

# LECTIONARY

## **What is Lectionary?**

Lectionary is an ecumenically determined set of readings of four Biblical selections throughout the church year. The readings are determined to bring together the thought of the Church at large on any given Sunday throughout the year so that we are all grappling with the same material around the world. Stop and think about that for a minute...what we are doing here in Kokomo is the same thing they are wrestling with in the underground church in China, the same they are in Northern Ireland and the same they are in my dad's church in Ohio. Because we are, as God's Word says, **ONE BODY**.

The readings are from the whole of Scripture because as you will hear often here at FBC, Scripture without context is just pretext. There are always four specific readings each week. One reading is taken from the Old Testament. Another reading comes from the Psalms, the people of Israel's songbook. Another reading comes an Epistle, which is a ten-dollar church word of saying a "letter to the church" from one of the early church leaders. The fourth reading is the Gospel lesson taken from one of the four Gospels which show how the entirety of Scripture is fulfilled in and through Jesus.

As you will see below, there is always latitude with the way these are put together for the pastor or the teacher (which these can be used for Sunday School teachers as well) to use, but the theme is to have the Church on the same topic to keep us all One. The purpose and hope is that keeping The Church in the lectionary and the strategic use of it is that by using it, over the course of time, it disciples the individual through Scripture through God's Word through its entirety over the course of years.

Below you will see the readings for the 2023 Calendar year. I appreciate your prayer cover as we get to do this together for us and the Church gathered with us as One.

### **Sunday, April 30th**

<i>Old Testament Reading:</i>	Acts 2:42-47
<i>Psalms of the Day:</i>	Psalms 23
<i>Epistle Reading:</i>	1 Peter 2:19-25,
<i>Gospel Reading:</i>	John 10:1-10

### **Sunday, May 7th (Communion Sunday)**

<i>Old Testament Reading:</i>	Acts 7:55-60
<i>Psalms of the Day:</i>	Psalms 31
<i>Epistle Reading:</i>	1 Peter 2:2-10
<i>Gospel Reading:</i>	John 14:1-14

### **Sunday, May 14th (Mother's Day)**

<i>Old Testament Reading:</i>	Acts 17:22-31
<i>Psalms of the Day:</i>	Psalms 66
<i>Epistle Reading:</i>	1 Peter 3:13-22
<i>Gospel Reading:</i>	John 14:15-21

**Sunday, May 21st** (*Ascension Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Acts 1:6-14  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 68  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Peter 4:12-14; 1 Peter 5:6-11  
*Gospel Reading:* John 17:1-11

**Sunday, May 28th** (*Pentecost Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Numbers 11:24-30, Acts 2:1-21  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 104  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Corinthians 12:3-13  
*Gospel Reading:* John 7:37-39; John 20:19-23

**Sunday, June 4th** (*Trinity Sunday, Communion Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 1:1-2:4  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 8  
*Epistle Reading:* 2 Corinthians 13:11-13  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 28:16-20

**Sunday, June 11th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 12:1-9, Hosea 5:15-6:6  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 33; 50  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 4:13-25  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 9:9-13; 18-26

**Sunday, June 18th** (*Fathers Day*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 21:1-7; Exodus 19:2-8  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 100; Psalm 116  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 5:1-8  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 9:9-23; 35-10:8

**Sunday, June 25th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 18:1-15; Genesis 21:1-7; Exodus 19:2-8  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 100; Psalm 116  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 5:1-8  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 9:9-23; 35-10:8

**Sunday, July 2nd** (*Communion Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 22:1-14; Jeremiah 28:5-9  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 13; Psalm 89  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 6:12-23  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 10:40-42

**Sunday, July 9th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 24:34-67; Zechariah 9:9-12  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 45; Psalm 145; Song of Solomon 2:8-13  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 7:15-25  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 11:16-19; 25-30

**Sunday, July 16th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 25:19-34; Isaiah 55:10-13  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 65; Psalm 119:105-112  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 8:1-11  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Sunday, July 23rd**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 28:10-19; Isaiah 44:6-8  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 86; Psalm 139  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 8:12-25  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

**Sunday, July 30th**

*Old Testament Reading:* 1 Kings 3:5-12; Genesis 29:15-28  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 105; Psalm 119:129-136  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 8:26-39  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

