 Commandments</p> <p><i>(Matthew 5:17, Jesus came not to abolish the law and prophets but to fulfill them)</i></p>	<p>Deuteronomy 5:1-21; 6:4-6</p> <p>Ten Commandments Love the your God with all your heart and soul and mind</p> <p><i>(Mark 12:28-31, love for God is the great commandment)</i></p>	<p>Exodus 32:1-14</p> <p>Golden calf shows unfaithfulness at the foot of Mount Sinai. Moses intercedes and God forgives.</p> <p><i>(Luke 23:34, Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing")</i></p>	<p>Exodus 16:1-18</p> <p>People complain and God provides manna. To live by manna is to live by faith in what God gives.</p> <p><i>(John 6:51, Jesus is the living bread that came down from heaven; the bread he gives is his flesh)</i></p>
<p>6. Judges</p>	<p>Joshua 24:1-15</p> <p>Story of God's deliverance. Joshua says, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"</p> <p><i>(Matthew 4:8-10, Satan offers Jesus all the kingdoms of the world, but Jesus says "Worship God and serve only him")</i></p>	<p>Ruth 1:1-17</p> <p>Ruth is a foreigner who finds belonging among God's people. Where you go I will go, your people will be my people, your God will be my God</p> <p><i>(Mark 3:33-35 Those who do the will of God are Jesus' mother and brothers and sisters)</i></p>	<p>1 Samuel 1:9-11, 19-20; 2:1-10</p> <p>Samuel's birth as God's answer to Hannah's prayer. She sings of God's care for the needy.</p> <p><i>(Luke 1:47-55; Mary's magnificat echoes Hannah's song)</i></p>	<p>1 Samuel 3:1-21</p> <p>God calls Samuel in the night. He says, Speak Lord for your servant is listening. Told to warn of sin in Israel.</p> <p><i>(John 20:21-23, As the Father sent me so I send you; if you forgive the sins of any they are forgiven; if you retain the sins of any they are retained)</i></p>

<p>7. David</p>	<p>2 Samuel 12:1-9; Psalm 51:1-9</p> <p>Nathan's parable indicts David after his sin with Bathsheba. David is moved to repent.</p> <p><i>(Matt 21:33-41, Parable about the wicked tenants)</i></p>	<p>2 Sam 5:1-5; 6:1-5; Psalm 150</p> <p>David becomes king over all Israel. Brings the Ark of the covenant to Jerusalem with song making Jerusalem a place of worship.</p> <p><i>(Mark 11:8-10; People welcome Jesus to Jerusalem; Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord)</i></p>	<p>2 Samuel 7:1-17</p> <p>God's promise to David concerning his heir, who will be God's Son and whose kingdom will endure forever</p> <p><i>(Luke 1:30-33, The angel tells Mary that she will bear the one who will receive the throne of his ancestor David)</i></p>	<p>1 Sam 16:1-13 Psalm 51:10-14</p> <p>God does not look on outward appearance but on the heart; create in me a clean heart</p> <p><i>(John 7:24, Do not judge by appearances but judge with right judgment)</i></p>
<p>8. Solomon to the Divided Kingdom</p>	<p>1 Kings 3:4-9, (10-15), 16-28</p> <p>Solomon prays for wisdom. The case of two prostitutes and a child</p> <p><i>(Matthew 6:9-10, Pray in this way, Our Father, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done)</i></p>	<p>1 Kings 12:1-7</p> <p>Rehoboam and the need for servant leadership; the kingdom is divided</p> <p><i>(Mark 10:42-45, Kings of the gentiles lord it over them, but Jesus comes as one who serves)</i></p>	<p>1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:27-30, 41-43</p> <p>Solomon fulfills the promise to David and builds the temple. It is a place of prayer for all nations</p> <p><i>(Luke 19:45-46, Jesus says the temple is to be a house of prayer; he cleanses it)</i></p>	<p>1 Kings 5:1-5; 8:1-13</p> <p>Solomon's temple – a place of sacrifice and divine presence</p> <p><i>(John 2:19-21, Destroy the temple and I will raise it in three days; he spoke of the temple of his body)</i></p>
<p>9. Elijah and Elisha</p>	<p>2 Kings 5:1-14</p> <p>Elisha heals Naaman the Syrian, who was a foreigner and leper</p>	<p>1 Kings 18:20-39</p> <p>Elijah calls fire from heaven on Mount Carmel to reveal God's presence</p>	<p>1 Kings 17:1-16 (or 17:1-24)</p> <p>Elijah and the widow; God's care for those on the margin</p>	<p>1 Kings 19:1-18</p> <p>Elijah at Horeb; The prophet in despair, God speaks in the silence</p>

