



At a Glance – Pentecost 1 2021

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Date	Liturgical date	Title	LECTIONS	PERSONAL REFLECTION
May 30, 2021	Trinity Sunday	Called, Cleaned, and Committed	Isaiah 6:1–8 Psalm 29 Romans 8:12–17 John 3:1–17	We encounter God in many ways. God's love is constant, but different times and moods cause us to connect with God differently from time to time. This week , recall some of the ways you have encountered God. What has been your response each time?
June 6, 2021	2nd Sunday after Pentecost 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 5 (10)	Unanticipated Vulnerability	1 Samuel 8:4–11, (12–15), 16–20, (11:14–15) Psalm 138 2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1 Mark 3:20–35	Sometimes we want something so we can be like others. This can be true for individuals, churches, communities, or nations. Sometimes it can get us into trouble. Think of times in history where this has happened. What about you? This week , consider ways and times you look to God's leading.
June 13, 2021	3rd Sunday after Pentecost 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 6 (11)	Unexpected Leadership	1 Samuel 15:34–16:13 Psalm 20 2 Corinthians 5:6–10, (11–13), 14–17 Mark 4:26–34	Often, we can be quick to judge others based on appearance. Reflect on times when you make assumptions about someone based on how they sound or dress and had your assumptions proven wrong. How did it feel? This week , try to look beyond appearances and into hearts.
June 20, 2021	4th Sunday after Pentecost 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 7 (12)	Authentic Leadership	1 Samuel 17: (1a, 4–11, 19–23), 32–49 Psalm 9:9–20 2 Corinthians 6:1–13 Mark 4:35–41	When we feel threatened, attacked, or bullied, scripture reminds us that with trust and faith in God and the example of Jesus, we have the tools to defuse these challenges. This week , imagine ways you will use the gifts of God to diffuse a difficult situation.
June 27, 2021	5th Sunday after Pentecost 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 8 (13)	Compassionate Leadership	2 Samuel 1:1, 17–27 Psalm 130 2 Corinthians 8:7–15 Mark 5:21–43	In stories and readings about love that risks, we are challenged to take the risk of being deeply and compassionately involved in the world.
July 4, 2021	6th Sunday after Pentecost 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 9 (14)	Resilient Leadership	2 Samuel 5:1–5, 9–10 Psalm 48 2 Corinthians 12:2–10 Mark 6:1–13	As we witness Jesus' rejection in his ministry and watch as disciples are sent out in ministry, we are encouraged to brush away the dust of preconceptions and step into sharing the ministry toward a more loving and peaceful world.
July 11, 2021	7th Sunday after Pentecost 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 10 (15)	Lavishing Grace	2 Samuel 6:1–5, 12b–19 Psalm 24 Ephesians 1:3–14 Mark 6:14–29	King David's dance testifies to the lavish love and grace of God, and we, with the earlier recipients of the letter to the Ephesians, experience that grace through our inclusion into the family of God.





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Liturgical date	8th Sunday after Pentecost 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 11 (16)	9th Sunday after Pentecost 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 12 (17)	10th Sunday after Pentecost 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 13 (18)	11th Sunday after Pentecost 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 14 (19)	12th Sunday after Pentecost 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 15 (20)	13th Sunday after Pentecost 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 16 (21)	14th Sunday after Pentecost 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time Proper 17 (22)
Title	Building without Walls	More than Enough	Grow, Grow Together	Help Not Hinder	Spend Time Well	Prayers and Protection	Live Love
Lections (The focus in the age-level materials is in bold.)	2 Samuel 7:1–14a Psalm 89:20–37 Ephesians 2:11–22 Mark 6:30–34, 53–56	2 Samuel 11:1–15 Psalm 14 Ephesians 3:14–21 John 6:1–21	2 Samuel 11:26–12:13a Psalm 51:1–12 Ephesians 4:1–16 John 6:24–35	2 Samuel 18:5–9, 15, 31–33 Psalm 130 Ephesians 4:25–5:2 John 6:35, 41–51	1 Kings 2:10–12; 3:3–14 Psalm 111 Ephesians 5:15–20 John 6:51–58	1 Kings 8:1, 6, 10–11), 22–30, 41–43 Psalm 84 Ephesians 6:10–20 John 6:56–69	Song of Solomon 2: 8–13 Psalm 45:1–2, 6–9 James 1:17–27 Mark 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23
Emphasis for worship, learning, and serving	We receive a letter penned to the early church and us that assures all are included in God's family, and consider what that means in the life of the church.	As we watch a multitude fed and a storm and fearful disciples calmed, we read a letter to the early church that reminds us that God's love has no bounds.	An image of the church knit together as one body challenges us to live a connected life and grow together in truth and love nourished by the Bread of Life.	Reminded by the letter writer that we are members of one another and our welfare is inextricably linked, we are challenged and inspired to live as imitators of God, nourished and sustained by the Bread of Life.	Solomon's prayer for guidance and discernment, and a letter offering concrete guidance on living a life shaped by the gospel of Jesus, the Bread, invite us to consider how we spend our time so who we are and how we live is in alignment.	We enter Solomon's temple, a place of prayer of all people and shelter for the most vulnerable, and come to the end of the letter to the Ephesians with encouragement to stand firm in love and prayer clothed in truth, righteousness, and peace.	We celebrate God's love for all in a love poem and a song of praise, and, as we open the letter of James, are challenged to find connections between what we believe and say about God and the actions we take each day.
Personal reflection You might consider sending weekly e-mails to people on your e-mail list throughout Pentecost 1, posting each week to your congregation's social networking site, or adding to your bulletin.	Through his life, teachings, and ministry, Jesus united all peoples – even former enemies – and encouraged a move from strict adherence to legal details to a new understanding of the overall nature of God's law: love God, love your neighbour, love self. This week , think of a time when you were bothered by the details of obedience and felt freed by focusing instead on God's call to love one another.	After feeding the huge crowd – a miracle that reminds us of God's provision – Jesus comes to terrified disciples. With words of peace, Jesus calms the storm and their fear. In all kinds of situations, we realize that Christ is with us. Not physically but in a way that reminds us that no matter what is going on around us, God will help get us through. This week , reflect on a time when you felt scared, abandoned, or alone. Create a prayer/poem/psalm that tells of God's presence and provision in the experience.	There are many forms of ministry and many different gifts that each of us receives. No one is to be all things to all people, nor masters of everything. Instead, God invests talents, gifts, and graces in each one of us, and challenges us to use those to build up the church and community. This week , reflect on a time when you felt you had to "do it all" and remembered that God does not expect that of us.	Anger is a universal human emotion. It is not always a negative emotion; sometimes, it inspires positive action. However, it can also eat away at us. The advice not to let the sun set on our anger is good advice, for it encourages us to deal with that anger and not to let it fester. This week , consider a situation or issue that is making you angry. How might you turn that anger into positive action?	This letter to the Ephesians makes comparisons between life in the Spirit, and life in the world – that is, life in accordance with God's way as opposed to life focused on self and things of the current world. We are encouraged to be filled with God's Spirit, to sing and make praise with heart and voice. This week , think of a song of praise that speaks to your heart and sing it.	The author knows the people in the early church do not have the means to confront they do have is something more important. Armed with truth, righteousness, a readiness to proclaim the gospel of peace, we too can confront all that this world can throw at us. This week , consider ways God equips us. What are you ready to do?	The letter of James reminds us of the perpetual biblical imperative to care for the orphans and widows. James then tells us to be people who do not just hear God's word, but people who do God's word. This week , talk about ways you can show God's love in your community. Move from talk to action.

