

# Year C (2015–16)

## Scriptures and Themes

*Note: Inspired Version (IV) Bible verse numbers are noted where they differ; bold indicates scriptures to which the theme is most closely tied.*

### NOVEMBER 2015

#### 29 **Luke 21:25–36**

*First Sunday of Advent (Hope)*

Be Alert!

Jeremiah 33:14–16, Psalm 25:1–10, 1 Thessalonians 3:9–13

### DECEMBER 2015

#### 6 **Luke 3:1–6/3:3–11 IV**

*Second Sunday of Advent (Love)*

Prepare the Way of the Lord

Malachi 3:1–4, Luke 1:68–79/1:67–78 IV, Philippians 1:3–11

#### 13 **Luke 3:7–18/3:12–25 IV**

*Third Sunday of Advent (Joy)*

Proclaim the Good News

Zephaniah 3:14–20, Isaiah 12:2–6, Philippians 4:4–7

#### 20 **Luke 1:39–55/1:39–54 IV**

*Fourth Sunday of Advent (Peace)*

The World Is about to Turn

Micah 5:2–5a, Psalm 80:1–7, Hebrews 10:5–10

#### 25 **Luke 2:1–20 (A, B, C)**

*Christmas Day*

God's Love Made Visible

Isaiah 9:2–7, Psalm 96, Titus 2: 11–14

#### 27 **Luke 2:41–52**

*First Sunday after Christmas Day*

Develop Disciples to Serve

1 Samuel 2:18–20, 26; Psalm 148; Colossians 3:12–17

### JANUARY 2016

#### 3 **John 1:1–18/1:1–19 IV**

*Second Sunday after Christmas Day*

Light for All People

Jeremiah 31:7–14, Psalm 147:12–20, Ephesians 1:3–14

**6 Matthew 2:1–12/3:1–12 IV (A, B, C)**

*Epiphany of the Lord*

Follow the Star

Isaiah 60:1–6; Psalm 72:1–7, 10–14; Ephesians 3:1–12

**10 Luke 3:15–17, 21–22/3:22–24, 28–29 IV**

*First Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Baptism of the Lord*

*Ordinary Time*

Be Baptized

Isaiah 43:1–7, Psalm 29, Acts 8:14–17

**17 John 2:1–11**

*Second Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Ordinary Time*

*Racial Justice Day*

Believe!

Isaiah 62:1–5, Psalm 36:5–10, I Corinthians 12:1–11

**24 Luke 4:14–21/4:13–21 IV**

*Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Ordinary Time*

Embrace Christ's Mission

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10; Psalm 19; I Corinthians 12:12–31a

**31 Luke 4:21–30/4:21–31 IV**

*Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Ordinary Time*

Stand for Truth

Jeremiah 1:4–10, Psalm 71:1–6, I Corinthians 13:1–13

**FEBRUARY 2016**

**7 Luke 9:28–43a**

*Last Sunday after the Epiphany*

*Transfiguration Sunday*

Glimpse Jesus' Glory

Exodus 34:29–35, Psalm 99, 2 Corinthians 3:12–4:2

**10 Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21/6:1–6, 17–21 IV (A, B, C)**

*Ash Wednesday*

Walk Humbly with God

Joel 2:1–2, 12–17; Psalm 51:1–17; 2 Corinthians 5:20b–6:10

**14 Luke 4:1–13/4:1–12 IV**

*First Sunday in Lent*

*Youth Ministries Day*

Sojourn in the Wilderness

Deuteronomy 26:1–11; Psalm 91:1–2, 9–16; Romans 10:8b–13

**21 Luke 13:31–35/13:31–36 IV**

*Second Sunday in Lent*

Approaching Jerusalem

Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18/15:1–16, 20–21 IV; Psalm 27; Philippians 3:17–4:1