	<i>(Matthew 8:2-3, Jesus heals a leper, "I will, be clean")</i>	<i>(Mark 9:2-4, Elijah stands with Jesus on the Mount of Transfiguration)</i>	<i>(Luke 4:24-26, Jesus' sermon about Elijah and the widow: God's mercy to an outsider)</i>	<i>(John 12:27-28, Jesus is troubled; What shall I say, Father save me from this hour? No, for this reason I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name)</i>
10. Minor prophets	Micah 5:2-4; 6:6-8 God's promise of a ruler from Bethlehem; God desires justice, kindness, walking humbly with God <i>(Matthew 9:13, God desires mercy, not sacrifice)</i>	Hosea 11:1-9 God's passionate love for his children; despite their disobedience he cannot give them up <i>(Mark 10:13-14, let the children come to me)</i>	Jonah 1:1-17; 3:1-10 (4:1-11) Jonah's attempted escape from God, God's mercy on the repentant at Nineveh <i>(Luke 18:3, Lord be merciful to me, a sinner)</i>	Amos 1:1-2; 5:14-15, 21-24 Let justice roll down like waters & righteousness like an ever-flowing stream <i>(John 7:37-38, Jesus said, "Let anyone who is thirsty come to me, out of his heart shall flow rivers of living water.")</i>
11. Isaiah and Hezekiah	Isaiah 36:1-3, 13-20; 37:1-7; then 2:1-4 Assyria threatens Jerusalem and King Hezekiah despairs. Isaiah says the city will be saved. The greater promise is that Jerusalem will be a center for teaching and the nations will	Isaiah 5:1-7; 11:1-5 Israel is pictured as a vineyard. God looks for the fruit of righteousness but finds only injustice. Another passage promises a faithful king (a shoot from the stump of Jesse), who will judge with righteousness.	Isaiah 6:1-8 Call of Isaiah: Holy, holy, holy is God; the prophet's sin, cleansing, and sending <i>(Luke 5:8-10, Peter says depart from me for I am a sinful man; Jesus</i>	Isaiah 9:1-7 People who walked in darkness have seen a great light <i>(John 8:12, I am the light of the world)</i>

