

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

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

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, I 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; I 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, I 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, I 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, I 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; I 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

9 Matthew 26:14—27:66/26:11—27:67 IV

Passion Sunday

Truly This Was God's Son

Isaiah 50:4–9a; Psalm 31:9–16; Philippians 2:5–11

13 John 13:1–17, 31b–35 (A, B, C)

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

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

16 Matthew 28:1–10/28:1–9 IV and John 20:1–18 (A, B, C)

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

30 Luke 24:13–35

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

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23, 1 Peter 2:19-25

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

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20, 1 Peter 3:13-22

28 Luke 24:44-53 (A, B, C)

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

4 John 7:37-39 and Acts 2:1-21 (A, B, C)

Day of Pentecost/Endowment Sunday

Rivers of Living Water

Numbers 11:24-30, Psalm 104:24-35b, 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13

11 Matthew 28:16-20/28:15-19 IV

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

18 Matthew 9:35—10: 23/9:41—10:20 IV

Ordinary Time (Proper 6)

Proclaim the Good News

Exodus 19:2-8a, Psalm 100, Romans 5:1-8

25 Matthew 10:24-39/10:21-34 IV

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

Jeremiah 28:5-9; Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18; Romans 6:12-23

9 Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30/11:17-21, 27-30 IV

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

23 Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43/13:22-29, 35-45 IV

Ordinary Time (Proper 11)

Become Children of the Kingdom

Isaiah 44:6-8, Psalm 86:11-17, Romans 8:12-25

30 Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52/13:30-32, 46-53 IV

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

Ordinary Time (Proper 18)

Where Two or Three Are Gathered...

Ezekiel 33:7-11, Psalm 119:33-40, Romans 13:8-14

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

Ordinary Time (Proper 21)

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

Ordinary Time (Proper 22)

Jesus, the Cornerstone

Isaiah 5:1-7, Psalm 80:7-15, Philippians 3:4b-14

15 Matthew 22:1-14

Children's Sabbath

Ordinary Time (Proper 23)

The Banquet Is Ready

Isaiah 25:1-9, Psalm 23, Philippians 4:1-9

22 Matthew 22:15-22

Ordinary Time (Proper 24)

Give from Our True Capacity

Isaiah 45:1-7, Psalm 96:1-13, 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

29 Matthew 22:34-46/22:33-44 IV

Ordinary Time (Proper 25)

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

19 Matthew 25:14-30/25:14-31 IV

Ordinary Time (Proper 28)

Receive and Be Trustworthy

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18; Psalm 90:1-12; 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

26 Matthew 25:31-46/25:32-47 IV

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