**28 Luke 13:1–9**

*Third Sunday in Lent*

Repent and Become Fruitful

Isaiah 55:1–9, Psalm 63:1–8, I Corinthians 10:1–13

**MARCH 2016**

**6 Luke 15:1–3, 11b–32**

*Fourth Sunday in Lent*

*World Hunger Emphasis*

God's Expansive Love and Grace

Joshua 5:9–12, Psalm 32, 2 Corinthians 5:16–21

**13 John 12:1–8**

*Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Practice Extravagant Generosity

Isaiah 43:16–21, Psalm 126, Philippians 3:4b–14

**20 Luke 19:28–40/19:27–39 IV**

*Palm Sunday*

Witness the Joyful Entry

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

**20 Luke 22:14—23:56/22:14—23:57 IV**

*Passion Sunday*

Journey toward the Cross

Isaiah 50:4–9a/50:4–6 IV, Psalm 31:9–16, Philippians 2:5–11

**24 John 13:1–17, 31b–35 (A, B, C)**

*Maundy Thursday*

A New Commandment

Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19; I Corinthians 11:23–26

**25 John 18:1—19:42 (A, B, C)**

*Good Friday*

Rejected and Despised

Isaiah 52:13—53:12, Psalm 22, Hebrews 10:16–25

**27 John 20:1–18 (A, B, C) and  
Luke 24:1–12/24:1–11 IV**

*Easter Sunday*

*Resurrection of the Lord*

Christ Has Risen!

Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; 1 Corinthians 15:19–26

**APRIL 2016**

**3 John 20:19–31**

*Second Sunday of Easter*

Peace Be With You

Acts 5:27–32, Psalm 150, Revelation 1:4–8

**10 John 21:1–19**

*Third Sunday of Easter*

Do You Love Me?

Acts 9:1–20, Psalm 30, Revelation 5:11–14

**17 John 10:22–30**

*Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Follow Me

Acts 9:36–43, Psalm 23, Revelation 7:9–17

**24 John 13:31–35**

*Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Love One Another

Acts 11:1–18, Psalm 148, Revelation 21:1–6

**MAY 2016**

**1 John 14:23–29**

*Sixth Sunday of Easter*

Holy Spirit, Dwell with Us

Acts 16:9–15; Psalm 67; Revelation 21:10, 22–22:5

**8 Luke 24:44–53/24:43–52 IV**

*Seventh Sunday of Easter*

*Ascension of the Lord*

Proclaim Jesus Christ

Acts 1:1–11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15–23

**15 Acts 2:1–21 (A, B, C) and  
John 14:8–17, 25–27**

*Day of Pentecost/Endowment Sunday*

God's Spirit Poured Out

Genesis 11:1–9/11:1–6 IV; Psalm 104:24–34, 35b; Romans 8:14–17

**22 John 16:12–15**

*First Sunday after Pentecost*

*Trinity Sunday*

*Ordinary Time*

Guided by the Spirit

Proverbs 8:1–4, 22–31; Psalm 8; Romans 5:1–5

**29 Luke 7:1–10**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 4)*

Recognize Faith, Wherever It Is Found

1 Kings 8:22–23, 41–43; Psalm 96:1–9; Galatians 1:1–12

**JUNE 2016**

**5 Luke 7:11–17**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 5)*

Reach Out in Compassion

1 Kings 17:17–24, Psalm 30, Galatians 1:11–24

**12 Luke 7:36—8:3**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 6)*

Your Sins Are Forgiven

2 Samuel 11:26—12:10, 13–15; Psalm 32; Galatians 2:15–21

**19 Luke 8:26–39/8:26–40 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 7)*

Declare God's Goodness

Isaiah 65:1–9, Psalm 22:19–28, Galatians 3:23–29

**26 Luke 9:51–62**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 8)*

Discipleship Is Demanding

1 Kings 19:15–16, 19–21; Psalm 16; Galatians 5:1, 13–25

**JULY 2016**

**3 Luke 10:1–11, 16–20/10:1–11, 17–21 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 9)*

Sent in Christ's Mission

Isaiah 66:10–14, Psalm 66:1–9, Galatians 6:1–16

**10 Luke 10:25–37/10:26–38 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 10)*

Show Mercy

Deuteronomy 30:9–14, Psalm 25:1–10, Colossians 1:1–14

**17 Luke 10:38–42/10:39–43 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 11)*

What Matters Most?

