

Autumn 2006 Autumn/November

Calendar Date / Lectionary Day	Bible Text	Driving Question	Heart of the Matter
Sept. 3, 2006 Pentecost 13/Proper 17	Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23	What does it mean to be a faithful follower?	As faithful followers, we respond to Jesus' love by loving God and others.
Sept. 10, 2006 Pentecost 14/Proper 18	Mark 7:24-37	How are we open to hearing the good news?	God's good news can come to us through friends and strangers.
Sept. 17, 2006 Pentecost 15/Proper 19	Mark 8:27-38	Who do you say Christ is?	Jesus promises eternal life for all who believe in him.
Sept. 24, 2006 Pentecost 16/Proper 20	Mark 9:30-37	How is God's power different from human power?	We can see God's power at work in children.
Oct. 1, 2006 Pentecost 17/Proper 21	Mark 9:38-50	How does God's Spirit surprise you?	God's Spirit surprises us with joy, love, and peace.
Oct. 8, 2006 Pentecost 18/Proper 22	Genesis 2:18-24	How do we relate to and support one another in our relationships?	God created people to love and care for each other.
Oct. 15, 2006 Pentecost 19/Proper 23	Mark 10:17-31	What is the "wealth" we are afraid to give away?	Whenever we give what we have to others, we give it to God.
Oct. 22, 2006 Pentecost 20/Proper 24	Mark 10:35-45	What determines greatness?	Greatness comes whenever we place the needs of others before our own.
Oct. 29, 2006 Reformation Sunday	John 8:31-36	What does grace mean to you?	God's gift of grace sets us free to love and welcome all people in Jesus' name.
Oct. 29, 2006 Pentecost 21/Proper 25	Mark 10:46-52	How does our faith help us to see God?	When we have faith, we experience God's grace in the words and actions of God's people.
Nov. 5, 2006 All Saints Sunday	John 11:32-44	When do we say, "Lord, if only...?"	As God's children, we can trust God to know and give us what we need.
Nov. 5, 2006 Pentecost 22/Proper 26	Deuteronomy 6:1-9	What do you value?	As God's children, we live the Great Commandment to love God and love our neighbor.
Nov. 12, 2006 Pentecost 23/Proper 27	1 Kings 17:8-16	What is enough?	All that we have belongs to God.
Nov. 19, 2006 Pentecost 24/Proper 28	Daniel 6:1-23; 12:1-3	How do we experience God's safety in a troubled world?	God watches over us during good and bad times.
Nov. 26, 2006 Christ the King	John 18:33-37	What does it mean that Jesus "rules the world"?	Jesus rules us, and all of creation, with love.

Winter 2006–2007 Advent/Christmas/Epiphany

Dec. 3, 2006 Advent 1	Luke 21:25-36	How do we live while we wait for Christ's coming?	We can be watchful for God's gifts to us.
Dec. 10, 2006 Advent 2	Luke 3:1-6	What are the rough ways that need to be smoothed in our lives?	We can trust God to lead us through hard times.
Dec. 17, 2006 Advent 3	Luke 3:7-18	How can we discern what we need from what we want?	When we have faith, God will provide for our needs.
Dec. 24, 2006 Advent 4	Luke 1:39-45 [46-55]	What does it mean to be blessed?	We are blessed with God's gift of Jesus.
Dec. 31, 2006 Christmas 1	Luke 2:41-52	How do children teach us about God?	Like little children, we can trust in God's love and care.
Jan. 7, 2007 Baptism of Our Lord	Luke 3:15-17, 21-22	What does it mean to be named by God?	We are claimed as God's children and called to be God's servants.
Jan. 14, 2007 Epiphany 2	John 2:1-11	What is a miracle?	Our lives are filled with God's blessings.
Jan. 21, 2007 Epiphany 3	Luke 4:14-21	What does it mean to be the body of Christ?	Members of God's family love and forgive one another.
Jan. 28, 2007 Epiphany 4	Jeremiah 1:4-10	When do we feel inadequate to be God's messengers?	God is always with us, guiding our words and actions.
Feb. 4, 2007 Epiphany 5	Luke 5:1-11	How is our daily work a calling?	God's forgiveness frees us to serve in all that we do and say.
Feb. 11, 2007 Epiphany 6	Luke 6:17-26	Where do you find power when you suffer?	Jesus blesses us and understands our hurts.
Feb. 18, 2007 Transfiguration	Exodus 34:29-35	How does God's radiance shine through us?	God's light can shine brightly through God's people.

Spring 2007 Lent/Easter/Day of Pentecost

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Feb. 25, 2007 Lent 1	Luke 4:1-13	How does our faith bring us strength in the face of temptation?	God is always with us.
March 4, 2007 Lent 2	Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18	How does God work through us to include others in the promise?	God blesses us with gifts to share.
March 11, 2007 Lent 3	Luke 13:1-9	Why do people suffer as victims of senseless violence?	As God's children we are called to spread hope and joy to all people.
March 18, 2007 Lent 4	Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32	Can we accept God's forgiveness of others?	We celebrate God's forgiveness by forgiving one another.
March 25, 2007 Lent 5	John 12:1-8	Where do we see signs today of Christ pouring himself out for the life of the world?	Whenever we serve others we see Jesus' love in action.
April 1, 2007 Passion/Palm Sunday	Luke 22:14—23:56	How can good come from the death of Jesus?	Jesus' death brings us the promise of new life.
April 8, 2007 Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Day	John 20:1-18	Where are the places of death into which we are sent with the news that Christ is risen?	We praise God because Jesus has risen!
April 15, 2007 Easter 2	John 20:19-31	What does it mean to obey God rather than any human authority?	As God's children we are challenged to put God first in our lives.
April 22, 2007 Easter 3	Acts 9:1-6 [7-20]	How does God confront us?	God's love comes to us in surprising ways.
April 29, 2007 Easter 4	John 10:22-30	Knowing we are held safe in God's hand, where are we being called to follow?	We can trust God to watch over us and protect us.
May 6, 2007 Easter 5	Acts 11:1-18	Where is God showing us that the reach of our love for others needs to be stretched?	With happiness and wonder we can invite others to become God's children.
May 13, 2007 Easter 6	John 14:23-29	What is the peace that we have been given in baptism?	With words, music, and actions we can celebrate as God's baptized children.
May 20, 2007 Easter 7	Acts 16:16-34	From what chains are we freed in order to be linked with God and one another?	Jesus teaches us how to live together.
May 27, 2007 Pentecost	John 14:8-17 [25-27]	What language barriers does the Spirit lead us across?	God's Spirit gives us strength to speak and work for peace and justice.