	<p>beat swords into plowshares.</p> <p><i>(Matthew 5:14, light of the world, city on a hill)</i></p>	<p><i>(Mark 12:1-3, the wicked tenants of the vineyard)</i></p>	<p><i>says Peter will be catching people)</i></p>	
<p>12. Jeremiah and Josiah</p>	<p>Jeremiah 1:4-10; 7:1-11</p> <p>Jeremiah's call as promise and warning; the temple as a den of robbers</p> <p><i>(Matt 21:12-13, Jesus cleanses the temple, which has become a den of robbers)</i></p>	<p>2 Kings 22:1-10; 23:1-3</p> <p>Josiah's recovery of Scripture, reform and renewal</p> <p><i>(Luke 24:30-32, Our hearts burned within us as he walked with us on the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures)</i></p>	<p>Jeremiah 36:1-8, 21-23, 27-28; then 31:31-34</p> <p>Jeremiah's words are written on a scroll. He calls for repentance, but the king burns the scroll and Jeremiah must produce another. His message promises a new covenant.</p> <p><i>(Luke 22:19-20, At the last supper: This cup is the new covenant in Jesus' blood)</i></p>	<p>Jeremiah 29:1, 4-14</p> <p>Seek the welfare of the city; I know the plans I have for you</p> <p><i>(John 14:27, Peace I leave with you; Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not let them be afraid)</i></p>
<p>13. Into Exile</p>	<p>Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:2-4; 3:17-19</p> <p>The prophet is grieved by injustice and suffering. He watches for God's reply: Faith is a way of life, not an easy answer</p> <p><i>(Matt 26:36-38, In Gethsemane Jesus is grieved)</i></p>	<p>Job 1:6-22; 2:(1-10) 11-13</p> <p>Job and the problem of suffering</p> <p><i>(Mark 15:33-34, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me)</i></p>	<p>Daniel 6:6-27</p> <p>Daniel in the lions' den; deliverance; hope for God's kingdom which shall never be destroyed</p> <p><i>(Luke 23:1-5, False charges against Jesus. Pilate says Jesus is</i></p>	<p>Daniel 3:1, 8-30</p> <p>Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego; God present in the fiery furnace</p> <p><i>(John 18:36-37, Jesus tells Pilate that his kingdom is not from this</i></p>

	<i>and asks the disciples to watch with him)</i>		<i>innocent, but the charges lead to condemnation)</i>	<i>world. He came to bear witness to the truth.)</i>
14. Return from Exile	Ezekiel 34:1-6, 11-16 God speaks against abusive rulers or “shepherds.” God will be the good shepherd who brings back the lost. <i>(Matthew 2:4-6, Herod is told that the one who will shepherd Israel will be born in Bethlehem)</i>	Ezra 1:1-4; 3:1-4, 10-13 Return from exile and rebuilding the temple <i>(Luke 2:25-27, Simeon is guided by the Spirit to the temple, where he sees the infant Jesus)</i>	Joel 2:12-13, 28-29 Turning to a merciful God, promise of the Spirit <i>(Luke 11:13, God’s gift of the Spirit to people)</i>	Ezekiel 37:1-14 Ezekiel prophesies to the dry bones and they are raised to new life. <i>(John 11:25-26, Jesus is the resurrection and the life)</i>
15. Return from Exile	Isaiah 42:1-9 God’s servant in whom he delights. Through the Spirit he will bring justice and release to the prisoners. He will be a light to the nations <i>(Matt 12:15-21, this passage is used for the ministry of Jesus)</i>	Isaiah 40:1-11 Comfort, comfort my people, a voice cries out in the wilderness, make straight the way of the Lord <i>(Mark 1:1-4, John is the voice crying out in the wilderness)</i>	Isaiah 61:1-11 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to bring good news to the oppressed, liberty to the captives, to make an everlasting covenant <i>(Luke 4:16-21, Jesus’ sermon at Nazareth: Isaiah 61 is fulfilled in him)</i>	Isaiah 55:1-11 Let anyone who is thirsty come to the waters; God’s word will not return empty <i>(John 4:13-14, Jesus promises the gift of living water to those who thirst)</i>
16. Preparing for the Messiah’s birth	Matthew 1:18-25 Announcement of Jesus’ birth to	Luke 1:5-13 (2:57-80) John the Baptist’s birth; Blessed be the	Luke 1:26-49 Announcement of Jesus’ birth to	John 1:1-18 The Word became flesh and

	Joseph; Jesus will be Immanuel	God of Israel who has looked favorably on his people	Mary; he will receive the throne of David and be Son of God	dwelt among us, full of grace and truth
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JESUS' LIFE

