Year A (2016–17)
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 2016

27 Matthew 24:36–44/24:43–51 IV
First Sunday of Advent (Hope)
Be Ready
Isaiah 2:1–5, Psalm 122, Romans 13:11–14

DECEMBER 2016

4 Matthew 3:1–12/3:27–40 IV
Second Sunday of Advent (Joy)
The Kingdom of Heaven Has Come Near
Isaiah 11:1–10; Psalm 72:1–7, 18–19; Romans 15:4–13

11 Matthew 11:2–11
Third Sunday of Advent (Peace)
Are You the One Who Is to Come?
Isaiah 35:1–10, Psalm 146:5–10, James 5:7–10

18 Matthew 1:18–25/2:1–8 IV
Fourth Sunday of Advent (Love)
Emmanuel: God with Us
Isaiah 7:10–16; Psalm 80:1–7, 17–19; Romans 1:1–7

Christmas Day
God’s Love Made Visible
Isaiah 9:2–7, Psalm 96, Titus 2:11–14

JANUARY 2017

1 Matthew 2:13–23
First Sunday after Christmas Day
Weep for the Children
Isaiah 63:7–9, Psalm 148, Hebrews 2:10–18

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

8 Matthew 3:13–17/3:41–46 IV
First Sunday after the Epiphany, Baptism of the Lord (Ordinary Time)
Jesus, the Beloved
Isaiah 42:1–9, Psalm 29, Acts 10:34–43

15 John 1:29–42
Racial Justice Day
Second Sunday after the Epiphany (Ordinary Time)
Behold the Lamb of God
Isaiah 49:1–7, Psalm 40:1–11, 1 Corinthians 1:1–9

22 Matthew 4:12–23/4:11–22 IV
Third Sunday after the Epiphany (Ordinary Time)
Follow Me
Isaiah 9:1–4; Psalm 27:1, 4–9; 1 Corinthians 1:10–18

29 Matthew 5:1–12/5:1–14 IV
Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany (Ordinary Time)
Listen to Jesus
Micah 6:1–8, Psalm 15, 1 Corinthians 1:18–31

FEBRUARY 2017

5 Matthew 5:13–20/5:15–22 IV
Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany (Ordinary Time)
Light of the World
Isaiah 58:1–12, Psalm 112:1–10, 1 Corinthians 2:1–16

12 Matthew 5:21–37/5:23–39 IV
Youth Ministries Day
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany (Ordinary Time, Proper 1)
Reconcile with One Another
Deuteronomy 30:15–20, Psalm 119:1–8, 1 Corinthians 3:1–9

19 Matthew 5:38–48/5:40–50 IV
Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany (Ordinary Time, Proper 2)
Turn the Other Cheek
Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18; Psalm 119:33–40; 1 Corinthians 3:10–11, 16–23

26 Matthew 17:1–9/17:1–8 IV
Last Sunday after the Epiphany, Transfiguration Sunday
Listen to Him!
Exodus 24:12–18, Psalm 2, 2 Peter 1:16–21

MARCH 2017

1 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

5 Matthew 4:1–11
World Hunger Emphasis
First Sunday in Lent
Into the Wilderness
Genesis 2:15–17, 3:1–7/2:18–22, 3:6–12 IV; Psalm 32; Romans 5:12–19
12 John 3:1–17
   Second Sunday in Lent
   Be Born of Water and Spirit
   Genesis 12:1–4a/12:1–3 IV; Psalm 121; Romans 4:1–5, 13–17

19 John 4:5–42/4:7–44 IV
   Third Sunday in Lent
   Come, Drink Living Water
   Exodus 17:1–7, Psalm 95, Romans 5:1–11

26 John 9:1–41
   Fourth Sunday in Lent
   I Was Blind and Now I See
   1 Samuel 16:1–13, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5:8–14

APRIL 2017

2 John 11:1–45
   Fifth Sunday in Lent
   I Am the Resurrection and the Life
   Ezekiel 37:1–14, Psalm 130, Romans 8:6–11

9 Matthew 21:1–11/21:1–9 IV
   Palm Sunday
   Hosanna to the Son of David!
   Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

   Passion Sunday
   Truly This Was God’s Son
   Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11

   Maundy Thursday
   A New Commandment
   Exodus 12:1–14; Psalm 116:1–2, 12–19; 1 Corinthians 11:23–26

14 John 18:1—19:42 (A, B, C)
   Good Friday
   Rejected and Despised

   Easter Day, Resurrection of the Lord
   Jesus Lives Again!
   Acts 10:34–43; Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24; Colossians 3:1–4

23 John 20:19–31 (A, B, C)
   Second Sunday of Easter
   Peace Be With You
   Acts 2:14a, 22–32; Psalm 16; 1 Peter 1:3–9

Third Sunday of Easter
The Lord Is Risen Indeed
Acts 2:14a, 36–41; Psalm 116:1–4, 12–19; 1 Peter 1:17–23

