

At a Glance – Pentecost 1 2023

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Date Liturgical Date	Lections (age-level focus is in bold)	Title Essence
June 4, 2023 Trinity Sunday	Genesis 1:1—2:4a Psalm 8 2 Corinthians 13:11–13 Matthew 28:16–20	Community of Creation This Trinity Sunday invites us to explore and celebrate the many ways God is revealed in and through continuing relationships within Creation.
June 11, 2023 2nd Sunday after Pentecost Proper 5 (10) 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 12:1–9 Psalm 33:1–12 Romans 4:13–25 Matthew 9:9–13, 18–26	Community of Grace We reflect on how God's grace provides a fresh start and new life for Abram and Sarai, Mathew and the religious leader, a young child and a woman with a chronic illness and grow in understanding of what it means to be restored by God's grace.
June 18, 2023 3rd Sunday after Pentecost Proper 6 (11) 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 18:1–15, (21:1–7) Psalm 116: 1–2, 12–19 Romans 5:1–8 Matthew 9:35—10:8, (9–23)	Responding in Community We listen as unexpected messengers deliver good news to Sarah and Abraham and to Jesus as he sends disciples to show God's compassionate love in the world and look for ways we can bring the good news of new life.
June 25, 2023 4th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 7 (12) 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 21:8–21 Psalm 86:1–10, 16–17 Romans 6:1b–11 Matthew 10:24–39	Community that Disrupts In our struggle to make sense of challenging stories about peace and our ancestors, we lean into the questions and make room to listen for God's steadfast love.
July 2, 2023 5th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 8 (13) 13th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 22:1–14 Psalm 13 Romans 6:12–23 Matthew 10:40–42	Welcoming Community Images of compassion received and given urge us to welcome and tend to others, and beckon us to open ourselves to receive gifts of compassion brought us by others.
July 9, 2023 6th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 9 (14) 14th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 24:34–38, 42–49, 58–67 Psalm 45:10–17 <i>or</i> Song of Solomon 2:8–13 Romans 7:15–25a Matthew 11:16–19, 25–30	Choose In the rich story about Rebekah's faith and her choice to participate in God's covenant, we are encouraged to turn to God's wisdom for every decision and find rest and compassion.



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July 16, 2023 7th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 10 (15) 15th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 25:19–34 Psalm 119:105–112 Romans 8:1–11 Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23	Struggle In a story of rival twins, we examine the things that divide us, and through the words of a psalmist and a parable about seeds we ponder the path toward and the opportunities for growth.
July 23, 2023 8th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 11 (16) 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 28:10–19a Psalm 139: 1–12, 23–24 Romans 8:12–25 Matthew 13:24–30, 36–43	Blessed Through Jacob's divine encounter and a parable about a harvest of promise, we enter a place of blessing assured of a God who is ever-present, all-knowing, and all revealing.
July 30, 2023 9th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 12 (17) 17th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 29:15–28 Psalm 105:1–11, 45b or Psalm 128 Romans 8:26–39 Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52	Transform As we watch and wonder as the tables turn and Jacob becomes the victim of trickery and listen and imagine as Jesus offers metaphors to describe the realm of God, we are inspired to remain open to God's work of transformation in our midst.
August 6, 2023 10th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 13 (18) 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 32:22–31 Psalm 17:1–7, 15 Romans 9:1–5 Matthew 14:13–21	Strive Through Jacob's wrestling and a challenge to feed a multitude with a few loaves and fish, we wrestle with the concept of blessings and consider the blessings we strive to claim.
August 13, 2023 11th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 14 (19) 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 37:1–4, 12–28 Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22, 45b Romans 10:5–15 Matthew 14:22–33	Dream We meet Joseph as he is lifted from a pit into an unknown future, hold our breath as Peter is lifted from the chaos of the sea and are encouraged by the possibility and potential of living into the unknown.
August 20, 2023 12th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 15 (20) 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time	Genesis 45:1–15 Psalm 133 Romans 11:1–2a, 29–32 Matthew 15: (10–20), 21–28	Reach Joseph and his brothers' move toward reconciliation, a psalmist's proclamation of the goodness of family harmony, and the reach by Paul and a mother to include Jews and Gentiles moves us to take a more active role in opening doors within relationships.
August 27, 2023 13th Sunday after Pentecost Proper 16 (21) 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time	Exodus 1:8–2:10 Psalm 124 Romans 12:1–8 Matthew 16:13–20	Act A story of cunning midwives, a courageous mother, and a vigilant sister provides examples of what it means to act and to live our faith in response to God's call and ask, "Where in today's world is the church called to acts of subversion, defiance, and disruption?"