	MATTHEW	MARK	LUKE	JOHN
Christmas Eve	Luke 2:1-14 (or 2:1-20) Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-14 (or 2:1-20) Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-14 (or 2:1-20) Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1-14 (or 2:1-20) Birth of Jesus
Christmas Day	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus <i>or Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi</i>	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus <i>or Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi</i>	Luke 2:8-20 Shepherds visit the infant Jesus <i>or Matt 2:1-12 The Magi</i>
Christmas 1	Matthew 2:1-12 The Magi visit the infant Jesus	Mark 1:1-20 John the Baptist, Jesus announces the kingdom, calls the disciples	Luke 2:21-38 Simeon and Anna, Lord now you let your servant depart in peace, my eyes have seen your salvation	John 1:19-34 John the Baptist questioned; says he is not the Christ, Elijah, or the prophet but a voice in the wilderness
Christmas 2	Matthew 2:13-23 Flight into Egypt, massacre of the innocents, the return to Nazareth	Mark 1:21-45 Jesus reveals the character of his power by healing a man with an unclean spirit, Peter's mother-in-law, and a leper	Luke 2:41-52 Jesus in the temple at age twelve. He is in "his Father's house"	John 1:35-51 Behold the Lamb of God, Call of disciples, "Come and see"

Epiphany 1	Matthew 3:1-17 John the Baptist , Jesus is baptized to fulfill all righteousness	Mark 2:1-22 Jesus heals a paralytic and eats with tax collectors	Luke 3:1-22 John baptizes, bear fruit worthy of repentance, share what you have	John 2:1-11 Wedding at Cana, water into wine
Epiphany 2	Matthew 4:1-17 Jesus tempted in the wilderness	Mark 4:1-34 Parables of sower & mustard seed	Luke 4:14-30 Sermon at Nazareth (Isaiah fulfilled, Elijah and widow, Elisha and Naaman)	John 2:13-25 Jesus cleanses the temple, signifying the destruction and raising of the temple of his body
Epiphany 3	Matthew 5:1-20 Beatitudes, Salt of the earth Let your light shine	Mark 5:1-20 Jesus heals the Gerasenes demoniac	Luke 5:1-11 Great catch of fish, Peter will fish for people	John 3:1-21 Jesus and Nicodemus, being born anew, and God's love for the world
Epiphany 4	Matthew 6:7-21 Lord's prayer, treasure in heaven and/or Matthew 6:25-34 Lilies of the field	Mark 5:21-43 Jesus heals Jairus' daughter and the woman with the flow of blood	Luke 6:1-16 Son of Man is Lord of the Sabbath (plucking grain, healing a man) and call of disciples	John 4:1-42 Jesus meets a Samaritan woman at well, speaks of living water, true worship, and the fields white for harvest
Epiphany 5	Matthew 7:1-14, 24-29 Speck in the eye, narrow gate, wise man builds house on rock	Mark 6:1-29 Jesus is rejected at Nazareth, sends out mission of the 12, Herod beheads John the Baptist	Luke 7:1-17 Healing the centurion's slave by a word and raising the widow's son at Nain	John 4:46-54 Healing official's son, faith in the word of promise <i>and/or</i>

				<p>John 5:1-18</p> <p>Invalid at Bethesda, Jesus heals one who shows no faith</p>
Epiphany 6	<p>Matt 13:24-45</p> <p>Parable of wheat and weeds</p>	<p>Mark 7:1-23</p> <p>What defiles a person is what comes from within</p>	<p>Luke 7:18-35</p> <p>Tell John what you see and hear, the blind receive, sight, the lame walk, and blessed are those who take no offense at Jesus</p>	<p>John 6:35-59</p> <p>The Bread of Life that comes from heaven</p>
Epiphany 7	<p>Matt 14:13-33</p> <p>Feeding the 5,000; walking on the sea</p>	<p>Mark 7:24-37</p> <p>Healing the daughter of a Syro-Phoenician woman and a deaf man</p>	<p>Luke 7:36-50</p> <p>Sinful woman weeps at Jesus' feet and is forgiven</p>	<p>John 7:37-52</p> <p>Jesus' promise of the Spirit's living water</p>
Transfiguration	<p>Matthew 16:24 -- 17:8</p> <p>Passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration</p>	<p>Mark 8:27 -- 9:8</p> <p>Peter's confession, passion prediction, bearing the cross, Transfiguration</p>	<p>Luke 9:28-45</p> <p>Transfiguration, healing a boy with a demon, passion prediction</p>	<p>John 9:1-41</p> <p>Jesus is the light of the world – brings light to the eyes of a man born blind</p>
Ash Wednesday	<p>Matthew 18:1-9</p> <p>Debate about who is the greatest, become like a child; if your right hand causes sin cut it off</p>	<p>Mark 9:30-37</p> <p>Passion prediction, debate about who is the greatest, call to become a servant</p>	<p>Luke 9:51-62</p> <p>Jesus starts for Jerusalem, rejected in Samaria, Don't put your hand to the plow and turn back (the challenge of following Jesus)</p>	<p>John 10:1-18</p> <p>Jesus the gate and good shepherd, who lays down his life</p>
Lent 1	<p>Matt 18:15-38</p> <p>Church discipline,</p>	<p>Mark 10:17-31</p> <p>Rich man called to</p>	<p>Luke 10:25-42</p> <p>Parable of the</p>	<p>John 11:1-44</p> <p>Raising Lazarus,</p>