MAY 2017

7 John 10:1–10
Fourth Sunday of Easter
Hear His Voice

14 John 14:1–14
Fifth Sunday of Easter
I Am the Way, the Truth, and the Life
Acts 7:55–60, Psalm 31:1–5, 15–16, 1 Peter 2:2–10

21 John 14:15–21
Sixth Sunday of Easter
Love Me and Keep My Commandments

Seventh Sunday of Easter, Ascension of the Lord
Open Our Minds to the Scriptures
Acts 1:1–11, Psalm 47, Ephesians 1:15–23

JUNE 2017

Day of Pentecost/Endowment Sunday
Rivers of Living Water

First Sunday after Pentecost, Trinity Sunday (Ordinary Time)
Go, Invite People to Christ!
Genesis 1:1 — 2:4a/1:3–24 IV, Psalm 8, 2 Corinthians 13:11–13

Ordinary Time (Proper 6)
Proclaim the Good News
Exodus 19:2–8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1–8

Ordinary Time (Proper 7)
Take Up the Cross and Follow Me
Jeremiah 20:7–13, Psalm 69:7–18, Romans 6:1b–11

JULY 2017

2 Matthew 10:40–42/10:35–38 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 8)
Welcome and Share with Others
Ordinary Time (Proper 9)
Find Rest for Your Souls
Zechariah 9:9–12, Psalm 145:8–14, Romans 7:15–25a/7:15–27 IV

16 Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23/13:1–7, 17–21 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 10)
Plant Wisely
Isaiah 55:10–13, Psalm 65:1–13, Romans 8:1–11

Ordinary Time (Proper 11)
Become Children of the Kingdom
Isaiah 44:6–8, Psalm 86:11–17, Romans 8:12–25

Ordinary Time (Proper 12)
The Kingdom of Heaven Is Like...
1 Kings 3:5–12, Psalm 119:129–136, Romans 8:26–39

AUGUST 2017

6 Matthew 14:13–21/14:12–18 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 13)
Come and Be Filled
Isaiah 55:1–5; Psalm 145:8–9, 14–21; Romans 9:1–5

13 Matthew 14:22–33/14:19–28 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 14)
Take Jesus’ Hand
1 Kings 19:9–18, Psalm 85:8–13, Romans 10:5–15

20 Matthew 15:10–28/15:9–27 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 15)
Lord, Help Me
Isaiah 56:1, 6–8; Psalm 67; Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32

27 Matthew 16:13–20/16:14–21 IV
Ordinary Time (Proper 16)
Who Do We Say He Is?
Isaiah 51:1–6, Psalm 138, Romans 12:1–8

SEPTEMBER 2017

3 Matthew 16:21–28/16:22–31 IV
World Hunger Emphasis
Ordinary Time (Proper 17)
Find Life
Jeremiah 15:15–21, Psalm 26:1–8, Romans 12:9–21

10 Matthew 18:15–20
17 Matthew 18:21–35/18:21–34 IV  
*Heritage Day*  
*Ordinary Time (Proper 19)*  
*Forgive Each Other*  
Genesis 50:15–21, Psalm 103:1–13, Romans 14:1–12

24 Matthew 20:1–16/20:1–15 IV  
*Ordinary Time (Proper 20)*  
*God’s Generosity*  
Jonah 3:10—4:11, Psalm 145:1–8, Philippians 1:21–30

**OCTOBER 2017**

1 Matthew 21:23–32/21:21–32 IV  
*Be Receptive to God’s Will*  
Ezekiel 18:1–4, 25–32; Psalm 25:1–9; Philippians 2:1–13

8 Matthew 21:33–46/21:34–49 IV  
*Jesus, the Cornerstone*  

15 Matthew 22:1–14  
*The Banquet Is Ready*  
Isaiah 25:1–9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1–9

22 Matthew 22:15–22  
*Give from Our True Capacity*  
Isaiah 45:1–7, Psalm 96:1–13, 1 Thessalonians 1:1–10

*Love God and Neighbor*  
Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18, Psalm 1; 1 Thessalonians 2:1–8

**NOVEMBER 2017**

1 Matthew 5:1–12/5:1–14 IV  
*All Saints Day (Ordinary Time)*  
Blessed!  
Revelation 7:9-17; Psalm 34:1-10, 22; 1 John 3:1-3

5 Matthew 23:1–12/23:1–9 IV  
*Ordinary Time (Proper 26)*
Humble Yourselves
Micah 3:5–12, Psalm 43, 1 Thessalonians 2:9–13

12 Matthew 25:1–13
Ordinary Time (Proper 27)
Be Wise
Amos 5:18–24, Psalm 70, 1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

Ordinary Time (Proper 28)
Receive and Be Trustworthy
Zephaniah 1:7, 12–18; Psalm 90:1–12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1–11

Reign of Christ
Ordinary Time (Proper 29)
See through God’s Eyes
Ezekiel 34:11–16, 20–24; Psalm 95:1–7a; Ephesians 1:15–23