**Sunday, August 6th (Communion Sunday)**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 32:22-31; Isaiah 55:1-5  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 17; Psalm 145  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 9:1-5  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 14:13-21

**Sunday, August 13th**

*Old Testament Reading:* 1 Kings 19:9-18; Genesis 37:1-28  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 85; Psalm 105  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 10:5-15  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 14:22-33

**Sunday, August 20th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 45:1-15; Isaiah 56:1-8  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 67; Psalm 133  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 11:1-2; Romans 11:29-32  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 15; Matthew 15:21-28

**Sunday, August 27th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 1:8-2:10; Isaiah 51:1-6  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 124; Psalm 138  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 12:1-8  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 16:13-20

**Sunday, September 3rd (Communion Sunday)**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 3:1-15; Jeremiah 15:15-21  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 26; Psalm 105  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 12:9-21  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 16:21-28

**Sunday, September 10th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 12:1-14; Ezekiel 33:7-11  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 119:33-40; Psalm 149  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 13:8-14  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 18:15-20

**Sunday, September 17th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Genesis 50:15-21; Exodus 14:19-31  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 103; Exodus 15:1-11, 20-21  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 14:1-12  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 18:21-35

**Sunday, September 24th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 16:2-15; Jonah 3:10-4:11  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 105; Psalm 145  
*Epistle Reading:* Philippians 1:21-30  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 20:1-16

**Sunday, October 1st (Communion Sunday)**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 17:1-7; Ezekiel 18:1-4, 25-32  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 25; Psalm 78  
*Epistle Reading:* Philippians 2:1-13  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 21:23-32

**Sunday, October 8th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 20:1-20; Isaiah 5:1-7  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 19; Psalm 80  
*Epistle Reading:* Philippians 3:4-14  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 21:33-46

**Sunday, October 15th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 32:1-14; Isaiah 25:1-9  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 23; Psalm 106  
*Epistle Reading:* Philippians 4:1-9  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 22:1-14

**Sunday, October 22nd**

*Old Testament Reading:* Exodus 33:12-23; Isaiah 45:1-7  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 96; Psalm 99  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 22:15-22

**Sunday, October 29th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Leviticus 19:1-2, 15-18; Deuteronomy 34:1-12  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 1; Psalm 90  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 2:1-8  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 22:34-46

**Sunday, November 5th** (*All Saints Day, White, Communion Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Joshua 3:7-17; Micah 3:5-12  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 43; Psalm 107  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 23:1-12

**Sunday, November 12th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Joshua 24:1-3, 14-25; Amos 5:18-24  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 70; Psalm 78  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 25:1-13

**Sunday, November 19th**

*Old Testament Reading:* Judges 4:1-7; Zephaniah 1:12-18  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 90; Psalm 123  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 25:14-30

**Sunday, November 26th** (*Christ the King Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Ezekiel 34:11-16; Ezekiel 34:20-24  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 95; Psalm 100  
*Epistle Reading:* Ephesians 1:15-23  
*Gospel Reading:* Matthew 25:31-46

**Sunday, December 3rd** (*First Sunday of Advent, Communion Sunday*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Isaiah 64:1-9  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 80  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Corinthians 1:3-9  
*Gospel Reading:* Mark 13:24-37

**Sunday, December 10th** (*Second Sunday of Advent*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Isaiah 40:1-11  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 85  
*Epistle Reading:* 2 Peter 3:8-15  
*Gospel Reading:* Mark 1:1-8

**Sunday, December 17th** (*Third Sunday of Advent*)

*Old Testament Reading:* Isaiah 61:1-11  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 126; Luke 1:47-55  
*Epistle Reading:* 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24  
*Gospel Reading:* John 1:6-8; John 1:19-28

**Sunday, December 24th** (*Fourth Sunday of Advent, Christmas Eve*)

*Old Testament Reading:* 2 Samuel 7:1-16  
*Psalm of the Day:* Psalm 89; Luke 1:47-55  
*Epistle Reading:* Romans 16:25-27  
*Gospel Reading:* Luke 1:26-38

**Sunday, December 31st**

*Old Testament Reading:*

Isaiah 61:10-62:3

*Psalm of the Day:*

Psalm 148

*Epistle Reading:*

Galatians 4:4-7

*Gospel Reading:*

Luke 2:22-40