	forgiving 70 x 7, parable of unforgiving servant	sell all he has and follow Jesus	Good Samaritan	Jesus as the resurrection and life
Lent 2	Matthew 20:1-16 Parable of laborers in vineyard	Mark 10:32-52 Passion prediction, Son of man came not to be served but to serve, heals blind Bartimaeus	Luke 13:1-9, 31-35 The tower in Siloam and need for repentance, parable of fig tree that bore no fruit, lament over Jerusalem	John 13:1-17 Footwashing as a sign of Jesus' love and example
Lent 3	Matthew 22:1-14 Parable of the wedding banquet	Mark 12:1-12 Parable of the wicked tenants <i>and/or</i> Mark 12:13-17 Paying tax to Caesar	Luke 15:1-32 Parables of the lost sheep, lost coin, Prodigal Son	John 18:12-27 Trial before Annas, Peter's denial
Lent 4	Matthew 25:1-13 Parable of the bridesmaids <i>and/or</i> Matt 25:14-30 Parable of the talents	Mark 12:28-44 Great commandment, scribes seek honor, a poor widow gives all she has	Luke 16:19-31 Parable of the rich man and Lazarus	John 18:28-40 Jesus and Pilate, kingdom not from this world
Lent 5	Matt 25:31-46 Parable of the Last judgment	Mark 13:1-8, 24-37 The end of the age, Call to be watchful	Luke 18:31-19:10 Healing a blind man, Zacchaeus. Jesus came to seek and save the lost	John 19:1-16a Jesus is condemned, they have no king but Caesar
Palm Sunday	Matthew 21:1-13 Triumphal entry, cleansing temple	Mark 11:1-11 Triumphal entry <i>and</i>	Luke 19:29-44 Triumphal entry, weeping over the	John 12:12-17 Welcome for the king <i>and</i>

		Mark 14:3-9 Woman anoints Jesus at Bethany	city because it does not know what makes for peace	John 19:16b-22 Sign above the cross proclaims the crucified king
Maundy Thursday	Matt 26:17-30 Preparing for the Last Supper, mention of betrayal, Words of Institution	Mark 14:22-42 Words of Institution, Peter's denial foretold, prayer in Gethsemane	Luke 22:1-27 Preparation for the Last Supper, Words of Institution, Jesus is one who serves	John 19:23-30 Woman, behold your son, I thirst, It is finished
Good Friday	Matt 27:27-61 Crucifixion, My God, my God why have you forsaken me	Mark 15:16-39 Mocking, Crucifixion, My God, my God why have you forsaken me	Luke 23:32-47 Crucifixion, Father forgive them, Today in Paradise, Into your hands I commend my Spirit	John 19:31-42 His bones are not broken (as Passover Lamb), water from the side, a royal burial
Easter	Matthew 28:1-10 Resurrection, empty tomb, women encounter the risen Jesus	Mark 16:1-8 Resurrection, empty tomb and fleeing in fear	Luke 24:1-16 Empty tomb, women perplexed, bring the message.	John 20:1-18 Resurrection, empty tomb, calls Mary by name