Genesis 18:1–10a/18:1–9 IV, Psalm 15, Colossians 1:15–28

**24 Luke 11:1–13/11:1–14 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 12)*

Ask, Search, Knock

Genesis 18:20–32/18:19–40 IV, Psalm 138, Colossians 2:6–19

**31 Luke 12:13–21/12:15–23 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 13)*

Be Rich toward God

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12–14, 2:18–23; Psalm 49:1–12; Colossians 3:1–11

**AUGUST 2016**

**7 Luke 12:32–40/12:35–47 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 14)*

Practice Wise Stewardship

Genesis 15:1–6/15:1–12 IV; Psalm 33:12–22; Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16

**14 Luke 12:49–56/12:58–65 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 15)*

Discipleship Is Radical

Jeremiah 23:23–29, Psalm 82, Hebrews 11:29–12:2

**21 Luke 13:10–17**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 16)*

Be Set Free

Isaiah 58:9b–14, Psalm 103:1–8, Hebrews 12:18–29

**28 Luke 14:1, 7–14**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 17)*

A Place at the Table

Proverbs 25:6–7; Psalm 112; Hebrews 13:1–8, 15–16

**SEPTEMBER 2016**

**4 Luke 14:25–33/14:25–34 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 18)*

*World Hunger Emphasis*

Discipleship Comes First

Deuteronomy 30:15–20, Psalm 1, Philemon 1:1–21

**11 Luke 15:1–10**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 19)*

Celebrate! The Lost Is Found

Exodus 32:7–14, Psalm 51:1–10, 1 Timothy 1:12–17

**18 Luke 16:1–13**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 20)*

*Heritage Day*

Faithfully Serve God

Amos 8:4–7, Psalm 113, 1 Timothy 2:1–7

**25 Luke 16:19–31/16:24–36 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 21)*

Generosity: Motivated by Love

Amos 6:1a, 4–7; Psalm 146; 1 Timothy 6:6–19

**OCTOBER 2016**

**2 Luke 17:5–10**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 22)*

Increase Our Faith

Habakkuk 1:1–4, 2:1–4; Psalm 37:1–9; 2 Timothy 1:1–14

**9 Luke 17:11–19**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 23)*

Be Grateful

2 Kings 5:1–3, 7–15c; Psalm 111; 2 Timothy 2:8–15

**16 Luke 18:1–8**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 24)*

*Children's Sabbath*

Do Not Lose Heart

Genesis 32:22–31, Psalm 121, 2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

**23 Luke 18:9–14**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 25)*

Humble Yourself

Jeremiah 14:7–10, 19–22; Psalm 84:1–7; 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

**30 Luke 19:1–10**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 26)*

Welcome the Outcast

Isaiah 1:10–18; Psalm 32:1–7; 2 Thessalonians 1:1–4, 11–12

**NOVEMBER 2016**

**6 Luke 20:27–38**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 27)*

God of the Living

Job 19:23–27a; Psalm 17:1–9; 2 Thessalonians 2:1–5, 13–17

**13 Luke 21:5–19/21:5–18 IV**

*Ordinary Time (Proper 28)*

Prepare to Testify

Malachi 4:1–2a, Psalm 98, 2 Thessalonians 3:6–13

**20 Luke 23:33–43/23:34–44 IV**

*Reign of Christ*

*Ordinary Time (Proper 29)*

The Prince of Peace Reigns

Jeremiah 23:1–6, Psalm 46, Colossians 1:11–20