EARLY CHURCH

Easter 2	Matt 28:16-20 Great commission, Go therefore and make disciples of all nations	Acts 1:1-14 You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, Judea, Samaria, and to the ends of the earth	Luke 24:13-35 Emmaus road Our hearts burned along the road, as he opened to us the Scriptures	John 20:19-31 Giving of Spirit, appearance to Thomas
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Easter 3	<p>Acts 10:1-17, 34-35</p> <p>Peter's vision shows that God cleanses people of every nation</p>	<p>Acts 3:1-10</p> <p>Healing at the Beautiful Gate; I have no silver or gold, but what I have I give you; in the name of Jesus rise and walk</p>	<p>Acts 6:1-14, 7:47-60</p> <p>Controversy in the early church; some set aside for service. Stephen forgives and is martyred.</p>	<p>Acts 9:1-19</p> <p>Paul and Ananias, each called into Christ's service (locally and globally)</p>
Easter 4	<p>Acts 13:1-3; 14:8-18</p> <p>Beginning of Paul's mission. Healing at Lystra, gospel to the Gentile world</p>	<p>Acts 17:1-9</p> <p>Founding church at Thessalonica, social conflict there and 1 Thess. 1:1-10 Paul's thanksgiving for the church at Thessalonica</p>	<p>Acts 8:26-39</p> <p>Ethiopian reads the Scriptures, comes to believe</p>	<p>Acts 16:16-34</p> <p>Paul and Silas in prison at Philippi, jailor and his family are baptized</p>
Easter 5	<p>Romans 1:1-17</p> <p>Gospel as power of God for salvation to all, both Jews and Greeks</p>	<p>Acts 18:1-4</p> <p>Founding the church at Corinth <i>and</i> 1 Cor 1:10-18 Factions in the church and the word of the cross</p>	<p>Acts 15:1-17</p> <p>Council at Jerusalem Faith gives identity to both Jews and Gentiles</p>	<p>Acts 17:16-31</p> <p>Paul's sermon at Athens: What you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you</p>
Easter 6	<p>Romans 5:1-11</p> <p>God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Spirit; Christ died for the ungodly</p>	<p>1 Cor 13:1-13</p> <p>Faith, hope, and love abide, but the greatest of these is love.</p>	<p>Galatians 1:13-17; 2:11-21</p> <p>Paul's former life Conflict with Peter at Antioch Justification by faith, living by faith</p>	<p>Philippians 1:1-18a</p> <p>Paul in prison, thankful for the Philippians' partnership in the gospel</p>

Easter 7	<p>Romans 6:1-14</p> <p>We were buried with him by baptism into death, so that we might walk in newness of life; hope of resurrection</p>	<p>1 Cor 15:1-26</p> <p>Jesus' resurrection and the future resurrection; death as the last enemy</p>	<p>Gal 3:1-9, 23-29</p> <p>Neither Jew or Greek, slave or free, male and female; one in Christ</p>	<p>Phil 2:1-13</p> <p>Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who became obedient to death</p>
Pentecost	<p>Acts 2:1-4; Romans 8:18-38</p> <p>The groaning of creation, Spirit helps us in our weakness, nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus</p>	<p>Acts 2:1-4; 1 Cor 12:1-13</p> <p>Faith as the principal work of the Spirit; other gifts of the Spirit for the common good</p>	<p>Acts 2:1-4; Galatians 4:1-7</p> <p>God pours the Spirit into hearts so that we can call on God as Father.</p> <p><i>and/or</i></p> <p>Galatians 5:16-26</p> <p>Fruit of the Spirit</p>	<p>Acts 2:1-21</p> <p>Pentecost and gift of the Spirit as miracle of communication</p> <p><i>(optional:</i> <i>Phil 4:4-7</i> <i>Rejoice in the Lord always. The peace of God)</i></p>